

RESOLUTION NO: ___-2014

**RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBUS REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES
WESTLAKE REED LESKOSKY
FOR PRE-DESIGN SERVICES TO START THE
REDESIGN PROCESS OF THE CUSTER-NUGENT AMPHITHEATER**

Comes now the Columbus Department of Redevelopment, more commonly known as the Columbus Redevelopment Commission, and for this Resolution says as follows:

WHEREAS, Indiana Code §36-7-14-1 *et seq.* provides that a community may establish a Department of Redevelopment to be controlled by a Redevelopment Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, through its Common Council, did on August 19, 2003 create the City of Columbus Department of Redevelopment and the City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission (“Redevelopment Commission”) by way of Ordinance Number 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Commission has established an Arts District in downtown Columbus; and

WHEREAS, an overarching goal of the Arts District as set forth in its Strategic Plan is to re-vitalize performing arts facilities that will contribute to rich urban experiences and diversity in downtown Columbus and provide variety of experiences that are appealing, affordable and accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, a further goal of the Arts District as set forth in its Strategic Plan is to re-evaluate the design of Mill Race Amphitheater to increase the programming capability, expand audience seating and sight lines and create a state enclosure to provide shelter from the weather; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Redevelopment Commission needs someone with specialized skills to conduct pre-design services of the Custer-Nugent Amphitheater to achieve the aforementioned goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Steering Committee with representatives from The Republic, Columbus Area Arts Council, Columbus Parks & Recreation Department, Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Arts District Project consultant, community business leaders and interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Steering Committee sent out Request for Qualifications to several amphitheater design consultants, four comprehensive proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Steering Committee sent out Request for Proposals to the four pre-qualified architectural firms – all with vast experience designing amphitheatres, and

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Steering Committee had face-to-face interviews with three firms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Amphitheater Steering Committee requests Columbus Redevelopment Commission to engage the services of Westlake Reed Leskosky to provide pre-design services on the Custer-Nugent Amphitheater.

2. Westlake Reed Leskosky has presented their concepts to the Redevelopment Commission and City Council at two separate public meetings. Both the Redevelopment Commission and City Council acknowledged the need for the re-design of the amphitheater and liked the concepts presented by Westlake Reed Leskosky.

3. The Columbus Redevelopment Commission does hereby instruct Kristen Brown, President of the Redevelopment Commission to sign a design service contract with Westlake Reed Leskosky for pre-design services in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Adopted this 18st day of August, 2014.

Kristen Brown, Chairman

Frank Jerome, Vice-Chairman

Dave Wright, Secretary