

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES  
JUNE 16, 2009**

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in regular session with the following **members present**: President Commissioner Carl Siler  
Secretary Commissioner Belinda Hawn  
Commissioner Robin Arms

**Those absent:** Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell  
Commissioner Ryan Pepler

After reviewing the **minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting**, Commissioner Arms made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hawn to approve, with all voting aye. After reviewing the **minutes of the May 20, 2009 meeting**, Secretary Commissioner Hawn made a motion which is seconded by Commissioner Arms to approve, with all voting aye.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission Matt Shipman, attorney for the Commission has submitted **purchase agreements for the three owners in the downtown area** where they have focused their attention in redevelopment for their review. Attorney Shipman stated there were different clauses in these agreements than the one for the Eagles property.

**Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell is now present.**

Vice President Commissioner Snell informed the Commission that after talking with Anne Mannix, the **historical reviews at these locations seem to be creating issues**. He doesn't exactly know what these issues are. Secretary Commissioner Hawn is concern over the fact that if there are issues where they can't go forward because of the historical reviews, why would the Commission want to fund appraisals until they know for sure what the issues are? Attorney Shipman stated he will change the language in the contract where the Commission would not be held to purchase if there is a problem with any of the reviews. Mayor Fleck advised the Commission to be careful moving forward as there was once a dry cleaning business in this area. After further discussion, it is the consensus of the Commission to meet next week to allow additional time for the historical review and discover what the issues are before proceeding forward.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission the Wayfinding Committee is meeting this afternoon for the presentation of a company that creates informational signs in communities. This is one of the issues for consideration in the **Hyatt Palma Downtown Study**. President Commissioner Siler then proceeded to update the Commission on the background of the Hyatt Palma Study, why the Commission follows the recommendations from the study, and the façade grant of up to \$5,000 on a matching

grant for façade improvement. The downtown businesses have lost interest over the past year, as it was not sufficient funds in making considerable improvements.

Attorney Matt Shipman questioned whether or not the Commission wanted an executive session on the purchase agreements at the next meeting and it is the consensus of the Commission this is not necessary.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned on the motion of Vice President Commissioner Snell and second of Commissioner Arms with all voting aye.

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