

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 2019

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Patricia Hatcher
Stan Meyer, Ex-officio member
Commissioner Scott Gates

Members absent: Secretary Commissioner Dr. Angela Leonhard
Commissioner Tad Varga

Also in attendance: Mayor Ryan Daniel
Community Development Director Jeff Walker
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer

The **minutes** from February 2019 were approved. Motion was made by Scott Gates, seconded by Patricia Hatcher. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Financial Review- The RDC has \$58,000 in operating funds, as well as \$29,000 in TIF funds and \$98,000 for RLF. \$1.385 million is set aside for environmental cleanup.

Façade Program Revisions- The revision is in progress and a meeting will be held later to formally revise.

RFP for 314-316 W. Van Buren- One submission was received, proposing to buy the building for \$10,000. Carl Siler suggested to reject the offer and to enter into negotiations with the bidder. Patricia Hatcher motioned to authorize a subcommittee (made up of RDC members) to enter into negotiations with the bidder. Scott Gates seconded the motion, and on the call of a vote, all voted aye.

LML- Greg Hockemeyer is in the process of asking the county to forgive the \$30,000 in outstanding property tax and penalties on the property. A hearing before the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals is scheduled for March 21st, after which the proposal will go before the Columbia City Common Council and the Department of Local Government Finance.

SRC Façade Grant Application- The RDC received two applications from the SRC building: one to paint and replace the windows of the building's east side, the second to fix the front of the building, which has a basement that is caving in. The project to fix the basement will begin in April. Carl Siler suggested waiting to approve the proposal until a new Façade Grant Program is created, as the current program is in a moratorium. Members agreed that there is no problem if the repairs begin before the proposal is accepted. Scott Gates motioned to accept this suggestion, seconded by Carl Siler. On the call of a vote, all voted aye.

Eagle Tech Academy Parking- Beginning in April, the West parking lot (currently used by Eagle Tech students) will be needed by the property owners, and the East lot will provide staging for construction. Greg Hockemeyer informed Eagle Tech Academy that their parking arrangement will last until the end of the school year.

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