



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ALD. RUSSELL W. STAMPER, II, CHAIR

Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic, Vice-Chair

**Ald. DiAndre Jackson, Ald. Mark Chambers, Jr. and Ald.
Sharlen Moore**

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Wednesday, July 22, 2026

1:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

Meeting convened at 1:32 pm

Present 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., Moore

Excused 1 - Stamper

1. [260417](#) Resolution relating to acceptance and funding of a Prescription for Literacy Grant.

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

Appeared Sarah Leszczynski (Business Finance Manager, Library) and Kelly Wachinski (MPL)
This is a new pilot program focused on the Good Hope and Millard Square Libraries, targeting the Johnson Controls neighborhood.
The initiative involves pediatric clinics giving "prescriptions" to families with children aged birth to five, encouraging them to visit the library to receive books and access early learning resources.
Success will be measured through library attendance tracking, focus groups at clinics to discuss barriers to library access, and monitoring circulation and story time attendance.
Alderdwoman Dimitrijevic expressed interest in meeting with the library team to discuss further innovations and expansion of the program.

A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper
2. [260420](#) Resolution relating to the use and allocation of 2026 Community Development Block Grant funds awarded to the City of Milwaukee Youth Council.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

Mario Higgins of the Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA) and City Clerk Jim Owczarski presented recommendations for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

This marks the 20th year the Youth Council has made recommendations for a portion of CDBG funds specifically allocated to youth services.

The Youth Council members underwent a process of learning about CDBG ethics and procedures before making their unanimous recommendations.

A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper

3. [260352](#)

Resolution relating to the establishment of the Year 2027 Funding Allocation Plan.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

Appeared Mario Higgins (Director of Community Development Grants Administration) Mr. Higgins provided an update on the 2027 funding allocation plan following community meetings at St. Augustine Preparatory Academy and a virtual session held due to poor air quality. Funding Allocation plan presentation can be found on the City of Milwaukee Legistar and DCDG web site.

The plan establishes the framework for allocations rather than specific dollar amounts for individual groups today, though city department allocations are included in the budget prep.

Requests for Proposals are scheduled to be released on August 3rd, with a submission deadline of August 21st, 2027.

Evaluation and scoring will take place in September, with results returning to the committee in October or November.

A motion was made by ALD. JACKSON that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper

4. [260287](#)

A substitute resolution relating to the use of public school identification cards as library cards.

Sponsors: Ald. Chambers Jr.

Alderman Mark Chambers is the sponsor. The initiative aims to increase student awareness and utilization of library resources, modeled after similar successful programs in Chicago.

The resolution requests a report from MPL and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) within six months to review current operations, participation rates, and potential for city-wide expansion beyond public schools.

Alderman Jackson noted the potential for these IDs to eventually serve as broader community identification cards.

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper

5. [260395](#)

Substitute Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$2,500 from the Community and Economic Development Committee Fund for the 2026 Beet Street Fall Festival.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

Appeared Dana Zelazny (Deputy City Clerk)

The committee approved a \$2,500 expenditure from the committee fund for the 2026 Beet Street Fall Festival in Bayview, described as an inclusive community event featuring local music and community groups.

A motion was made by ALD. JACKSON that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper

6. [260498](#)

Substitute Resolution appropriating up to \$2,279.44 from the Community and Economic Development Fund for Bronzeville Week.

Sponsors: Ald. Stamper

Appeared Ald. Coggs

Appeared Dana Zelazny (Deputy City Clerk)

Brownsville Week focuses on art, culture, and commerce, and the full schedule of events was released on the city's website.

A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Dimitrijevic, Jackson, Chambers Jr., and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Stamper

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm

Carmen O Roman

Staff Assistant

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