

Columbia City Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026

I. Call to order

Commission Vice-Chair April Frazier called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia City Arts Commission (CCAC) at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2026, in the Common Council Chambers of Columbia City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana.

II. Roll call

The following people were present: Greg Hockemeyer (member), Connie Boggs (member), April Frazier (member), Mike Thomas (member), Doug Egolf (member), and Ashley Buckles (staff). Jennifer Romano and Taylor Ford were absent.

III. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Connie Boggs moved to approve the February 3, 2026, meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Thomas. The motion was carried by voice vote.

IV. Open issues

- *Biennial Officer Election* – Greg Hockemeyer nominated a slate of candidates to serve as officers through the first meeting of the Commission in 2028 as follows: April Frazier for Chairman, Greg Hockemeyer for Vice-Chair, and Jennifer Romano for Secretary. Doug Egolf seconded the nomination. No other nominations were offered, and the slate of officers was elected by voice vote.
- *Artists' Studio Tour* – Nothing new (tabled).
- *2026 Calendar Project* – The members discussed the possibility of focusing the 2027 calendar on one form of art, like photography (suggested by Mike Thomas) or music (suggested by April Frazier).
- *Bones Theater Promotional Package* – The members discussed the possibility of using a shorter-term run to promote the Artists' Studio Tour.
- *America 250 Collaboration* – Greg Hockemeyer moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$475 to support the traveling mural project, with \$250 to be used as a stipend for the Columbia City canvas artist and up to \$75 each for the purchase of three (3) canvases to be used for the project. The motion was seconded by Connie Boggs and passed by voice vote.
- *Arts Pantry* – Tabled.
- *Baker Park* – Doug Egolf reported seeing conduit in the tunnel between the park and DeVol Field, which could simplify running electricity to the site.
- *Infrastructure Displays* – Tabled.
- *WCCS Creates (f/k/a Spring Fling)* – The members discussed judging for the event, with possible candidates being Jennifer Romano, Mike Thomas, and Doug Egolf.

V. Other Business

Mike Thomas noted that Columbia City Connect plans a circus-themed First Fridays event in August. He said the Commission is encouraged to have a tent at the location, and the membership discussed possible activities to sponsor, such as a caricature artist.

VI. Adjournment

Greg Hockemeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Thomas, and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

March 3, 2026, MEETING MINUTES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

Presiding Officer

Secretary