

## COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

**April 8, 2025**

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler  
Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates  
Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter  
Commissioner Samara Thompson  
Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)- 12:03pm arrival

Members absent: Commissioner Tad Varga

Also in attendance: Community Development Director Chip Hill  
CCRDC Attorney Greg Hockemeyer  
Whitley County EDC President Dale Buuck

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

### **Old Business-**

**LML Property** – Carl said we should receive an update by early summer. The property will need to be mowed.

**Jackson-Line Street Site** – Chip did not have any updates.

**Former Jail Property** – Packets from Moake Park were distributed to the commissioners. Mayor Daniel’s executive assistant, Ashley Buckles, shared some notes from Mayor Daniel: the cost listed in the packet is not feasible and Mayor is working with Moake Park to reduce the overall cost.

**Smith Brothers Property** – Phase I is complete and nothing unexpected showed up. Phase II will be recommended if there is a buyer of the property.

**Maintaining Thomas Marshall Plaza** – Chip said it will cost \$351 to “refresh” Thomas Marshall Plaza. Chip is also going to look into having both pocket parks (Thomas Marshall Plaza and Ohki Alley) under either the City or the RDC. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to allow up to \$500 to be spent to refresh Thomas Marshall Plaza, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

**Consideration of Declaratory Resolution** – Lisa Lee from Ice Miller joined virtually and presented the future timeline for the property north of Walmart. Chip will be

working with both the developer and Lisa Lee and he will also create a map of the overall areas, a map of the TIF areas, and a list of parcels. Lisa suggested waiting until the May meeting to potentially adopt the declaratory resolution. She also said an Economic Development Commission would be needed in the future.

**New Business-**

**Other Business-**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.

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