

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 12, 2009**

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

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

Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell made a motion to **approve the February 10, 2009 minutes** with a second from Secretary Commissioner Belinda Hawn. On call of the vote, only Vice President Commissioner Snell, Secretary Commissioner Hawn and President Commissioner Siler voted aye. Commissioner Arms and Pepler were not present for this meeting. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hawn, and second of Commissioner Pepler, to **approve the March 10, 2009 minutes**, all voted aye. On the motion of Commissioner Pepler, and second of Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **approve the April 14, 2009 minutes**, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission that the **Eagles rejected their offer and did not counter offer**. Mayor Jim Fleck informed the Commission for four years they searched for a developer that would invest in our downtown and assured the Eagles the Commission had their best interest at heart. He stated that the City will stand by the Commission as they promised; however, if the Commission doesn't travel a different avenue within a short time frame, they will have to return the \$100,000 grant. The Mayor extends his appreciation of the Commission's efforts.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission they now need to **find new prospects in the downtown area other than the Eagles**. Vice President Commissioner Snell stated that an area was targeted in the beginning of this process, so the buildings just west of the Eagles property can be researched for redevelopment if the Commission decides to. President Commissioner Siler supplied information on the buildings just west of the Eagles and east of the old church. Commissioner Pepler suggested that a different area be researched also and that would be the Aumsbaugh Flooring business. Secretary Commissioner Hawn likes that idea along with President Commissioner Siler. Mayor Fleck reminded the Commission they are in a short timeframe on the use of the grant, and one thing they should remember is that the buildings downtown were evaluated by structural engineers previously. Much discussion developed and it is the consensus of the Commission to divide the properties mentioned between them and contact the owners to see if a purchase can be arranged. Since the deadline on the grant is quickly approaching, the Commission will meet next week to provide information on the outcome of their research.

Secretary Commissioner Hawn informed the Commission that the Eagles have asked her to help in a fund raiser and she doesn't feel this is a conflict of interest, but wants everyone to know this upfront.

As all business was discussed, the Commission adjourned on the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hawn and second of Commissioner Pepler.

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