

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2015**

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  
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher  
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Ryan Daniel  
Jeff Walker, Community Development Director  
Greg Hockemeyer, CCRDC Attorney  
Lori Shipman, WCEDC

As there are no **minutes** to approve from the **March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**, President Commissioner Siler **tabled** this until the next regular scheduled RDC meeting.

President Commissioner Siler presented **Martin Riley's RFP on the property located at 306 W. VanBuren Street**. Much discussion continued before Commissioner Romine made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to **approve the following schedule;**

RFP Issued:	April 15, 2015
Pre-proposal meeting:	May 12, 2015 after CCRDC meeting – 10:30 AM
Responses Due:	June 2, 2015 – Special meeting – Open and Review
Interviews Anticipated:	week of June 1, 2015
Project Awarded:	June 9, 2015 during regular CCRDC meeting

On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Laura Richcreek, Indiana Main Street Association, is present **requesting a donation from the RDC of \$6,048.00 to purchase benches for the downtown area**. President Commissioner Siler stated he is not comfortable committing before he is sure the funds are there. This matter is tabled until the next regular scheduled RDC meeting in May.

President Commissioner Siler questions the wording on the façade grant application to provide \$1,000 for architectural with no commitment to proceed forward with the application. Therefore, the “applicant” is receiving architectural assistant for free and no obligation, whereas, the RDC is out \$1,000.00. Mayor Daniel referred to the application where it stated if the project was deemed unfeasible, then the \$1,000 architecture fee will not be borne by the RDC.

WCEDC came before the RDC again to **seek funding for the Outpost**, which will be stationed at the Peabody Library and they are charging around \$800.00 per month for 1500 square feet of space. This matter is **tabled** until the next regular scheduled meeting.

Jeff Walker informed the Commission, if they are comfortable with the **demolition bid specifications for the property at 213 W. VanBuren Street**, he will send them out. Mr. Walker did confer with the Whitley County Building Inspector. After some discussion, Commissioner Romine made a motion, which is seconded by, Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **approve the demolition bid specs** as Mr. Walker has presented. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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