

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2010**

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in regular session with the following **members present**:

President Commissioner Carl Siler
Secretary Commissioner Belinda Hawn
Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell
Commissioner Robin Arms

Upon reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, Secretary Commissioner Belinda Hawn made a motion to **accept the minutes** as distributed, with a second from Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell reported to the Commission that the Mayor's Office and Clerk Treasurer's Office have **concerns over the loan agreement entered into with Passages on the legality of the proper use of recap grant and also the Common Council needs to appropriate funds.** President Commissioner Carl Siler stated he contacted Ice Miller on this and he was informed that if the Commission used TIF funds there would be issues. The loan agreement was drafted by the Commission's attorney Matt Shipman who emailed several drafts to the Commissioners as well as the Mayor and this issue was discussed in last month's meeting, and no one had any problems with the agreement. Also, Anne Mannix informed Joe Paulus, IHCD, of this agreement to be sure the Commission was within the guidelines of the recap grant. The feedback received from IHCD was favorable. Vice President Commissioner Snell suggests that any activity on the agreement wait until Attorney Marcia McNagy provides her findings. Much discussion developed over Council appropriations and expenditures of the Commission. Martha Acres questioned if there was any written documentation on the extension of the recap grant and the approval of the use of funds on a loan from IHCD. President Commissioner Carl Siler stated he has not received any official document of these two facts. However, he was copied on emails between Anne Mannix and Joe Paulus. Martha will contact Anne for correspondence from IHCD. After more discussion, Vice President Commissioner Snell stated that the grant says one thing and Joe Paulus says something else and the Commission needs to wait for Marcia's report. President Commissioner Carl Siler agrees. Vice President Commissioner Snell stated that the Clerk Treasurer is holding the funds until Attorney McNagy's findings. President Commissioner Siler will check his emails for the copied correspondence with Anne Mannix and Joe Paulus and advise Martha of his discoveries.

President Commissioner Siler presented an **invoice from TK Ladd in the amount of \$162.50 for architectural services for the downtown façade grant at 314 W. Van Buren Street.** Secretary Commissioner Hawn questions the additional charge of TK Ladd on the façade grant application, when the Chamber of Commerce Façade Committee has never billed the Commission for their services. After some discussion, Martha will check previous façade grant applications to determine whether or not an

additional charge was allowed and report back to the Commission at the next regular scheduled meeting.

As all business has been discussed, Secretary Commissioner Hawn made a motion to adjourn with a second from Vice President Commissioner Snell. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Executive Secretary to the Mayor.