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Community Development Commission Final Summary

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 3500B

1. CALL TO ORDER

11:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn LaPlante at 11:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Mary Keating, Community Services Director; Ashley Miller, Community Development Manager; Amanda Kowalik, Project Coordinator; Brittany Valenzuela, Housing & Community Development Planner; David Ragsdale, Housing & Community Development Planner.

People in attendance: Josh Junger, Superintendent of Parks and Planning for Hanover Park.

Assistant State's Attorney - Renee Zerante.

PRESENT	Covert, Crandall, Eckhoff, Garcia, Govind, Honig, Jones, Poeicha, Popovich, Schwarze, Farrell, Franz, Gascoigne, Smetana, Hennerfeind, Haider, Bastian, Bricks, Cage, Hocking, Martinez, Yoo, Flint, Galassi, LaPlante, Henaghan, and Peterson
ABSENT	Gombac, Krajewski, Ozog, Page, Tornatore, Zay, Headley, Pozsgay, Stone, Krol, Evans, Childress, Cronin Cahill, Dick, and Summers
REMOTE	DeSart

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.A. [26-1162](#)

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On a Voice Vote, All Ayes, the Minutes of April 1, 2025 were approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

5. COMMITTEE VOTE REQUIRED

5.A. [26-1163](#)

Approval of the FY2026 Slate of Officers and Community Development Commission Executive Committee as Presented.

The specifics are available in the memo included in the agenda packet.

On a Roll Call Vote, all Ayes, the Motion passed.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Saba Haider
AYES:	Covert, Crandall, Eckhoff, Garcia, Govind, Honig, Jones, Poeicha, Popovich, Schwarze, Farrell, Franz, Gascoigne, Smetana, Hennerfeind, Haider, Bastian, Bricks, Cage, Hocking, Martinez, Yoo, Flint, Galassi, LaPlante, Henaghan, and Peterson
ABSENT:	Gombac, Krajewski, Ozog, Page, Tornatore, Zay, Headley, Pozsgay, Stone, Krol, Evans, Childress, Cronin Cahill, Dick, and Summers
REMOTE:	DeSart

5.B. Member Shubhra Govind nominated herself for the vacant position on the CDC Executive Committee.

On a voice vote, all Ayes, the Motion passed.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Shubhra Govind
SECONDER:	Greg Schwarze

5.C. [26-1164](#)

Recommendation for approval of a 1st Modification to a Community Development Block Grant-CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Program Agreement with the Hanover Park Park District, Project Number CDCV21-04, incorporating newly effective requirements under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

On a voice vote, all Ayes, the Motion passed.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Saba Haider

6. INFORMATIONAL6.A. [26-1165](#)

PowerPoint presentation for our full Community Development Commission meeting.

Ashley Miller presented information via PowerPoint followed by a discussion. Ashley reported that the federal government requires our program to maintain a timeliness ratio of 1.5 or less sixty days before the end of the program year. This year, our ratio was 1.0, which is five percent below the federal limit. This shows that we are spending funds on time and completing projects as expected. We have consistently stayed around the 1.0 mark for the past few years, which reflects strong performance. Ashley noted that this process is the result of effective work by our team, municipal partners, and nonprofit partners, and emphasized that meeting the benchmark keeps us in good standing with HUD.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Keating advised that the president's initial 2027 budget proposal last year, similar to the 2026 proposal, eliminated funding for CDBG and HOME programs, as well as the Emergency Solutions Grant and other federal programs that support the Community Services Department. This is not the first time these programs have been proposed for elimination. When speaking with federal representatives, remind them how essential these funds are, as they are among the few federal resources that consistently return to local communities. Congress has the authority to pass the budget so continued advocacy for these programs remains important.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58AM.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE - APRIL 6, 2027