

**City of Rock Island
Community Development Commission
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair KJ Whitley called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

2. Roll Call

KJ Whitley called the roll.

Herschel Jackson, Jeremy Crafton, KJ Whitley, Andrea Muller and Richinda Sakho were present.

Calvin Dane was absent.

Staff present included Community Development Manager Nichole Mata, Housing Officer Jennifer Graff and Budget Specialist Melissa Holderfield.

No remote attendance.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Crafton moved to approve the meeting minutes for May 19, 2026. Sakho seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

Graff discussed the comparison of the new proposed funding allocation method. Board members debated a new scoring system designed to increase transparency and ensure grant amounts aligned strictly with objective evaluation. Key policy changes were introduced, including a maximum award cap of \$50,000, a minimum threshold of \$10,000 and a limit of seven total organizations funded per year. The commission also considered a point-based system to balance support between long-term partners and new applicants. Crafton and Sakho asked questions and Jackson, Crafton, Sakho and Muller all contributed with comments.

The commission approved the monitoring documents for administration to use.

Finally, due to updated HUD requirements, that board voted to move the 2027 application timeline up to August to ensure public input is gathered before the fiscal year begins.

7. Adjournment

Crafton made a motion to adjourn. Sakho seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.