

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

September 12, 2023

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
 Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates
 Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter
 Commissioner Samara Thompson
 Commissioner Tad Varga – arrived at 12:07pm
 Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)

Members absent:

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

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

Old Business-

LML Property – The data for the 8th quarter results have been turned in & were reviewed by SME & Ice Miller’s lawyers. The testing of the Blue River had good results. Both lead testing & vapor testing will need to be completed. President Siler will look into having a representative from Ice Miller give an update to the RDC.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Attorney Hockemeyer gave a quit claim need to Chip Hill prior to the RDC meeting, which Chip gave to Mr. Busche. They are waiting for Mr. Busche to sign the deed and return it to Attorney Hockemeyer. Architectural renderings are occurring according to Chip and Mayor Daniel.

Bomy Singh – Bomy talked with President Siler and said he will pay the interest. He also told President Siler that the windows and garage doors are going to be replaced and an electrician is working on the building. Right now, he pays interest only, but after this year he will have regular payments which will include the principal.

Façade Grant: The Square – The owners of the Square were wondering when they would receive money from their façade grant, but the sign hasn’t been put up yet. The RDC decided that the sign needs to be put up before payment is issued. In the future, the RDC can discuss if changes can be made to the façade grant process so contractors can be paid directly.

New Business -

Façade Grant: Neely - The RDC reviewed the façade grant application.

Commissioner Varga made a motion to approve a \$3000 match to William and Tricia Neely, seconded by Commissioner Thompon. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Downtown Revitalization – Both President Siler and Commissioner Smith had been part of a downtown revitalization meeting shared what they learned with the commissioners. President Siler would like to review the RDC’s façade grant process sometime this winter and said a \$3000 cap is too low. Commissioner Smith discussed that people should potentially be able to apply for a façade grant, even if the work has already been started. Mayor Daniel said the Downtown Revitalization team will present to the RDC in November.

Columbia City Connect – Niki Keister from Columbia City Connect asked the RDC to complete the transformation survey if they have not already.

Other Business-

Vice President Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Varga. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor