

1. 2/19 Minutes

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City of Fruita - Livability Commission

Civic Center

February 19, 2026, at 4:00pm

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Elizabeth Nunn

Stephanie Anderson

Connie Overton

Scott Cotton

Tom McNamara

Al Conder

Anna Harris

Deb Moorland

John and Jean Rodwick

Jeff Mohrman

Kimberly Preisser

II. Public Comment

III. Review and Approve Minutes for November 2025 and January 2026

John Rodwick moved to approve minutes for November

Jeff moved to approved for January. The group unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

IV. Member Report

Kris Poppish thanked us for having her at our last meeting. Elizabeth informed us that we now have Mesa County services located in the Family Health West offices building on Pabor and Cherry. If anyone has needs or knows of someone in need they can refer them to Keeley McDonald. John informed us that Terri Potente requested an extended 2 year term. John informed us of a bill that would allow 225 million in government pension plans. Another bill on the ballot to increase transparency and to allow people in assisted living to meet certain qualifications. John wanted us to be aware that AARP is a powerful tool in legislation.

V. Staff Report

VI. Discussion Items

1. Community Garden Update: Waiting on the correct color of brick to be in stock. Minor set back to the original 2.28.26 completion date but will still be done well before planting season.

2. AARP Challenge Grant - The deadline to submit is March 4th. Marc is looking at the price for the shade sails and will submit the grant for them. After attending the AARP Community Challenge Grant webinar and talking with Allison Snyder, it seems our best bet would be to apply for the Micro grant rather than the Flagship.

3. The 8 Domains of Livability: An Introduction - We will pick 2-3 domains of focus for 2026.

John mentioned that we focused on communications, transportation, diversity and inclusion, and affordable housing. Anna suggested a poll on areas of focus.

Previously, we worked on the Yellow Dot program and relied on other organizations to provide the packets. To be more productive, we need more funds and education. Emergency responders need to be informed on what the yellow dot means. Al talked to a first responder who mentioned they do not necessarily look in the gloveboxes. It would be nice to have a QR code in accordance with the yellow dot with medical information. This is still on as an area of focus for 2026. We will need to go to city council to ask for funds. The packets are about \$2 each and will require.

AARP walking audit identified areas of concern, and we have collaborated with the Idea Factory for traffic calming areas. Stephanie mentioned doing a bicycling audit and potentially a bike rodeo. John suggested doing audits at different times of day. Stephanie reached out to Grand Valley Bike alliance to see about biking education. Bike safety/audit as an area of focus for 2026.

Health Services and Community Support- Keeley McDonald is willing to come speak to the group about services offered. The yellow dot program fits this area of domain.

Tom asked about the letter of support for the Mews Phase II. I will follow-up with Marc to see if we can get that printed and at the rec center for everyone to stop by and sign. The letter of support was printed and left at the Fruita Community center on 2/20/26 and will be given to Kim Pardoe on 2/26/26.

VII. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm by Kimberly Preisser

- Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2026