

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 8, 2014**

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

members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Commissioner Ben Romine
Commissioner Lindsey Hively
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Also in attendance: Mayor Ryan L. Daniel
Community Development Director Jeff Walker
Lori Shipman, WCEDC
CCRDC Attorney Gregory Hockemeyer
Ex-officio Member Stan Meyers

President Commissioner Siler asked for approval of the previous meeting **minutes of June 10, 2014**. On the motion of Commissioner Romine and second of Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **approve** the minutes as received, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel went over **some changes** he would like to see in the **façade grant guidelines**. This would include having the Chamber of Commerce be the first contact. Some of the Commissioners are not in favor of this due to the expected 24 hour turn around when a business first makes contact...we have no contractual agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion, Commissioner Romine stated the Commission has already formed a committee to review the façade grant application. Mayor Daniel will meet with the Committee with his suggestions.

Vice President Commissioner Snell informed the Commission **Passages turned down the parking agreement**, as they do not want to maintain the lot.

Community Development Director Jeff Walker along with Attorney Hockemeyer has restructured the specifications for the demolition of the old Eagles building, per the recommendations of the Commission. After some discussion, Vice President Commissioner Snell made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to **approve the changes made on the specifications for demolition request for bids on the old Eagles building**. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Siler introduced for consideration, **Resolution 2014-1, which determines the Commission's 2015 Budget TIF revenue**. Attorney Hockemeyer explained the Commission does not take in that much TIF dollars, so there would not be any excess funds to distribute to the Whitley County Solid Waste District, Whitley County Government, Columbia City Government, Peabody Library, Columbia Township Trustee or Whitley County Consolidated

Schools. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, and second of Commissioner Hively, to **approve** Resolution #2014-1, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Siler stated the CCRDC has drafted a letter of intent to purchase the old Blue Bell property and is asking if this meets with their approval. On the motion of Commissioner Romine and second of Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to **approve and submit the Letter of Intent to purchase the old Blue Bell property**, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel informed the Commission it has been discussed the legislature might take measures to pass a bill that will not allow redevelopment commissions to bond after December 2014. Currently the time frame is July 2015. So if the Commission is contemplating bonding a project, it should move forward as a priority. Commissioner Romine would like to talk with Umbaugh for a realistic time frame in bonding. Attorney Hockemeyer believes from start to finish, it would be sixty (60) days. After much discussion, the Mayor is only informing the Commission of this expected change in legislature and would hate to see our Redevelopment Commission lose out on an opportunity.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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