

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2013**

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

members present: Secretary Commissioner Patricia Hatcher
President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Commissioner Lindsey Hively

Those absent: Commissioner Ben Romine

Also present: Ex-officio Member Stan Meyers
Redevelopment Commission Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
Holly Schrader
Colten Geiger
Jeff Walker, Community Development Director
Lori Shipman, WCEDC

After review of the **February 12, 2013 minutes**, Commissioner Hively 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.

Attorney Greg Hockemeyer informed the Commission in his investigation of their current **TIF district provisions**, the current allocation (TIF) district encompasses the entire “Columbia City Central Redevelopment Area” and was adopted in April 1993. As a result, the creation of the allocation district is not subject to the 25 or 30 year limitation imposed on such provisions adopted after June 30, 1995. There appears to be no factual impediment, like contiguousness, to simply amending the prior plan so as to enlarge the existing allocation area. The issues were based on the assumption that enlarging the current district through amendment would be easier and, perhaps, imbue the new area with a grandfathered immunity to the sunset provisions. His initial analysis suggests that the assumption may have been flawed, in spite of positive findings on the two specific issues researched. Attorney Hockemeyer believes in amending the current plan would subject our current allocation district to the new sunset provisions, rather than imbuing the expanded area with the grandfathered status. Attorney Hockemeyer requests the Commission to consider authorizing him to obtain the assistance of special counsel to assist him with a second opinion and technical assistance. After some discussion, it is the consensus of the Commission to permit Attorney Greg Hockemeyer to seek special counsel in redevelopment issues. President Commissioner Siler questioned if Attorney Hockemeyer had any estimate as to the costs involved, and he did not. Martha Acres informed the Commission when the last TIF District was created, Alan Tio of the WCEDC, worked with the Commission in the different steps involved. Attorney Hockemeyer will make contact with him.

In other matters, Attorney Greg Hockemeyer informed the Commission he has reviewed the Redevelopment Plan that was created in 1993 and discovered the Commission has completed some of the objectives and is on track.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned.

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