



Community Development Authority Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

Determination of Quorum

A quorum consisted of Hackman, Meier, Decker, and Meyers. Staff liaisons Kornmann and Bennett were present.

Notice of Open Meeting

Kornmann acknowledged the meeting was posted according to State law.

Approval of Agenda

Meier motioned to approve the agenda with a second by Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. CDA minutes from June 16, 2025

Decker motioned to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Meier. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

2. Consideration and possible action regarding the Business Retention and Expansion Program

Kornmann presented the Business Retention and Expansion Program (BR&E) and would like to recommend to Council under direction of the City Administrator. The BR&E would address part of the City's strategic plan as Objective #8 and allows the City to be more proactive in working with businesses. Discussion involved how staff follow up with initial visits. Staff would follow up depending on how the initial visit went. Staff was directed to include vacant building owners in the BR&E list.

Meier motioned to recommend approval to City Council with a second by Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration and possible action regarding 103 N. Ludington Avenue property update

Kornmann presented a resolution to be approved by the CDA and gave an update regarding the potential donor to the project. Discussion involved securing a guarantee by the donor, offer amount, and demolition costs. Kornmann recommended to amend the previous decision to include a contingency for a signed development agreement with the donor.

Meier motioned to withdraw the offer for 103 N. Ludington St. with a second by Decker. Roll call vote: Hackman - aye, Meier - aye, Decker - aye, Meyers - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meier motioned to make an offer to purchase 103 N. Ludington St. with a 72-hour acceptance and signed development agreement for the purchase price. Hackman seconded. Roll call vote: Meyers - aye, Decker - aye, Meier - aye, Hackman - aye. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

4. Consideration and possible action regarding 2026 CDA Budget

Kornmann presented the proposed 2026 CDA Budget. Discussion involved adjusting the Professional Services line item and ideas of what to fund downtown. The budget will focus on redevelopment projects, street scapes, and reflect the City's vision.

Meier motioned to recommend the 2026 proposed CDA budget with adjustment to professional services for City Administrator approval. Decker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Meier motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Decker. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

** These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator **