

COLUMBIA CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session
Common Council Chambers of City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana
May 21, 2024
5:00p.m.

Members Present: Bryan Graham, Chair
Steffanie Powers, Secretary
Latricia Banuelos
Jennifer O'Connor

Members Absent: Matt Curry, Vice Chair
Jennifer Duff
Mike Malcolm

Call to order/Roll call/Minutes

Chair Bryan Graham called the meeting to order. Attendance was as listed above. Bryan Graham asked for a motion to approve the April minutes. Steffanie Powers made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Latricia Banuelos. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

Van Buren home update

After all fees were taken out, the CCHA received \$227,404.27 from the sale of the Van Buren property. Since \$244,508.25 was spent on buying and renovating the home, there was a net loss of \$17,103.98. However, the property is now beautified and the new owners appear to be taking good care of the yard. Before buying any house in the future, the CCHA will get a pre-inspection so that all issues are known from the beginning. Contractor rates may also be able to be negotiated. The CCHA fund currently has a balance of \$166,080.35. The CHHA will be alert for other homes that need to be renovated.

Down payment assistance program

Bryan Graham has received some information from the Fort Wayne Housing Authority regarding their down payment assistance program; however, he is still reviewing the details and gathering information about the parameters of the program. This program would need to be approved by the county. The CCHA will discuss the program further in the future.

Other

The CCHA discussed ways to promote their loan programs. Ideas included: a booth at a First Friday; handing out flyers at the Old Settler's Parade; having information displayed on the City's website; and having a vendor booth at a First Church of God (FCOG) event. The possibility of offering a cornhole-type of game at the FCOG where participants try to throw a beanbag into a pipe was discussed. The legality of selling bean bag throws, possibly for charity, will need to be verified. These ideas will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted by Steffanie Powers, Secretary