



**AGENDA
DES MOINES CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

City Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue S, Suite C
Des Moines, Washington
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 - 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEMS

- Item 1. **Approval of Minutes from the April 29, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**
Motion: "I move to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting."
- Item 2. **Community Enrichment Services - Recreation Programming and Activities Update**
- Item 3. **New City Website Discussion**
- Item 4. **Announcements**

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 24, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

**Citizens Advisory Board
AGENDA ITEM**

BUSINESS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the April 29, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft April 29, 2026 Meeting Minutes

FOR AGENDA OF:

May 27, 2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN:

City Clerk

DATE SUBMITTED:

May 20, 2026

CLEARANCES:

City Clerk

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Citizen Advisory Board to review the minutes from the April 29, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board meeting.

Suggested Motion:

Motion: "I move to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting."

Background

The City Clerk's Office has prepared action-format meeting minutes for Citizen Advisory Board's consideration.

Alternatives

The Citizen Advisory Board may make corrections to errors and approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Citizen Advisory Board approve the meeting minutes as presented.



**MINUTES
DES MOINES CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

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Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harry Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Present: Deputy Mayor Gene Achziger; Councilmember Harry Steinmetz; Councilmember Robyn Desimone

Committee Present: Aileen Evans; Lisa Franz; Bettina Carey; Victoria Andrews; Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark; Jim Lampariello; Bill Linscott; Jeff Crompe; Eddy Duggar; MaryEllen Laird; Susan White; Randy Richards

Staff Present: City Liaison Tara Vaughn; Deputy City Clerk Sara Lee

AGENDA ITEMS

- Item 1. **Approval of Minutes from the March 25, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**
Motion: "I move to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting."

Direction/Action

Motion made by Jeff Crompe, seconded by MaryEllen Laird.
Motion passed 12-0.

- Item 2. **Ethics Training**

City Liaison Tara Vaughn presented a PowerPoint and conducted ethics training.

- Item 3. **Committee Reports**
Motion:

ARTS COMMISSION - PRESENTED BY JEFF CROMPE

- Currently working on video contest coming this fall
- Working on band list for 2027
- Working on securing food trucks

HUMAN SERVICES - PRESENTED BY CORRINE ANDERSON-KETCHMARK

- April 9th, presented to City Council regarding current status and future projects
- Waiting on grant applications and process

SENIOR SERVICES - PRESENTED BY RANDY RICHARDS

- No Report

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 27, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Motion made by Jeff Crompe to adjourn; seconded by Bettina Carey.
Motion passed 12-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

2026 Community Enrichment Services

Recreation Programming and Activities Update

CAB



Department Background

Before:

- Recreation services operated on parallel tracks: Parks & Recreation, Senior Services, Events, and Facility Rentals
- Exited on-site school-based childcare: significant revenue shift
- COVID disruptions changed community needs and participation patterns

The Shift:

- Activity Center day-to-day management returned to the City from Wesley
- Recreation, senior services, events, and facility rentals unified under one department
- Formally adopted the name Community Enrichment Services
 - **Goal:** improve coordination, community access, and long-term sustainability

Today:

- One CES team working together across programs, activities, events, and community spaces
- Using resident feedback and participation trends to help shape future programming and activities
- Building more opportunities for community connection, activation, and year-round use of CES spaces

AJ Johnson-Newton, ACM
Dept leadership, planning & strategic oversight

Kyle Ehlers, CES Program Sup II
Recreation programming & activities

Cortney Wilt, CES Program Sup II
Community Events and Facility Rentals

Kelsey Cole, Program Coordinator
Childcare programming

Savannah Mattson, Program Coordinator: Sports programming

Kim Payne, Program Coordinator: Senior programming



Meet the Staff



Where CES Operates in the Community

- **F**ield House
- **A**ctivity Center
- **B**each Park / Beach Park Event Center
- **C**ity Parks & Public Spaces



How CES Serves the Community

- Recreation programming and activities
- Youth sports and camps
- Senior services
- Community and regional events
- Facility rentals and community use
- Community gardens and other programs
- Serves youth, teens, adults, seniors, families, and the broader community



Participation & Program Highlights

Youth & Recreation

- Camp KHAOS summer camp registrations 80 per day in 2025, 120 per day 2026
- Youth Sports participation
 - Basketball
 - Soccer

Community Focused Events

- Breakfast with Santa
- Eggstravaganza

Senior Programs

- Activity Center: lunches served and participation increased service to M – TH, 120 meals per WK.
- Growth in participation for trips and outings
- Expanded programming offerings
 - Line Dancing
 - Family Bingo
 - Karaoke Pop Ups

Pop Up & Play Des Moines

Community Partnership

- Partnering with Legacy again this summer to provide FREE mobile recreation programming for kids during the summer
- (9) weeks of FREE activities for kids, (5) days a week supported by (2) dedicated Program Leaders

Building on Last Year

- Last year, the program operated out of Midway Park
- Kids used the program for recreation, connection and access to safe, structured activities

Expanding in 2026

- This year CES is hosting mobile recreation programming at additional parks
- Goal is to increase access, activate more community spaces, and bring recreation opportunities for our youngest residents

Program Activities

- Sports, games, crafts, water play, and wellness themes and other recreation activities
- Many participants also utilized the Food Banks's Free Lunch Program before joining recreation activities



Looking Forward

Community Access & Activation

- Activating parks for recreation and community touchpoints beyond formal facilities
- Pop-up recreation, music, games, and community activities
- Expanding recreation opportunities across more City spaces and facilities

Program Development

- Specialized recreation opportunities
- Intergenerational programming opportunities
- Continued evolution of programming for older adults
- Expanding opportunities for youth and families

Future Facility Thinking

- Matching programs to the best fit space rather than historical location
- Flexible and multi-purpose use of City facilities
- Exploring ways to strengthen community connection through recreation and gathering spaces



CAB Feedback and Discussion

- What recreation, social, or community opportunities do you think are missing or needed in Des Moines today?
- Are there barriers that make it harder for people to participate in programs or events?
- How can CES continue evolving recreation and enrichment opportunities to meet the changing interests and needs of older adults?
- What opportunities do you see for more intergenerational programming and activities?





WEBSITE UPDATE

May 21, 2026



Website Redesign Overview

- Transitioning from CivicLive to CivicPlus, a platform widely used by municipalities across the country.
- Project is being supported by Allison Daskam, Principal Arts & Science Communications and her team.

What We Heard From The Public

Residents, businesses and users shared several common concerns about the current website experience:

- Information can be difficult to find
- Navigation feels confusing or inconsistent
- The search function does not always return useful results
- Council agendas, minutes and videos are difficult to locate

Accessibility & ADA Compliance

AudioEye Integration

AudioEye is a digital accessibility platform that helps organizations identify, monitor, and improve accessibility issues on website and digital documents. It combines/will help with:

- Automated accessibility scanning
- Ongoing monitoring
- Expert accessibility audits
- WCAG and ADA compliance support
- Identify issues such as:
 - Missing alt text
 - Color contrast concerns
 - Navigation and keyboard accessibility issues
 - Improper heading structures

Accessibility is not a one time project – it requires ongoing monitoring, testing and improvements as website content evolves.

Next Steps

Council and Citizens Advisory Board BETA Testing

- Attend the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting on May 27th
- Instruction to Council and CAB on process by June 1st
- What testers will review:
 - Test the search function
 - Identify broken links or missing content
 - Review page organization and flow
 - Flag spelling, formatting, or accessibility concerns



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