

## **COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES**

**June 13, 2017**

**Members present:** President Commissioner Carl Siler  
Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher  
Commissioner Scott Gates  
Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard

**Members absent:** Commissioner Tad Varga

**Also in attendance:** Mayor Ryan Daniel  
Jeff Walker, Redevelopment Coordinator for the City  
Stan Meyer, Ex-officio member  
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer

The **minutes** from May, 2017 were passed. Motion was made by Secretary Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard and seconded by Commissioner Scott Gates. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

**Cardinal Grain (Don Snemis)**-The cardinal grain insurance issues are currently in litigation. Ice Miller filed a law suit against LML, Corporation. The purpose is to tap into funds to get the building up to code for it to be functional. LML must be found culpable of contaminating the property at 607 S. Chauncey St. After this happens Ice Miller must find out what insurance policies they held. Witness interviews have occurred. Century Insurance could potentially have insured LML at some point. They have since retained a lawyer. They have been sent a subpoena. Star insurance has also been identified as a potential insurer of LML, they too have been subpoena. Insurance Risk Associates has also been subpoena. If these companies do not produce any policies, they will then be deposed. At this point, the RDC could also hire a company that specializes in finding old insurance policies. Don then mentioned another potential insurance company, Liberty Insurance along with D& B Services. These companies too have been subpoena. A case like this can take 2-3 years to figure out and settle. Don indicated that the demolition may not be covered in the policies. He explained they will try to get the funds for that as well. The RDC explained that they want to demolish it for safety reasons. Don told the RDC members to be sure to take as many photos as possible of the building if and when it is demolished.

**607 S. Chauncey utility bills**- There is a large amount of utility bills and fees that have not been paid. CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer explained that the previous tenant is legally liable for them. RDC decided not to press the issue, because they need him to be a witness. Past taxes could potentially be forgiven. Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher made a motion to pay the old fees on the property. Secretary Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

**Parking agreement** for old Eagles Lot- The agreement needs to be transferred from Rum Monkey to Belle Haven, they have since taken it over. Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher motioned to approve the parking contract being transferred to Belle Haven. Secretary Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

**Teresa Ladd** requested payment for 128 W. Van Buren St. for \$5000 plus architectural fees of \$360. Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher made a motion to pay the \$5000 façade grant plus architectural fees. Commissioner Scott Gates seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Teresa Ladd had a façade grant request for \$5000 for 112 W. Van Buren St. for paint and cleanup work. Secretary Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard made a motion to grant the request. Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher seconded the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

There was some discussion on 116 W. Van Buren St. with the façade committee. The owner was wondering if they could receive a grant for the 2017 year. However, after realizing that their request for 2016 wasn't turned in until 2017 there was no way the RDC could approve another grant in the same year. Per RDC standards, a business can only receive one façade grant in a calendar year.

**CCRD Attorney Grey Hockemyer** shared that 301 W. Van Buren is going to be doing some renovations and would like to get some funds from the Revolving Loan Fund. The group explained they would need more information.

**Flowtech-** President Commissioner Carl Siler indicated that a meeting was set up with the owner and it was later canceled by him and no other meeting has been set.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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