

## COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

**March 8, 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  
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

**Members absent:**

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

After reviewing the **February 9, 2016 minutes**, Commissioner Ben Romine explained there needed to be a change made on page two paragraph three. With this change Commissioner Ben Romine made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by President Commissioner Carl Siler, to allow the minutes be accepted with the change on page two, paragraph three. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The group looked over the **RDC 2015 financial report**. President Commissioner Carl Siler pointed out there were mistakes with the funds. Mayor Ryan Daniel explained that they would need to be corrected later on, because the books were closed for 2015 and the mistakes would need to be fixed at a later date.

All of the members looked over the **Market Analysis RFP**. Vice President Kevin Snell shared with the group that he would like to see studies of other types of retail. He explained he wants to see other studies of cities our size, but is unsure of what businesses to study. Commissioner Ben Romine made a motion for the analysis to be shared with others to give them guidance. President Commissioner Carl Siler seconded this. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The **RLF proposed modification** was tabled.

The **pocket park** was brought up. Lori Shipman explained she was applying for a Grant for the park from OCRA, on March 11, 2016. Lori indicated that she needed President Commissioner Carl Siler to sign information to give to OCRA for the grant. No objections were made against President Commissioner Carl Siler signing the information. Lori explained that April 7, 2016 the grant money would be awarded. Lori stated that even if the park was not awarded the grant, she is confident that the money could be raised elsewhere.

The **Joanne Bird's application** was discussed, Joanne Bird was present. She did a brief overview of her application. She indicated that she wanted to get contractors started in April. There was some discussion about how soon a committee could be formed to go over Joanne's finances processed. It was decided that by Friday March 11, 2016 a sub-committee could be formed.

The **Redevelopment Association of Indiana membership** was discussed. Mayor Ryan Daniel explained that they had reached out to him and wanted him to let the commission know about Redevelopment Association of Indiana Membership. Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell made a motion to join the Redevelopment Association. Commissioner Ben Romine seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The **North Side Grill** issues were brought up. It currently has an unsafe building order. Bids were due March 8, 2016. No bids were submitted. The bids were to go to the Board of Works to be discussed. Currently the Freistroffers still own the building. They have communicated that they want to sign what is necessary to relinquish ownership. A quick claim for the city to take ownership of the building was an option. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer discussed that there can be many issues with quick claims. There is also another owner that would need to sign it as well. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer was asked to draft two quick claim deeds for the property. A sub-committee was spoken about to do a walkthrough of the building to find out all of the underlying issues with the building. It was decided that a sub-committee would be formed. Mayor Ryan Daniel explained that he is looking into if the building still has a three way liquor licensed attached to it. There was discussion that it was listed online as expired.

The **status of the old laundry mat** was discussed. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer stated that he mailed them a letter, but has yet to hear back.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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