

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

September 14, 2022

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler (arrived at 12:08 PM)
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

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

Old Business-

LML Property – Attorney Hockemeyer told the Commissioners that Attorney Don Snemis wants to know specifically what the RDC wants to be put on the property. Using the property for residential is looking like a possibility, but a vapor barrier would most likely need to be used if residential is pursued. Chip Hill is going to work on putting a map together for Dale Buuck so a plan can be created. Commissioner Smith asked if the vapor barrier would not be necessary if the RDC waited longer and monitored the levels, and Attorney Hockemeyer said he'd investigate this. The Highway Department is interested in renting part of the LML property temporarily to store materials, which could be removed from the property easily. Attorney Hockemeyer will investigate whether the tax-exempt status would be removed if the property is rented out. The commissioners agreed that Attorney Hockemeyer should look into the restrictions for renting the land before a decision is made.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Attorney Hockemeyer, Chip Hill, and Dale Buuck had a prior discussion regarding how it would be best to sell the property with parking. Attorney Hockemeyer will bring a proposal to the RDC in the new few months, but he has some more work to do before bringing it to the RDC.

314 W Van Buren Interest Payment – A discussion was held regarding the payments and what the RDC would like to do in the future. Attorney Hockemeyer will set up a meeting with President Siler, Commissioner Smith, and the owner.

New Business-

Whitley County Real Estate, LLC Façade Grant – The Commissioners reviewed a Façade Grant Application from Whitley County Real Estate, LLC. The request is for \$3000. After reviewing the application, Commissioner Varga made a motion to approve the \$3000 grant, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye. Mayor’s Executive Secretary, Ashley Buckles, will contact the organization to get all paperwork signed in the application.

Other Business-

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor