

COLUMBIA CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session
Common Council Chambers of City Hall, Columbia City, Indiana
August 18, 2026
5:00p.m.

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

Members Absent: Bryan Graham
Jeremy Conrad

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 July regular session minutes and the July special session minutes. Jennifer Duff made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Latricia Banuelos. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

Update on Line St. house

Matt Curry shared that so far we are getting quotes from two contractors: Josey and KJL Construction. Jennifer Duff suggested checking with SBH for an additional quote. The quotes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Matt Curry reviewed some of the remodeling that would likely be done. In the kitchen, cabinets would be moved and an entrance into the kitchen from the living room would be created. The opening from the living room into the dining room would be closed. Matt Curry shared an idea he had for the creation of closets in the master bedroom. The downstairs floors would be re-finished and the amount of modifications to the downstairs bathroom would be dependent on the cost. In the upstairs bathroom, the tub would be removed and a shower installed. Carpet could potentially be installed in the upstairs bedrooms. Matt Curry would like to be under \$50,000.00 for all the remodeling work. Getting the wallpaper removed before the contractor begins would be a big cost savings. Other potential projects for clubs and volunteers would be clearing out the backyard and some demolition. Vice Chair Christine Scroggs is going to reach out to her contacts to see if any entities such as Habitat for Humanity, the 4-H, school building trades, clubs, or work-release are interested in working on this project.

Jennifer Duff shared that the prior owner of the Line Street home left various house contents that he was unable to use at his new location. Various methods of taking, selling, donating, and disposing of the contents were discussed. It was noted that Larry Jackson had been hired to

clean out the contents left at the first Van Buren house. It was decided that the CCHA would meet at the Line St. property that following Friday to see and possibly organize what was left in the house, but no decisions would be made at that time.

Facebook Login

Christine Scroggs is going to create a new Facebook page for the CCHA since the old one would be too difficult to recover. She took some before pictures of the Line Street property for the page. Chip Hill is checking to see if the CCHA can get a city email address.

New Applications

There were no new applications.

Pamphlet for realtors

Christine Scroggs shared that she is working on a pamphlet. The CCHA members present agreed that they liked the CCHA logo that had been proposed by Jeremy Conrad.

Adjournment

Matt Curry asked for a motion to adjourn. Steffanie Powers moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Duff. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Submitted by Steffanie Powers, Secretary