

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

December 14th, 2021

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates
Commissioner Tad Varga
Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)

Members absent: Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter
Commissioner Samara Thompson

Also in attendance: Mayor Ryan Daniel
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
Dale Buuck EDC Director

President Siler called the meeting to order. President Siler shared that Commissioner Cotter has last month's minutes. The November minutes will be pushed back to January for approval.

Old Business-

Façade Grant (Arnold Bldg) - Attorney Hockemeyer communicated with Jeff Arnold that the grant request is still "floating" and clarified with Mr. Arnold that the approval will expire January 14th of next year.

Interest Check Received- Attorney Hockemeyer received the check from 314 W Van Buren St after sending them a demand letter.

Façade Grant- Mayor Daniel reported that Clerk-Treasurer Rosie Coyle was asking if she can close the Toni Staples Façade Grant. Commissioner Varga reported he had met with Toni regarding the original concept for her property on South Main Street. Since that time, she apparently painted the building blue, which was different from what was proposed. The project was previously approved, but not for what it is being used for. Mr. Hockemeyer offered to send a letter about the approval and to inform them that the grant will expire at a certain point. It was determined that the discussion would be tabled to be discussed further at the January meeting, so past minutes can be reviewed.

LML Property- President Siler shared that the four 55-gallon barrels were left sitting on the site for longer than regulations allow. Because of this, the site had to be declared as a "Waste Generating" Site. IDEM said the barrels shouldn't have been left there that long. This has somewhat extended the timeline for cleanup. Attorney Hockemeyer shared that a meeting is taking place in January to discuss what types

of development IDEM will approve for that location. Mayor Daniel shared that SME has sent an email stating they will cover all costs.

New Business-

Columbia City Connect- Kayla Wigent from Columbia City Connect discussed bike racks they plan to place near parks & downtown restaurants in Columbia City. They'd like to purchase five bike racks for \$2500 and have raised \$250 so far. The commissioners discussed a matching grant, matching dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1500. The \$250 Columbia City Connect has already raised will be included in the match. A motion was made to approve the \$1500 match by Commissioner Gates, seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken, all voted aye.

Other Business-

None-

Submitted by, Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor