

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

February 10, 2015

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in regular session with the following

members present: Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard
President Commissioner Carl Siler
Commissioner Ben Romine

Those absent: Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Also in attendance: Jeff Walker, Community Development Director
Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
Lori Shipman, WCEDC
Ex-officio Member, Stan Meyer

President Commissioner Siler requested approval of **January 13, 2015 minutes**. After reviewing, Commissioner Romine made a motion, which is seconded by Commissioner Dr. Leonhard, to **accept the minutes as presented**. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Carl Siler requested approval of the January 16, 2015 minutes.

Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher is now present.

After reviewing the **January 16, 2015 minutes**, Vice President Commissioner Snell made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to **approve the minutes as submitted**. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Siler wanted clarification on the acceptance of the property located at **213 W. VanBuren Street**. Commissioner Romine stated the motion was to accept the gift of property if there was other monetary city assistance. Commissioner Romine did bring this before the Council and \$60,000 was approved. Commissioner Romine questions whether it is feasible to purchase the building adjacent to the east of this building, if the roof was fixed to stop any further deterioration. Jeff Walker will investigate the condition of the building and basement. It is the **consensus of the Commission to accept the property located at 213 W. VanBuren Street if deeded over by Greg Fahl**.

Commissioner Romine informed the Commission, all the corrections have been sent to Aimee Shimasaki at Martin Riley on the **RFP for 306 W. VanBuren Street**. They are still working on setting up a time to meet.

President Commissioner Siler presented a contract from Carter Dillon Umbaugh to do a tax study on the new TIF area in the amount of \$6500.00. In discussion, Jeff Walker stated this is a requirement for a new district. On the motion of Commissioner Romine, and second of Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **accept the contract from Carter Dillon Umbaugh in the amount of \$6500.00 for the tax study in the new TIF area**, all voted aye.

Martha Acres informed the Commission there is a pending **façade grant application approved on August 14, 2012 from Bloom Gates Whiteleather**. The Clerk Treasurer has asked for the encumbered amount to be addressed at this meeting. On the motion of Vice President Commissioner Snell, and second by Commissioner Romine, to withdraw the façade application accepted back on August 14, 2012 by Bloom Gates Whiteleather. Vice President Commissioner Snell requests a letter sent to the applicant stating since there has been no activity for over two years, the **application is now void**. If in the future they decide to make façade improvements, they will need to reapply.

Martha Acres informed the Commission the Chamber of Commerce is requesting to formally appoint a member of the Commission to serve on the façade grant application review committee. On the motion of Commissioner Romine, and second of Vice Commissioner Snell, to **appoint Secretary Commissioner Hatcher to serve on the façade grant review committee**, all voted aye.

The Redevelopment Commission discussed the possibility of working with the **High School Building and Trades Department on rehabbing a building in the downtown area**. Vice President Commissioner Snell informed the Commission he has talked with the Mayor and enough interest is there to bring all the necessary entities together for discussion. Martha Acres will work on this in the near future.

Jeff Walker questioned the Redevelopment Commission on their position with the **Cardinal Building** that the owner wants to gift. Mr. Walker also questioned the status of the **insurance recovery viability** and needs direction to proceed. After some discussion, Lori Shipman will contact Ice Miller and set up a conference call in a special session to discuss insurance recovery. Jeff Walker also stated the owner of the property where the old Testworth building stood is willing to sell this to the Redevelopment Commission. Lori Shipman requests working with Attorney Greg Hockemeyer to assist her in **working with Ice Miller**. Lori is requesting a special session prior to the normally scheduled meeting of the Redevelopment Commission in March. Lori will stay in contact with Martha in setting up a **conference call in this special session**. As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.