

Rock Island Community Development Minutes

City Hall, City Council Chamber
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL
January 20, 2026
5:30 PM



Voting Members Present Andrea Muller
 Hershel Jackson
 Jen Osing
 Jeremy Crafton
 KJ Whitley

Voting Members Absent Calvin Dane
 Richinda Sakho

Staff Present Nichole Mata
 Melissa Holderfield
 Jennifer Graff

Call to Order and Roll Call

Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Opening Items

Mata discussed some changes to the board. Carrol-Castinada and Adamson have both resigned from the board effective immediately.

Whitley asked for nominations for committee chair and vice chair. Crafton made a motion to elect Whitley for chair and Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5-0. Whitley asked for nominations for committee vice chair. Whitley made a motion to elect Crafton for vice chair and Osing seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025. Jackson made the motion and Muller 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5-0.

Old Business

No Old Business.

Other Business/New Business

Mata discussed the 2026-2027 Public Service applications. Applicants were QC Narratives asking \$25,000, Christian Care asking \$50,000, Prairie State Legal Services asking \$50,000, YWCA asking \$50,000, Martin Luther King Center asking \$150,750, and Spring Forward asking \$25,000. The board will be working with a 15% cap. Mata is looking for approval to move the applicants onto the next step and be able to give presentations at the next meeting. Whitley and Mata explained the process to Muller, who is newer on the board and hasn't been through this process yet. Whitley asked a question in regards to how much we would spend in regards to subrecipients. Mata stated that we will spend the full 15% of allocations. Based on last year's allocations, we would be looking at \$155,000 and how we wouldn't be able to go over that amount unless we received the allocation amount and it was higher than expected. Whitley asked if anything has changed in the guidance that each applicant would have to receive something or does the board give recommendation to the city council? Mata stated that it would be up to the board to give recommendation to city council for the dollar amount. Crafton asked if all of the applicants that have applied were all recipients last year. Mata explained that we have one new applicant, which is Prairie State Legal. Crafton asked if the board would be able to discuss or have questions, if they were a prior recipient that the board would take into consideration if they submitted all necessary documents on time to the Community Development Department? Mata stated that she will provide a one pager explaining if the draws and paperwork were submitted on time, what the funds were used for, an overview of each applicant. Crafton asked if any applications were disqualified and not presented. Mata stated no, all applications were submitted.

Whitley asked for a motion to move all applicants onto the next step, which is presentations. Whitley made the motion and Crafton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

Whitley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM. Osing made the motion and Muller second the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a vote of 5-0.