

COLUMBIA CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session
Common Council Chambers of City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana
March 17, 2026
5:00p.m.

Members Present: Matt Curry, Chair
Steffanie Powers, Secretary
Latricia Banuelos
Christine Scroggs

Members Absent: Jeremy Conrad
Jennifer Duff
Bryan Graham

Also in Attendance: Ashley Buckles, Mayor's Executive Assistant

Call to order/Roll call/Minutes

Chair Matt Curry called the meeting to order. Attendance was as listed above. Matt Curry asked for a motion to approve the February 2026 minutes. Latricia Banuelos made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Christine Scroggs. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

Appointment and approval of Vice Chair

This matter was tabled until a meeting that everyone can attend.

Landlord registration update/regroup

Matt Curry would like one of the new members to join the landlord registration subcommittee.

Habitat for Humanity meeting

Matt Curry updated the CCHA about a meeting he had with Melissa McKown of Habitat for Humanity. Melissa McKown would like Habitat for Humanity to get back into Whitley County. While Habitat for Humanity mainly focuses on new builds, they do some rehab and could possibly partner with us. Various possible ways that the CCHA could partner with Habitat for Humanity, the building trades at Columbia City High School, and work-release were discussed. Habitat for Humanity will come present to the CCHA and discuss a possible partnership with us when they are organized.

New homes

Two homes were discussed as possibilities for the CCHA to consider. The first was a property at 512 W. Ellsworth Street which will have an auction sale. This house is in rough shape and would

need significant work. The other home is a property at 346 N. Line Street. This home is owned by Don Sexton, whom Christine Scroggs knows. Don is planning to move in the near future and is very interested in working with the CCHA. The house is known to have a fairly new roof and a new furnace. The work on it would be mainly cosmetic. The Ellsworth house has an open house on March 22, so the CCHA discussed some members attending that open house and then going to look at Don Sexton's house afterward.

Other

There were no new CCHA loan applications and Matt Curry had not heard back about street sign pricing yet. Fridge magnets with a QR code were suggested as an idea to help spread information about the CCHA and its loan programs.

Adjournment

Matt Curry asked for a motion to adjourn. Steffanie Powers moved to adjourn, seconded by Latricia Banuelos. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Submitted by Steffanie Powers, Secretary