

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINTUES  
MAY 3, 2013**

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in **special session to discuss the possibility of purchasing property, with the following members present:**

President Commissioner Carl Siler  
Commissioner Ben Romine  
Commissioner Lindsey Hively  
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

**Those absent:** Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell

**Also in attendance:** Ex-officio Member Stan Meyers  
Mayor Ryan Daniel  
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, Martha Acres

Mayor Ryan Daniel stated at an executive meeting of the Redevelopment Commission, the Commission requested him to continue his talks with the Eagles Representative from Bedford on the possible purchase of the Eagle property located in downtown Columbia City on the corner of W. VanBuren and N. Line Street.

**Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell and Redevelopment Commission Attorney Greg Hockemeyer are now present.**

Mayor Daniel stated he did contact Mike Cummings, Eagle Member from Bedford, in reference to the Commission being interested in purchasing this property.

Economic Development Director Jeff Walker is now present.

Mr. Cummings stated the Columbia City Lodge is around \$47,000 in debt with only around \$800 in their account. Therefore, they are interested in selling this property and would need to purchase another building. In talking with Mr. Cummings, he doesn't feel the Eagles should pay for any appraisals due to the lack of funds. Mayor Daniel is asking the Redevelopment Commission to set up some type of group to move forward with this project quickly, and will the Commission pay for new appraisals? Mayor Daniel stated the Commission currently has \$166,000.00 in their TIF account.

Vice President Commissioner Snell stated he pulled the paperwork from 2008 when the Commission attempted to purchase this property and the average between the three appraisals the Commission paid for was \$243,667.00. Vice President Commissioner Snell stated the Redevelopment Commission paid a significant amount of money for the appraisals and doesn't

feel we should do that again only to have the same outcome, and would like to just make an offer. Commissioner Romine is in agreement with Vice President Commissioner Snell in not paying for anymore appraisals. Attorney Hockemeyer feels there should be an agreement to sell drafted upon certain conditions to bind both parties. Vice President Commissioner Snell believes back in 2008, the Commission offered \$243,000.00. The Commission discussed what some of the recent selling of buildings in the downtown area have been in the range of \$50,000 - \$100,000. After some discussion on the occurrence five years ago and the money and time spent trying to purchase this property, Mayor Daniel felt the Commission should not allow a small amount for a new appraisal be a deterrent in securing the property. Attorney Hockemeyer would like to see a committee formed to work with the mayor on the purchase and bring back a solid proposal to the regular scheduled meeting on May 14, 2013. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, and second of Commissioner Hively, to nominate Vice President Commissioner Snell, Ex-Officio Member Stan Meyer and Commissioner Romine, to serve on this committee and work with the mayor to bring back a good blueprint on obtaining appraisals, or an actual agreement with the Eagles Lodge on the purchase of the property. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

As all business was discussed, the Redevelopment Commission adjourned.

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