
Minutes

The Redevelopment Commission met in Regular Session on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the President. Roll call was taken. Commissioners in attendance were present in person.

Attendees:

Commissioners:

Trena Carter, President Shannon McDonald, V.P. Cynthia Boll, Sec.
 Scott Ballard Jim Lienhoop

Other attendees: Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director; Mikala Brown, Redevelopment Assistant Director; Jason Major, BCSC School Board Liaison via Webex; Grace Kestler, City Council Liaison; Andrew Lanam, Redevelopment Financial Consultant, Tom Dell, City Council, Elaine Hilber, City Council, and Frank Miller, City Council President and Mary Stroh, legal counsel, via Webex.

Proclamation:

2. Mayor Ferdon presented Al Roszczyk with Proclamation and key to the city.

Discussion Items: None.

Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes: March 24, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Review of the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, was had, no corrections or changes were noted. Trena called for approval of the minutes. Cindy moved and Scott seconded a motion to adopt the same. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approval of Claims

Docket of claims was provided. Heather addressed additional demand payments that came in today that have been added. No further questions or discussion regarding the claims. Trena opened the floor for

questions or comments, having none, she asked for a Motion. Shannon moved and Jim seconded a motion to adopt the same. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, and all claims were approved.

Project Update – Heather Pope –

- **Arcadia Drive (DPW Building)** – We held a great groundbreaking last Monday, April 14th with 160+ in attendance.
- **Columbus Downtown 2030** – Sasaki hosted the 2nd Community Engagement Session at the Commons on April 17th and provided an update on early findings based on the completed Market Study, Survey #1, and the January community engagement session.
- **Deaver Road Sanitary Sewer** – In March, the Redevelopment Commission approved Resolution #8-2025 to fund the installation of a new sanitary sewer line along Deaver Road as part of the Toyota Material Handling expansion for a NTE amount of \$3,791,431. This construction component is the most time sensitive to Toyota’s expanding operations. On April 15th the City Council approved our funding request for the new sanitary sewer line. At the May CRC meeting, we anticipate bringing the road improvement portion of this project to the Commission for consideration.
- **Downtown Entrance Plaza** – Merritt Chase held a meeting with the larger guiding team to share the work that has been completed and the final design on the project. They continue to work with a contractor to identifying value engineering opportunities to prepare a final concept for release with the intent to bid later this summer once the Columbus Downtown 2030 Plan has been shared.
- **2nd Street Thoroughfare Project** – Engineering and CCU continue to evaluate the bids received and will be prepared to make a recommendation at the May Redevelopment Commission meeting. As a reminder, as we were preparing to break ground on the 2nd Street Thoroughfare project, we learned of an opportunity to combine initiatives with Columbus City Utilities to replace the aging water main along 2nd Street. In an effort to recognize some efficiencies in the two projects we intend to partner with CCU and combine their infrastructure initiatives with ours for a single redevelopment project along 2nd Street.
- **The Riverfront Project** – The design team is assembling regulatory packets to be submitted in the next couple of weeks. We anticipate the review process to take 4-5 weeks. Once amended permits are received from DNR, USACE and IDEM we will assemble bid packets for letting later this summer. West bank activity has started including staking, tree removal and a completion of a bat survey.
- **Walesboro Airport Masterplan Study** – We have set up regular design team meetings with Barge Design Solutions and their team. As a reminder Barge will be completing the masterplan study for this to assist in guiding the long-term development of the airport and surrounding land while providing insight into how best to address the economic, environmental, and infrastructural challenges of the site, including its floodplain constraints.


Adjournment

Trena asked for further questions or comments. There being no further business, Trena asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim moved and Cindy seconded a motion to adjourn. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



Columbus Redevelopment Commission
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Approval of the minutes this 27th day of May 2025.



Trena Carter, President



Shannon McDonald, Vice-President



Cynthia Boll, Secretary



Jim Lienhoop, Member



Scott Ballard, Member