

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012**

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in a **workshop** to discuss TIF with the following **members present**: Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell

President Commissioner Carl Siler
Commissioner Patricia Hatcher
Commissioner Ben Romine

Those absent: Secretary Commissioner Belinda Hawn

Also in attendance in Stan Meyer, Ex-Officio Member, Mayor Daniel, Jeff Walker, Martha Acres, county redevelopment commission members, Whitley County Commissioner George Schrumphf, Alan Tio, Director of the WCEDC, plus other attendees interested in TIF and the redevelopment commissions.

Andy Boxberger, Carson Boxberger, a legal firm dealing with redevelopment commissions was present informing the Commission of the procedures and operations of a redevelopment commission. He spoke of the creation and governance, meeting procedures, open door requirements, duties and powers, annual reports, and establishing TIF areas.

Todd Samuelson, Umbaugh, was present explaining the financial end of the economic development with jobs, wages, increased local spending, diversification and building a tax base. He reviewed tax abatements, TIF, sales, cumulative capital funds and other taxes.

Matt Bell, Executive Director of the Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana, was present updating the progress of SB 25, SB 125, HB 1241 and HB 1249, all referring to the redevelopment commission's openness, members and recapturing of tax dollars. Mr. Bell asked for local representation on different aspects of these bills to our legislators.

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