

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2013**

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 Lindsey Hively

**Those absent:** Commissioner Ben Romine

**Also in attendance:** Ex-officio Member Stan Meyers  
Redevelopment Commission Attorney, Greg Hockemeyer  
Community Development Director, Jeff Walker  
Mayor Ryan L. Daniel  
Mayor's Assistant, Martha Acres  
Lori Shipman  
WCEDC Director, Alan Tio

After reviewing the **minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting**, Commissioner Hively made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, to **approve** the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

After reviewing the **minutes of the re-organization meeting held on January 2, 2013**, Secretary Commissioner Hatcher made a motion, which is seconded by Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **approve** the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mayor Daniel informed the Commission the WCEDC would like to get things moving on the corridor of South Line Street and wanted to know how they felt in partnering with them. Lori Shipman stated there are numerous Brownsfields located in this area. A survey was sent out to local merchants in this area inquiring what they expected for this area's needs. Alan Tio stated the WCEDC contracted with the highway department in giving a facelift for the Gateway Industrial Park. Most of the questions were geared toward infrastructure. Mayor Daniel stated the improvements along South Line Street from Spencer to the RR tracks, will make an impact to the businesses along this area. There was much discussion between the WCEDC and the Commission on creating a working plan for improvements in being esthetically pleasing, economically friendly, and getting the Brownsfields cleaned.

Jeff Walker stated they will be working in the downtown area utilizing the Main Street Program funds. The Commission discussed purchasing buildings and renovating them for sharing of smaller businesses in the downtown area or work with current owners for renovation. Lori Shipman stated that the downtown area needs to clarify their identity. More discussion developed.

Mayor Daniel stated he would like for the Redevelopment Commission to check into purchasing benches for the downtown area. Lori Shipman stated the Main Street Program can provide funds for that next year after writing a grant. Mayor Daniel is also making improvements to the entrances into Columbia City namely the south entrance on SR 9.

President Commissioner Siler presented the annual report to the Commission for approval. There was discussion of the small remaining amount in the Recap 2.0 Grant. It is the Commissions' understanding, there was no remaining amount left due to the two RLFs given. It is the consensus of the Commission this amount needs to be transferred to the RLF account showing a zero balance in the Recap 2.0 Grant. Also the interest from the RLF goes back into the RLF account. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hatcher, with a second from Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **accept the 2012 annual report**, all voted aye.

As all business was discussed, the Commission adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.