

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

May 10, 2022

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
 Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates
 Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter
 Commissioner Samara Thompson
 Commissioner Tad Varga
 Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)

Members absent: ---

Also in attendance: CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
 Mayor Ryan Daniel
 Community Development Director Chip Hill
 EDC Director Dale Buuck

President Siler called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the April minutes. Secretary Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice President Gates. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Old Business-

LML Property – President Siler shared with the commissioners that he has a copy of the assessment if anyone would like him to email the file to them. The paper from IDEM has been signed, sent in, and the lawyer has the paper. He reiterated that they can start looking for someone to buy the property. Dale Buuck shared that someone from South Bend was interested in putting housing on the property, but President Siler said housing can't be put on the land with the way it is now. The commissioners then discussed appraisals, whether the property should be split apart or sold whole, and whether they should hire someone to help them get started. They also discussed the idea of a corridor-wide study, extending North on Chauncey Street from the site, with the idea that a wider redevelopment project should be considered including, but not limited to the site.

Appraisals for Jackson-Line Street Site – Commissioner Smith received 3 responses from appraisers. Attorney Hockemeyer urged everyone to think about what the property should or should not be used for. Commissioner Varga made a motion to approve moving forward with the two lower-cost appraisals, seconded by Commissioner Thompson; all voted aye.

New Business-

Resolution No. 2022R-1 – Attorney Hockemeyer shared the resolution noting the Commission will be keeping all of the 2022 increment and asked the commissioners to take a vote. Vice President Gates made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022R-1, seconded by Commissioner Varga; all voted aye.

Other Business-

Presentation on Animal Waste – Jacob Hildebrand, a student at Eagle Tech, presented a proposal to the Commission. He stated that he installed 2 pet waste disposal stations in Morsches Park, and he would like to put 1 additional station at Thomas Marshall Plaza and 1 more at Oakey Alley. He requested \$489.98 to cover the cost of the remaining 2 pet waste disposal stations. Chip Hill shared that he will be emptying the stations and purchase the bags to refill them. Commissioner Varga made a motion to approve the \$489.98, seconded by Commissioner Thompson; all voted aye.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor