

## **COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 9, 2024**

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:           Mayor Ryan Daniel  
  Community Development Director Chip Hill  
  Whitley County EDC President Dale Buuck  
  CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer

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

### **Old Business-**

**LML Property** – President Siler said there are no updates regarding this topic.

**Jackson-Line Street Site** – Chip Hill said there are no updates regarding this topic.

**Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren** – Bomy didn't show up for the meeting that was scheduled in March. He is currently in good standing because he has made all required payments. On October 26, 2024 the payments convert to regular installment payments. Bomy met with President Siler last week and Bomy said he is going to focus more on the exterior, such as water blasting, painting, and updating windows. Bomy also told President Siler he didn't receive the notice from Attorney Hockemeyer, but Attorney Hockemeyer said the February 23<sup>rd</sup> letter was signed for on February 26, 2024 by Bomy's wife. President Siler also emailed a copy of the letter to Bomy. President Siler invited Bomy to today's RDC meeting to plead his case, but Bomy did not show up.

**South Corridor Trees** – Chip has only received one quote because no other businesses have responded to him. Chip also said the Tree Board would most likely be willing to put \$10,000 toward the project. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allow President Siler to choose between the current quote and any future quotes the RDC receives, and for the RDC to pay 2/3 of the quote with Railroad TIF funds, while the Tree Board pays the remaining 1/3 of the quote. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

**New Business-**

**Other Business-**

**Columbia City Connect** – Niki Keister talked about the Historic Interior Tour that is happening downtown on May 4<sup>th</sup>. People will be able to tour several stories of historic buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm.

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