

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

December 8th, 2015

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

Members Present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher
Commissioner Ben Romine
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard

Also in Attendance: Mayor Ryan Daniel
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
Samara Qureshi, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
Stan Meyer, Ex-Officio Member
Lori Shipman, Whitley County Economic Development Corporation

After reviewing the **November 10, 2015 minutes**, Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard, to allow the minutes as presented. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Carl Siler brought discussion to **306 West Van Buren Street**. It has been brought to the attention of the Redevelopment Commission the signage posted alongside Line Street, can be confusing. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer will send an email to The Van Buren to ask if the signage, alongside Line Street, can be moved more towards the entrance of the lot.

President Carl Siler transitioned the discussion to **213 West Van Buren Street**. After minimal discussion, there are no further updates. Lori Shipman entered the meeting at this time.

CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer moved the discussion along to **116 West Van Buren Street**. Two individuals in the audience are potentially interested in purchasing the building. Attorney Hockemeyer noted the tax lean sign has been removed from the back door of the building. Mayor Ryan Daniel mentioned the Whitley County Building Inspector should be attending the next Board of Works meeting, to be approved for inspection of the building. The overall issue with the building is it needs to be stabilized.

The discussion was transitioned to **101 South Main Street**. As no parties were present, there was no update at this time.

Lori Shipman gave a quick update on the **Cardinal Grain Property**. The Phase One Environmental Assessment has been completed. The CCRDC can now apply for a comfort letter, which will exempt the Commission from all liability of the building. Once this is complete, the CCRDC can move to the next phase of litigation.

Lori Shipman and Mayor Ryan Daniel updated the Redevelopment Commission on miscellaneous topics, such as, the Indiana Brownsfield Program application deadline; Grant money awarded to Whitley County from OCRA; and the Blue Bell Property.

President Commission Carl Siler suggested a potential future strategic planning meeting with the Commission members.

Lastly, Mayor Daniel proposed the idea of a Downtown Summit to the Commission. This would be composed of community leaders, business owners, building owners, etc. The Commission proposed a time in February would work best. Mayor Daniel will continue to work on this subject.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Samara Qureshi, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.