

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

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

members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Commissioner Ben Romine
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell

Those absent: Commissioner Lindsey Hively
Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Also in attendance: Jeff Walker, Community Development Director
Stan Meyer, Ex-Officio Member
Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant
Greg Fahl, Orizon Real Estate
Ryan Daniel, Mayor
Doug Brown, President of Whitley County Chamber of Commerce
Greg Hockemeyer, CCRDC Attorney
Lori Shipman, WCEDC
Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects

In review of the minutes from the previous meeting, Commissioner Romine asked that **names be spelled correctly before making the motion of accepting the minutes as presented.** Vice President Commissioner Snell seconds the motion. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Greg Fahl is present representing the owner of the building downtown located at **213 W. VanBuren Street.** Mr. Fahl advised the owner is willing to donate the building to them. The building has serious structural issues and is recommended to be demolished. There are many utility lines connected to the west wall that might create an issue and definitely an expense for the Commission. After much discussion, President Commissioner Siler requested information from the electric department on the removal and expense of electrical lines. Mayor Daniel will bring this information to the next regular scheduled meeting.

Doug Brown, Whitley County Chamber of Commerce, and Teresa Ladd of TK Ladd Architects presented the newly revised guidelines for the façade grant applications for the Commissions' consideration. After much discussion, additional changes will be made and brought before the commission at their next scheduled meeting for approval.

Teresa Ladd, TK Ladd Architects, requested **the Jim Schrimper, Gotcha Covered, façade grant be paid** as it is now complete. The amount requested is **\$869.00 for a new awning** at the cost of \$1,738.00. On the motion of Vice President Commissioner Snell, and second of Commissioner Romine, to allow the payment of \$869.00 for the replacement of a new awning

for the Gotcha Covered business and authorize the **\$180.00 architectural fee** payable to T K Ladd Architects, all voted aye.

CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer asks the Commission take the map of a possible TIF expansion and study this in order to stay in the timeline, conducted by Sue Beesley, for a declaratory resolution by December 2, 2014.

Community Development Director Jeff Walker presented a **RFP from Martin Riley for the former Eagles property**. Vice President Commissioner Snell and Commissioner Romine will work on this proposal with a timeline and bring it back before the Commissioner at the next regular scheduled meeting.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned on the motion of Commissioner Romine and second of Vice President Commissioner Snell, with all voting aye.

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