

COLUMBIA CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session
Common Council Chambers of City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana
April 21, 2026
5:00p.m.

Members Present: Matt Curry, Chair
Steffanie Powers, Secretary
Latricia Banuelos
Jeremy Conrad
Jennifer Duff
Christine Scroggs

Members Absent: Bryan Graham

Also in Attendance: Chip Hill, Community Development Director

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 March 2026 minutes. Christine Scroggs made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Latricia Banuelos. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

Appointment and approval of Vice Chair

The need to appoint a vice chair was discussed. Matt Curry suggested that Christine Scroggs fill the position, and Christine Scroggs was willing to do so. Matt Curry moved to make Christine Scroggs the vice chair, seconded by Jennifer Duff. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

Potential houses

The Ellsworth house that was up for auction was in rough condition with many issues – foundation, roof, etc. This home was not seen as a good option for the CCHA at this time. The Line Street house was seen as a good potential option for the CCHA to rehab. Josey had looked at the house and there were no major defects, but every room needed something. Main projects for the home would include turning the back addition into a master suite, redoing parts of the kitchen, remodeling the upstairs bathroom which currently has no shower, and potentially adding a half bath downstairs. The yard and landscaping could also use some work. Josey estimated \$55,000.00 for the top priority remodeling projects. Options for help with parts of the work were discussed, including partnering with work-release, the 4-H, the trade school, and possibly sweat equity of a buyer. Christine Scroggs shared that Don, the owner, would want \$165,000.00 - \$170,000.00 for the home. The CCHA would like to know whether Don is going to use a realtor. The CCHA would like to offer up to \$160,000.00 for the home and would have the home inspected before purchasing it.

Street signs update

It would cost about \$15,000.00 for new street signs on Main Street. Adding a sign below the street sign with an emblem on it was mentioned briefly. The street sign issue was tabled for now.

Other

There were no new loan applications. Making flyers with information about the CCHA to put at businesses such as Ace was discussed; however, the CCHA might get more exposure through social media. Christine Scroggs agreed to take over the CCHA Facebook page once she gets the login information.

Adjournment

Steffanie Powers moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt Curry. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by Steffanie Powers, Secretary