

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 11, 2025

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

Members absent: Commissioner Tad Varga

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

Old Business-

LML Property – The technical review came back favorably and now the paperwork is being processed. There are not any problems showing up on the site.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip has not received the quick claim deed from Mr. Busche.

Former Jail Property – Mayor Daniel received the feasibility study today but has not thoroughly reviewed it. He will review the study before the next meeting.

Smith Brothers Property – Phase I is currently in progress. Stephen Zins recently photographed the site.

New Business-

Façade Grant for The Mercantile – Vice President Siler made a motion to approve a \$3000 match, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Consideration of Engaging Ice Miller – Attorney Hockemeyer spoke with Lisa Lee and she has a plan. The west side of the property could include a residential TIF and the east side could include a commercial TIF. The purpose of these TIF districts would be to invest in the infrastructure. Attorney Hockemeyer asked to engage Ice Miller and to allow Carl to sign the engagement letter. Vice President Gates made a

motion to approve Attorney Henkemeyer's requests, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Other Business-

Maintaining Thomas Marshall Plaza – Ann Fahl and Sharon Geiger have maintained the pocket park for the past 10 years and will no longer be maintaining it in the future. Chip will get a quote for refreshing Thomas Marshall Plaza. Someone will need to maintain the pocket park into the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor