

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

November 12, 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: Community Development Director Chip Hill
Mayor Ryan Daniel
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer

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

Old Business-

LML Property – Boring has been completed and the results have been received, but they have not been analyzed in detail. Petroleum was found off the LML property but has not been found on the LML property. The results should be reviewed in the next couple of weeks.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip said the county is interested in the property for parking. Mr. Busche has invested money in the property already and would want to be reimbursed by the county if they purchase it. The commissioners are also interested in swapping a property they currently own for the Jackson-Line Street property. The RDC commissioners are not interested in the county acquiring the property for a parking lot.

South Corridor Trees – The majority of the landscaping is completed, and the rest should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren – Attorney Hockemeyer has not received the interest payment, so the loan is not forgiven yet. The commissioners agreed that interest should accrue on the entire loan. Attorney Hockemeyer will send a letter to Mr. Singh stating that if he pays the interest payment within ten days, the accrued interest will be forgiven.

Annual Spending Plan – President Siler, Secretary Cotter, Chip, and Attorney Hockemeyer worked on the annual spending plan prior to the RDC meeting. The

plan must be filed by the end of November. Commissioner Varga made a motion to approve the proposed annual spending plan, seconded by Vice President Gates. A Vote was taken; all voted aye.

New Business-

Other Business-

Chris Morgan from Blue Eagle Towing – Chris is looking to purchase Smith Brothers. He has completed Phase I on the property and the bank is requesting that he complete Phase II. He was wondering if the RDC would be willing to either pay for Phase II or swap a property for the Smith Brothers property. The commissioners agreed that President Siler can discuss a proposed agreement with Chris to present to the commissioners at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor