

**COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

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

Those absent: Vice President Commissioner Kevin Snell

In reviewing July 14, 2009 minutes, Secretary Commissioner Hawn made a motion, which is seconded by President Commissioner Siler, to accept the minutes as presented. On call of the vote, all voted aye. In reviewing the August 11, 2009 minutes, it is noted Vice President Commissioner Snell needs to be present for approval and since he is absent at this meeting, the minutes are tabled.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission the individual interested in the Larry/Larry building has hired a consultant to investigate the location and purpose to be sure their project is feasible. President Commissioner Siler also informed the Commission IHEDA has given the Commission an extension on the \$100,000 grant as long as maybe six months, the Commissioner expends their match and IHEDA is in agreement on project in the downtown area.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission that Vice President Commissioner Snell and himself have investigated the purchase of benches in the downtown area. Three Birds submitted a quote and even though it was high, they felt the Commission should support the downtown businesses. Attorney Matt Shipman questioned where the benches would be placed and if the owners of the facilities would have to give permission. Also there is State Road 9 and 205 and the legality of right-of-way should be investigated. Matt also questions whether the cost of benches would fall into the perimeter of the IHEDA grant. Discussion followed.

President Commissioner Siler presented a bill for a hotel stay and mileage for attending the Statewide Housing & Economic Conference in the amount of \$518.72. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hawn, and second of Commissioner Pepler, to allow the bill submitted by President Commissioner Siler in the amount of \$518.72 for reimbursement on expenses to attend the Statewide Housing & Economic Conference, all voted aye.

Commissioner Arms questioned the status on the proposed technical school being located in the downtown area. Mayor Fleck stated there are two different locations where this could be utilized and he needs to further investigate the possibilities by meeting with the Whitley County Consolidated School Superintendent. Mayor Fleck did invite any of the

Commissioners to be in attendance at this meeting. President Commissioner Siler and Secretary Commissioner Hawn are both interested in attending.

As all business was discussed, the meeting adjourned on the motion of Commissioner Pepler and second of Secretary Commissioner Hawn, with all voting aye.

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