

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 14, 2023

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
 Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates
 Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter
 Commissioner Samara Thompson
 Commissioner Tad Varga

Members absent: Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)

Also in attendance: CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer
 Community Development Director Chip Hill

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

Old Business-

LML Property – President Siler attended a conference last week with some representatives of SME and a representative from the Indiana Financial Authority. The man from Indiana Financial Authority told Carl that they may need to also test for metals. This is the first Carl has heard that metal testing is required.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip spoke with Jerry Busche regarding interest in the property. He did not write a written request. Jerry is interested in possibly building apartments with garages and is looking into a 3rd story if the cost is not too high with fire suppression. Jerry has a IHCBA grant, which requires work-force housing, but he would like the apartments to be high-end. Commissioner Varga made a motion to authorize the scoring team to develop a written proposal for Jerry Busche, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

New Business – Commissioner Varga spoke to a man who is interested in purchasing a small office building with storage in Columbia City for a landscaping business.

Other Business-

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor