

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

February 9, 2016

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

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard
Commissioner Ben Romine

Members absent: Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Also in attendance: CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
Theresa Green, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
Jeff Walker, Community Development Director
Stan Meyer, Ex-Officio Member
Lori Shipman, Whitley County Economic Development Corporation
Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects

After reviewing the **January 12, 2016 minutes**, Commissioner Ben Romine 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.

CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer brought up **213 West Van Buren Street**. Greg distributed the letter of understanding out to the members in attendance. Community Redevelopment Director Jeff Walker stated that the Pocket Park revitalization will be now operating under the Main Street Group. The Group discussed that by operating under Main Street it gives the group more opportunities to get grants. The group also discussed how difficult OCRA has been to work with lately on grants.

CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer transitioned the discussion to **the Eagles lot** he explained he e-mailed them to let them know that residents were confused by their parking signs. The problem was than rectified. The group inquired if anyone was paying storm water tax on that property. Community Development Director Jeff Walker looked in to the matter and indicated that no one was paying storm water tax on it. The group all had a consensus that in future leases that must be included in it.

CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer brought up the the **Rentschler loan**. He indicated that they have paid off the entire loan and to let the record show it has officially been released. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer passed out "the release of mortgage" paper work to the members.

The group also wondered what was in the accounts. The requested Mayor Daniel's assistant find out.

Community Redevelopment Director Jeff Walker brought up to the group that **the guide lines for the RLF program** are listed on the City website, but the application is not. The group discussed what should be on the application when it does get posted.

Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects, was **requesting payment** for **101 South Main Street**. The total Project Low Bid is **\$14,140.00**. **Grant request is \$5,000.00**. Commissioner Ben Romine made a motion to approve payment for \$5000.00 as well as to approve payment directly to TK Ladd – Teresa K Ladd RA, Inc. for the Architectural Administration fee, of \$360.00. Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard seconded the motion.

Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects, also brought up **120 N Main St.** she inquired if it was going to fall within the façade guidelines. The group had some discussion on the guidelines of the façade. The groups consensus was that the guidelines specifically state “down town facade”, but the group decided it would be considered a down town alley façade. Commissioner Ben Romine made a motion to use the façade grant in a way not traditionally used. President Commissioner Carl Siler seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects, spoke about **208 E Chicago St.** The group looked at TIF districts. The group discussed that it does not meet RLF guidelines. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer stated he would look more into RLF guidelines. The group told Teresa to encourage Jim Farber to apply for other types of grants that he would qualify for.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Theresa Green, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.