

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

July 9, 2024

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

Members absent: ---

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

President Siler called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the June 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 – Two additional samples are required, one being on the south side of the property. Mayor Daniel received approval from the county to complete the sample.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip connected Mr. Busche with a couple firms.

South Corridor Trees – Chip is going to resend an email to the County Highway Department because he hasn't heard back from them after sending an email on June 5th. If he doesn't receive a response from them, he will reach out to the County Commissioners.

Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren – Mr. Singh sent an email with pictures to President Siler. The pictures showed the replacement of all windows. The building was water blasted and is supposed to receive a coating. Also, rotten boards were removed, an area that was collapsing was rebuilt, and the roof was replaced. In the email, Bomy asked for additional funds. Currently, the commissioners do not want to take any further action.

New Business-

Façade Grant: BABE of Whitley County – BABE is renting a building, which pays taxes, so the RDC will consider a façade grant application if one is turned in.

Façade Grant: Leanne Facer - Ms. Facer paid \$1385 to replace a cracked window and is requesting compensation. Paperwork was missing from the application and the commissioners agreed that the purpose is to beautify buildings, not for maintenance. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Other Business-

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor