



CITY OF HOLLAND
Neighborhood Improvement Committee
Regular Meeting
2nd Floor Training Room
May 19, 2026; 4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Public Comment** (Five minute time limit per individual)
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - Draft Minutes, April 21, 2026
- V. Presentation** - None planned
- VI. Old Business**
 - A. 2026 Work Plan Update
 - B. CDBG Program Update
 - C. Current Developments and Applications
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Discussion re: June 16, 2026 agenda - Transportation Services Presentation
- VIII. Committee Members/Staff Communications**
 - A. HYAC Report
 - B. Public Safety Report
 - C. Member Communications
 - D. Staff Communications
 - 1. Expected NIC openings
- IX. Adjournment**

* Denotes formal action and a recommendation to City Council from the Committee and must adhere to the following procedure:

1. Report from Staff; 2. Public Comment; 3. Discussion from Committee; 4. Action/Motion by Committee

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CITY OF HOLLAND
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Minutes (DRAFT)
April 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting
City Hall – 2nd Floor Training Room

Present:

Members: Nathan Slauer, John Crawford, Justin Lambers, Jay Van Groningen, Mitchell Mudd, Christen Bordenkircher, Fred VanAntwerp, Sgt. John Weatherwax

Staff: Mark Kornelis

Absent: Priscilla Lopez, Dale Hoskins, Lyn Raymond, Tim Marroquin, Xavier Murphy (HYAC)

I. Call to Order and Introductions - The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Co-chair Slauer.

II. Determination of Quorum – A quorum was determined to be present.

III. Public Comment – None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote, following a motion by Van Groningen and support by Mudd.

V. Presentation

Ethan Adams, 3Sixty Intern, and Jake Norris, 3Sixty Executive Director, provided a presentation on information they've collected through door knocking and neighborhood meetings over the past 8-9 months in the Maplewood Neighborhood. Ethan defined the Maplewood neighborhood as being bounded by 32nd St., Lincoln, Hwy 31, and Washington Ave. Ethan and Christen Bordenkircher collectively knocked on 724 doors and obtained 103 surveys. Ethan summarized the data collected from the surveys. Key neighborhood strengths noted were: a) that the neighborhood is quiet and safe, as well as b) the neighbors themselves. Things that were noted that would improve the neighborhood were: a) more social events, b) increased traffic safety (notably on 35th St., 32nd St., 40th St., Central Ave., and Columbia Ave.), and c) improved walkability, e.g., more sidewalks. Respondents expressed interest in more "third spaces" within the neighborhood, more block parties, and more opportunities for other types of social gatherings.

Ethan also explained that this initiative included the hosting of several neighborhood meetings, with attendance ranging from 5 to 50+ individuals. Jake expressed appreciation for the partnership provided by Maranatha Church and in particular for Christen in this larger effort.

When asked about possible future steps, Jake noted that much will rest on the outcome of the neighborhood meeting happening tomorrow evening (April 22) at Maranatha Church. The response to this meeting should be largely determinative in evaluating whether there exists critical mass for continued neighbor-led organizing.

VI. Old Business

A. Work Plan Update

Kornelis provided an update on the 2025/26 Work Plan Goals focusing primarily on the work of the Neighborhood Connections Work Group and the Walkable Holland Work Group. A written update report was provided as part of the printed meeting packet and will also be included with the meeting minutes packet.

Kornelis reminded members of the MAX Transit millage item that will be on the May 5 ballot.

Kornelis was asked to inquire with the MACC about the possibility of accessing information gathered as part of their regional intersection analysis.

Kornelis also asked members for feedback about how to go about seeking new/updated feedback from residents regarding neighborhood strengths and challenges as a way of informing an update to the strategies and goals contained in section 6 of the Blueprint for Flourishing Neighborhoods. Suggested approaches to gathering updated feedback included: gathering resident feedback at National Night Out, using opportunities available from local schools, using social media, and offering incentives to neighbors to obtain a certain number of conversations/surveys.

B. CDBG Update

Kornelis provided a brief update on CDBG. Of particular note were updated data from the Home Repair Program, and the status of the 2026-27 Annual Action Plan, which will be presented to City Council on May 13. Kornelis also presented a proposal as to the split in public service funds between the two projects that members previously agreed to support. Public Service funds included in the AAP totaled \$45,000. Kornelis proposed subrecipient allocations of \$18,000 to Good Samaritan for the Circles Program, and \$27,000 to Community Action House for their Outreach Program. Members noted broad agreement with this plan.

C. Report on Current Development Plans and Applications

Kornelis reported on several proposed or anticipated developments, including an approved 25 townhome residential project at 493 West 32nd. Also reviewed were the following prospective projects: a) a five-story multi-family building at 93 W. 7th St., b) the proposed Holland Rec Center at 337 Fairbanks at the north end of Smallenburg Park, and c) a proposed gas station at 633 E. 24th St. With regard to the Rec Center project, questions were raised about free access to the center to residents beyond access via established classes.

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Committee Members/Staff Communications

A. Holland Youth Advisory Council (HYAC) member report – No report

B. Public Safety Report

- 1) A significant number of police calls continue at Hom Flats (24th and Waverly).
- 2) New Gateway Mission facility (men's mission) on Waverly – transition has gone very well.
- 3) Holland Middle School – has new outdoor mental health intervention; no longer has a designated CP officer, but now hosts the district's safety officer.
- 4) HPD is currently recruiting for the summer Jr. Police Academy (6th and 7th graders)
- 5) HPD has two new officers and two new reserve officers.
- 6) The Police-Community Relations committee is in the process of granting \$2,000 college scholarships.

C. Member Communications

- 1) Slauer inquired about how members would prefer to prepare for the presentation at the June meeting by Brian White, Director of Transportation Services. Support was offered for putting this question on the May meeting agenda for general conversation and input.

D. Staff Communications

- 1) Kornelis noted that it is anticipated that there will soon be several vacancies on the NIC. Members were encouraged to mention this opportunity within their networks.
- 2) A Mini-grant application was received earlier in the day. Slauer, Mudd, Crawford, and Lambers volunteered to sit on the review team.
- 3) Kornelis noted that several neighborhoods are hosting cleanup events on Saturday, April 25, namely, Eastcore, Montello Park, Westcore, Washington School, and Maplewood.

IX. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.