
works for projects and that they do a lot of direct work with landlords and building owners. Hoping to make more projects feasible.

Trena then opened it up to the public for comments and questions. A question was asked about the previous grant period. The grants were processed from May 2024 to present. Is this project opening up to residential grants? Not at this time. How is the grant committee composed? Ike discussed the current members and the process. Heather further explained the approval process for the grants. Tom Dell commented in support on the investment and impact.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, Trena entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Shannon recused himself from the vote. Scott motioned, and James seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. The Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Resolution #35-2025 of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission to approve a Design and Engineering Contract for the construction of a portion of Carr Hill Road – Andrew Beckort, City Engineer

Andrew introduced the request and background of the request. This is with Milestone Design Group and includes a design to extend Carr Hill Road to improve access to the former CRH property site. There are READI funds available for the construction portion. Trena then opened it up to the commission for questions or comments. There were questions on the timeframe. Andrew explained that plans will be completed this winter and then bids in the spring. This is one of the first steps in the overall redevelopment of the project on 46 West and required by INDOT. Heather further elaborated.

Trena then opened it up to the public. Brad Davis asked about the funding for construction.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, Trena entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. Cynthia motioned and Shannon seconded a motion to approve the same. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Resolution #36-2025 of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission to engage Renascent Inc. to demolish the buildings located at 2452 State Street – Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director

Heather introduced the request and background of the request. This was the former county highway garage property on State Street. There is need to prepare the site for future development and ready the site for redevelopment. The CRC has used Renascent in a prior demolition of the former Probation Building. Renascent provided proposal for mobilization, demolition, and hauling all of the debris. If approved, the permitting process would begin and demolition may start in February

2026. Renascent anticipates recycling about 50% of the material on site. Requesting approval for \$155,823.31.

Trena then opened it up to the commission for questions or comments. Trena commented on the recycling portion and support of that. Having no further questions, Trena then opened it up to the public. Brad Davis asked about potential plans for the site. Heather indicated there is not a specific plan at this time but it is ideal property for low-income tax credits. There has been a lot of interest in this property for mixed-use multi-family development.

There being no further comments or questions from the public, Trena entertained a motion to adopt the resolution. James motioned and Scott seconded a motion to approve the same. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Resolution #37-2025 of the Columbus Redevelopment Commission to engage the services of Andrew Lanam, Stifel, Nicolaus & company, Inc., as the Redevelopment Commissions financial consultant for calendar year 2026 – Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director

Heather has received a proposal for services for 2026. The CRC has been working with Andrew for approximately 8 years. Heather proposes a continuation of those services. This contract includes an increase from last year.

Trena opened it up to questions. Shannon clarified the total amount of the annual contract. Trena entertained a motion to approve. Shannon motioned and Cynthia seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Resolution #38-2025 of the Columbus Redevelopment commission to engage the services of Mary Stroh as the Redevelopment Commissions legal counsel for calendar year 2026 – Heather Pope, Redevelopment Director

Heather introduced the contract and the proposal. This contract has a 2.7% increase in the contract.

Trena opened it up to the commission for questions. Having none, she opened it up to the public. Having none, Trena entertained a motion to approve the proposed resolution. Cynthia motioned and Shannon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Review of the November 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes was had, no corrections or changes were noted. Trena called for approval of the minutes. Scott moved and James seconded a motion to adopt the same. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Review and Approval of Claims

Docket of claims was provided. There were some additional invoices received since initially distributed. The next meeting isn't for an additional 6 weeks and staff wishes to take care of these items prior to that meeting. No further questions or discussion regarding the claims. Trena opened the floor for questions or comments, having none, Trena called for a Motion regarding the approval of the claims. Shannon motioned and James second. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, and all claims approved.

Project Update – Heather Pope –

- **2026 Meeting Dates** – Heather provided the dates for the 2026 meeting times. They are all held on the third Monday except for January, February, and March. All to be held at 4 p.m. in Chamber Council.
- **The Riverfront Project** – Milestone continues to make significant progress on site clearing and erosion control measures. In the upcoming weeks, they are working on riprap and excavation with a pause in construction around the holidays.
- **2nd Street Thoroughfare Project** – The asphalt paving is complete within the bumpouts on the southernmost lane of 2nd Street. Currently, 2nd Street is open to unrestricted traffic until after the holidays, on account of low temperatures and unfavorable working conditions during the upcoming week leading up to the holiday. Relocation efforts will commence after the new year. Things have all been going well.
- **Arcadia Drive DPW New Facility** – This project is progressing well. Earthwork is pausing for good weather. Footings are being poured for the covered storage. Currently interior finishings are progressing/concluding including the breakroom, bathrooms, drywall and painting, etc.
- **Year End** – As we approach the end of the year and the first CRC meeting of 2026, we will continue completing some administrative functions relative to CRC membership and binder updates. We will soon be making and sharing updates to our Commissioner Hub (serving as



our CRC virtual binder) and also our physical CRC binder updates will be available in January at our first meeting. At this time, we will also swear in, notarize renewed CRC bonds, execute our Conflict of Interest forms, and complete binder updates.

Mary Stroh explained the newly approved conflict of interests and ethics form. Each Commissioner needs to complete the form on an annual basis. Frank reiterated that this is a new form and suggested that everyone review thoroughly. He further explained the process and the approval through Board of Works and held by the clerk. Cynthia thanked Frank for the explanation. All of this will be in the January packet to be completed and returned.


Adjournment

Trena asked for further questions or comments. There being no comment or further business, Trena asked for a motion to adjourn. Shannon motioned and Cynthia seconded a motion to adjourn. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approval of the minutes this 29th day of January 2026.



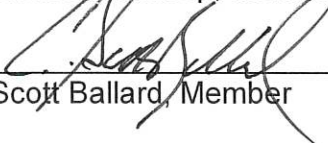
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