

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

October 10, 2023

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

Members absent: Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter

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 September minutes. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Old Business-

LML Property: Angela Krahulik from Ice Miller's Presentation – Angela Krahulik from Ice Miller gave an update on the former Cardinal Grain site. She said SME is going to do soil vapor & lead tests and the RDC will receive the cost for the 15 additional samples. SME submitted the proposed sample locations and is waiting for IDEM to approve the locations. Angela also said the wells will be abandoned once closure occurs.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Attorney Hockemeyer is waiting to receive the paperwork back from Mr. Busche. Chip Hill hasn't heard any updates from Mr. Busche since the last RDC meeting.

Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren – Attorney Hockemeyer sent a letter to Bomy on August 29 stating that the RDC wants the interest payments by September 26, but the payments were not received by that deadline. An additional letter was sent to Bomy on October 4 that stated he has failed to pay the interest and the RDC is demanding payment within 20 days or Attorney Hockemeyer will suggest the RDC take legal action. President Siler said Bomy has started replacing windows. Monthly principal plus interest payments will start next year.

New Business -

Façade Grant: Birdhouse Enterprises – Joann Bird received 2 grants last year and there was discussion regarding how long applicants need to wait to submit another application. None of the commissioners are aware of a required waiting period. Vice

President Gates made a motion to approve a \$1250 matching grant, contingent upon Joann Bird signing the easement agreement, seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Columbia City Connect – Commissioner Varga asked Niki Keister if Columbia City Connect could get the word out about the RDC's façade grants. Niki is already working on this and will continue to do so.

Other Business-

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor