

AGENDA
SHAWNEE URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY
JULY 29, 2025 AT 5:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
16 WEST 9TH STREET
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

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CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

1. Introduction
2. Review of public input from July 8, 2025 public hearing
3. Public discussion of the next Consolidated Plan for years 2025-2030
4. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Breanna Wallace, Secretary

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Housing Initiatives

- **Infill Development**
Leverage available infill lots for the construction of affordable housing, with a primary focus on first-time homebuyers.
- **Home Renovation Partnerships**
Collaborate with Central Oklahoma Economic Development District (COEDD) and the Area Agency on Aging to address critical home renovation needs for elderly and low-income residents.
- **Strategic Partnership Engagement**
Integrate *Roundtable* as a formal strategic partner to expand collaborative housing solutions.
- **Coordinated Entry System Optimization**
Resolve existing housing coordination issues in El Reno through strengthened engagement with the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC).
- **Owner-Occupied Repairs Program**
Provide financial support for essential repairs to owner-occupied homes, with an emphasis on health, safety, and code compliance.
- **First-Time Homebuyer Assistance**
Reactivate and enhance the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program to improve access to stable, long-term housing.
- **Supportive and Transitional Housing**
Expand transitional housing options for individuals exiting homelessness, including pathways to permanent supportive housing.
- **Life Safety Infrastructure Improvements**
Secure funding for the installation of fire sprinkler systems in buildings—such as churches—intended for conversion into residential units.
- **Environmental Remediation for Housing Rehabilitation**
Allocate resources for mold and asbestos abatement to make housing units safe and habitable for at-risk populations.

Homelessness and At-Risk Population Assistance

- **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Reinstatement**
Re-establish a Crisis Intervention Team using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to support emergency response and outreach for vulnerable individuals.
- **Tiered Residency Priority for Services**
 1. Shawnee residents with a minimum of three months verifiable residency

2. Residents of Pottawatomie County and the State of Oklahoma
 3. All other individuals
- **Rehabilitation of Condemned Properties**
Invest in bringing condemned or at-risk properties up to habitability standards for use by homeless or near-homeless families.
 - **Re-entry and Transition Support**
Provide direct assistance for rental deposits, utility deposits, and essential household needs for individuals transitioning from homelessness to stable housing.
 - **Street Outreach Expansion**
Strengthen outreach programs to connect unsheltered individuals with critical services, including case management, shelter referrals, and healthcare access.
 - **At-Risk Housing Assistance**
Designate funding to support households facing imminent eviction or loss of housing.
 - **Housing First Implementation**
Develop a comprehensive “Housing First” approach to directly address the root causes of homelessness through rapid re-housing and supportive services.
 - **Temporary Emergency Shelter Solutions**
 - Utilize Higher Ground facilities with RV slips for emergency housing
 - Establish Safe Parking Zones for individuals living in vehicles
 - Purchase and deploy RV units for transitional housing use
 - **Prioritized Case Management for Mental Health Clients**
Ensure clients actively receiving mental health services from partner agencies are prioritized for available housing and support resources.
 - **Basic Needs Support Services**
 - Distribute weather-appropriate clothing suitable for seasonal conditions
 - Provide nutritious food and access to local food distribution networks
 - Coordinate shelter accommodations or referrals to emergency housing
 - Offer transportation assistance for essential services and appointments
 - Facilitate access to medical care, including clinics and urgent care
 - Connect individuals with warming/cooling stations based on weather conditions

Public Works Improvements

- **Road & Infrastructure Repairs**
 - Repair damaged matting at Feral and Beard Streets
 - Rehabilitate the bridge on 10th Street to restore safety and access
 - **Water System Modernization**
 - Begin systematic replacement of aging water lines, starting in Ward 3
 - Conduct city-wide water audits for efficiency and infrastructure planning
 - Create a public-facing digital map to track water line replacements and infrastructure upgrades
 - **Traffic Management and Safety**
Re-establish the Traffic Commission to evaluate and address roadway safety, traffic patterns, and transportation planning.
 - **Sidewalk Restoration Program**
Excavate and restore sidewalks in residential neighborhoods to ensure accessibility and safety.
 - **Community-Led Infrastructure Projects**
Launch neighborhood-focused service initiatives to support public infrastructure improvements and community beautification.
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Parks and Recreation Enhancements

- **Neighborhood Park Revitalization**
Prioritize the renewal of underutilized parks in residential areas to enhance community wellness and recreation.
 - **Celebration of Life Park Rehabilitation**
Rehabilitate this key community asset using a combination of CDBG and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to maximize project impact and resident engagement.
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Additional Community Initiatives

- **“Love Your Block” Program**
Launch and promote a resident-led neighborhood beautification initiative encouraging small-scale revitalization projects and community pride.
- **Funding Accountability and Impact Tracking**
 - Implement a tracking system to document how funds are allocated across all programs
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of increased budget allocations on program outcomes
 - Maintain transparency by publicly reporting changes in service levels relative to funding adjustments