

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

December 10, 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 November minutes. Vice President Gates made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Old Business-

LML Property – The results from the boring did not exceed IDEM's limits. The results along with a requested map were sent to IDEM and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip said there have been some issues, but the project is moving forward.

South Corridor Trees – Chip said this project is completed.

Bomy Singh: 314 W Van Buren – Attorney Hockemeyer received the check, and it cleared. The "Release of Mortgage" has been executed and was sent to Mr. Singh. GIS now shows that Mr. Singh owns the property.

Smith Brothers Property – As of right now, it looks like the City will acquire the property directly from Kent Smith. After the acquisition, the City will have to complete a Phase I and II, which would cost approximately \$20,000-25,000. A motion was made by Commission Varga to move forward with both phases if the City acquires the property, seconded by Vice President Gates. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

New Business-

Other Business-

Columbia City Connect – Matt Shipman, Board President, presented to the RDC. He introduced Abby Carter, who is doing marketing for Columbia City Connect. Matt discussed a matching loan they received from the Community Foundation for \$10,000, which was matched with non-government dollars. He asked if the Redevelopment Commission would also grant them \$10,000 of unrestricted funds, which would most likely be used to help for signage around downtown. Matt also shared the organization’s successful initiatives for 2024 and said a new website was launched in September 2024, which has experienced quite a bit of traffic. Finally, Matt said they will also reach out to the County Commissioners to request funding as well. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve \$10,000 in unrestricted funds for Columbia City Connect from 2024 funds, seconded by Commissioner Varga. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor