

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

August 12, 2025

Members present: President Commissioner Carl Siler
Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates
Commissioner Tad Varga
Commissioner Samara Thompson
Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)– 12:03pm arrival

Members absent: Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter

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

President Siler called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the July minutes. Vice President Gates made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by President Siler. A vote was taken; Vice President Gates and President Siler voted aye, while Commissioners Varga and Thompson abstained.

Old Business-

LML Property – President Siler spoke with Stephen Zins and Stephen is trying to find out why a response from IDEM has not been received yet.

Jackson-Line Street Site – Chip has meeting with Mr. Busche this week. Mr. Busche would like to be paid for the investment he put into the property. There was discussion regarding when 2 years will have passed since the agreement was signed—Attorney Hockemeyer will look into this.

Former Jail Property – There are currently no updates.

Smith Brothers Property – President Siler received the report for Phase II and he didn't see anything unexpected. Metal was found in some of the samples. Two additional testing methods were also conducted and there were a few spots that tested poorly inside the building. President Siler sent the results to Attorney Angela Krahulik.

New Business-

Façade Grant Inquiry – Chip Hill spoke to someone about a potential façade grant, but the project would consist of inside signage. After discussion, the commissioners agreed that interior signage does not qualify for the façade grant program.

Other Business-

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor