

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

November 11, 2025

Members present:	President Commissioner Carl Siler Vice President Commissioner Scott Gates Secretary Commissioner Angela Cotter Commissioner David Smith (Ex-Officio)
Members absent:	Commissioner Tad Varga Commissioner Samara Thompson
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 October minutes. Secretary Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice President Gates. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Old Business-

LML Property – There are no new requests of the RDC.

Van Buren/Washington Streets Site – Mayor said he would like to see that site redeveloped, rather than staying a parking lot. Chip Hill will put together an RFP.

Former Jail Property – An RFP was created and presented to the commissioners for review. Probation currently plans to be out of the building by the end of 2025. The deadline for RFP submissions will be January 30, 2026. Vice President Gates made a motion to authorize the issuance of the RFP, seconded by Secretary Cotter. A vote was taken; all voted aye.

Smith Brothers Property – SME and Ice Miller are in communication regarding next steps. They have also communicated with the state and the same steps that were used to clean up the LML property would most likely be used to clean up this property, too. Mayor Daniel will look into past insurance policies that could potentially be used. Considerable testing has occurred beyond the Phase II testing, and there have not been any additional findings.

New Business-

Grant Building Façade Grant – The owners of the building reached out to Chip regarding a potential façade grant for tuckpointing on the west side of the building. The commissioners said they would consider a grant request if an application were turned in.

Other Business-

Columbia City Connect – Niki Keister, the Executive Director of Columbia City Connect, presented a 2025 update to the commissioners. She stated that First Friday continues to grow, new programs were initiated, the Community Calendar is being utilized by residents, outdoor signage was installed downtown, business seminars were held, and “Windows into History” was implemented.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm.

Submitted by Ashley Buckles, Executive Assistant to the Mayor