

## COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

**January 9, 2024**

Members present:                   President Commissioner Carl Siler  
  Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates  
  Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter (12:02pm arrival)  
  Commissioner Samara Thompson  
  Commissioner Tad Varga  
  Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio) (12:02pm arrival)

Members absent:                   ---

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 December minutes. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice President Gates. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

### **Old Business-**

**Election of Officers** – Commissioner Varga made a motion that Carl Siler remain president, Scott Gates remain Vice President, and Angela Cotter remain secretary for 2024, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

**LML Property** – President Siler said the last round of testing cost approximately \$20,000, leaving approximately \$170,000 in the account. President Siler hasn't heard anything else about the testing.

**Jackson-Line Street Site** – Chip has not heard anything from Mr. Busche since the last meeting.

**Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren** – Attorney Hockemeyer said he is fine with this topic being tabled, but around March he recommends the RDC appoints a committee to start a dialogue with Mr. Singh.

**South Corridor Trees** – Chip is discussing planting trees in INDOT's right-of-way with the Tree Board and Janice Daniel. Prior to today's meeting, Mayor Daniel sent the commissioners INDOT's response regarding the process to plant trees in their right-of-way.

### **New Business-**

**Remediation Project** – President Siler discussed a potential future remediation project in the railroad TIF district. He said Phase I would be necessary and discussed the possibility of the RDC paying for Phase I, which would cost approximately \$5000.

President Siler said there is an excess of funds in the LML account, which could be used towards Phase I fees. The commissioners said they were interested in learning more about this project.

**Other Business-**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

*Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor*