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**Minutes**

The Redevelopment Commission met in Regular Session on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 4:10 p.m.

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by the President. Roll call was taken. All commissioners were present in person.

**Attendees:**

Commissioners:

Al Roszczyk, Pres.     Kyle Hendricks, V.P.     Trena Carter, Sec.  
 Shannon McDonald     Cynthia Boll

Other attendees: Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director; Mikala Brown, Redevelopment Project Coordinator; Grace Kestler, City Council Liaison; Jason Major, BCSC School Board Representative; Tom Dell, City Council Member; Frank Miller, City Council Member; and Mary Stroh, counsel.

**Discussion Items:** None

**Action Items**

**2. Resolution #25-2023 of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission to provide Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation with a Workforce Development Grant for school year 2023/2024 – Dr. Jim Roberts, BCSC Superintendent and Chad Phillips, BCSC Assistant Superintendent**

Dr. Roberts presented overall goals of the requested funds with overview of the three projects that would receive funding: i-GRAD, Transition Programs, and STEM with IT PATHWAY in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College. The goals of each individual project were presented as well. Dr. Roberts gave an update on the project statistics from the 2022/2023 funds, updates to those projects, and a history of the requested funds was given. Funding requests for each program for the 2023/2024 school year were as follows: i-GRAD program (\$330,500); Transition planning 2023/2024: (\$267,397), STEM and IT PATHWAY in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College (\$402,103).

Al opened the floor for commissioner discussion. Shannon commented on the outcomes and improvements through these projects. Shannon asked how many of the elementary age STEM teachers are STEM certified. Dr. Roberts indicated that there is not a high number of teachers that are STEM certified at this point. There was further discussion on how that certification is obtained and what is required at the licensure level. Grace

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acknowledged the positive outcomes of the Empower program and the Transition Program and commended how the community is working together to identify student potential and workforce opportunity.

Al offered questions or comments from the audience. Tom Dell commented on STEAM programs available expanding beyond STEM. He further emphasized the opportunity offered here and what a difference these projects make. Dr. Roberts also commented on appreciation of the partnership with the City and opportunities that are made available. Jason Major commented on the Art programming that is available through B.C.S.C. as well.

No further discussion on the part of commissioners and no public comment or questions. Shannon moved and Trena seconded the motion to take action to adopt Resolution 25-2023 to recommend to the Common Council of the City of Columbus that they consider this grant and approve the same to provide Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation with a Workforce Development Grant for school year 2023/2024. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Review of the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes was had, no corrections or changes were noted. Kyle moved and Cynthia seconded a motion to adopt the same. There being no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Review and Approval of Claims**

A docket of claims was provided. There were no further questions or discussion regarding those presented. Trena moved and Shannon seconded a motion to adopt the same. There being no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, and all claims approved.

**5. Project Update – Heather Pope**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Street Thoroughfare Project:** AZTEC (engineer and designer) has submitted their 95% plans for review by the City and INDOT. Both entities have provided feedback. The project is scheduled to go out to bid and will be advertised Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. The bids will be opened and taken under consideration and review on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The funding request will be brought forth at the September 18<sup>th</sup> CRC meeting (if the bids are found to be acceptable by Engineering). Construction will take place in the Spring of 2024 with landscaping planted in the fall of 2024. This project is currently being coordinated with the Taylor mixed-use development timeline and also with the INDOT road resurfacing scheduled to take place in 2025/2026.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway Project** – The CRC recently approved \$80,000 to support the Mill Race Gateway entrance project. The construction is substantially completed with remaining landscaping to be installed later this fall.
- **Tenant Activity:** The CRC has received several inquiries on the former Bucceto's vacant space. At this time, we are in lease negotiations with an interested tenant and hope to have a formalized commitment in the upcoming weeks.




- **Garages:** REI advised that the brickwork is complete at the Jackson Street Garage. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Garage is undergoing brickwork improvements and should be completed in the next couple weeks.
- **Former Probation Building Demolition:** The CRC received a “recycled materials” report from Renascent Inc., the company that demolished the former Probation Building earlier this spring. We were advised that 46% of the material was able to be recycled.
- **The Taylor:** Currently, the leasing office is open and accepting early lease applications and tours. The first round of leasing will open approximately 50 units. To date, approximately 20 units have commitments with move-in’s expected to take place in a little over a month.
- **Housing Study:** The Housing Study Working Group is finalizing the scope of the study and plan to issue the RFP by mid-September.
- **Riverfront:** The CRC has received the IDEM permit for the Riverfront. The next step is to finish up the permitting with USACE.

AI asked for further public comment or discussion. There was no further public comment or questions.

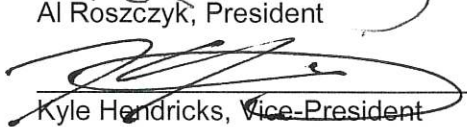
**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Shannon moved and Kyle seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

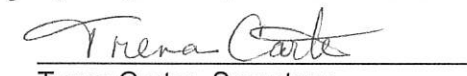
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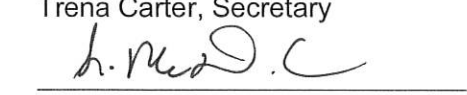
Al Roszczyk, President



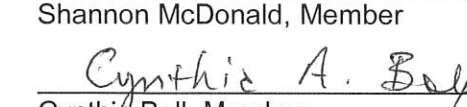
Kyle Hendricks, Vice-President



Trena Carter, Secretary



Shannon McDonald, Member



Cynthia A. Boll, Member