

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 10, 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
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Members absent: Commissioner Ben Romine

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

After reviewing the **April 12, 2016 minutes**, Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The group discussed **JoAnne Bird's façade application**. Teresa Ladd presented the proposal. The group had a discussion on the color schemes that JoAnne picked out. The group had the consensus that JoAnne did not follow protocol on submitting a façade grant application. The group explained to Teresa that JoAnne would have to go back and follow proper protocol and the group would have further discussion when that was done. In conjunction with that they also told Teresa that JoAnne may want to consider other colors that are approved.

Vice President Kevin Snell gave an update on **JoAnne Bird's RLF application**. He explained that JoAnne did get her financials to him and the amount that she needed from the RDC was significantly less than what was originally submitted. Kevin indicated that the amount she needed was \$22,915. He recommended that the commission approve it. The loan would be protected by a second mortgage on 227 W. Van Buren Street. Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher made a motion to approve the loan for Birdhouse Enterprise, LLC. Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard seconded. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The **Van Buren contract** was discussed. Steve Holloway was present. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer brought up that Steve Holloway had a couple questions on some provisions he would like. Steve Holloway would like to be able to put up “nonpolitical signs” advertising different events that the Van Buren would be holding. Secondly, he wanted to know if he would be able to rent the parking lot out for a small monetary amount when he was not using it. The only issue that CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer brought up was that if the Van Buren started profiting off of renting the lot out the assessor could then view it as not being not for profit and tax the RDC. Steve Holloway explained that he would be asking for such a small amount that he doesn’t see it every becoming a problem. The storm water fee would be around \$40 a month. Steve Holloway had no issues with this. The group had no objections to any of Steve Holloway’s provisions.

The Northside Grill building, CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer asked the commission for permission to accept quick claim deeds from the previous owners. After that CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer wishes to move forward with a quiet title action so the interested party can move forward with their plans to begin business there. There was some discussion on renovations. Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher made a motion to let CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer move forward. Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

WCCS contract for new tech was sent by Jeff Walker. Jeff told the group that he has not heard back.

Ongoing RFP, Jeff Walker shared that he will be sending them out. They must be sent back by 6/13/2016.

Excess increment resolution report, was presented by CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer asked for the commission to adopt it. Vice President Kevin Snell made a motion to adopt it. President Carl Siler seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Orchid Catering and Events Parking, decided to not locate to Columbia City. Nothing further was discussed.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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