MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CITY OF COLUMBUS

JUNE 17, 2024

Members Present: Meyers, Friederich, Rose, Hackman, Weinberger, Lawson

Staff Present: Kornmann

Meyers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Kornmann called for the roll and a quorum was present.

Kornmann confirmed that the agenda was properly noticed.

Motion by Rose, second by Lawson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Lawson moved to approve the consent agenda, second by Weinberger. Motion carried.

Façade grant guidelines. Kornmann reviewed the grant guidelines CDA wanted to review. There were two maximums to consider revising, the façade maximum and the sign/awning maximum. Discussion on combining the program to have one maximum for all aspects of the façade program. Other minor edits where added. Motion by Lawson, second by Hackman to revise to guidelines with the maximum of \$25,000 per project and related minor edits to the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried with Friederich abstaining.

Downtown park policies. Discussion was held on the proposal with the changes suggested from the previous meeting. Creating a map of public parking and the location of handicap accessible stalls was supported. This could be integrated into a possible city tourism map too. Discussion included how much the fees should be and challenges of enforcement. Parking will always be a challenge in downtown. Kornmann would like to review some aspects of the proposal before moving it forward. Policy will be brought back at next meeting.

Economic Development Outreach. Discussion was held on how to connect businesses and economic development programs. Several suggestions came up in discussion including:

- Updating the city web site with program information
- Economic Development newsletter
- Invite chamber for a working session and other partnerships (Kiwanis)
- Invite businesses to hear speakers from state, federal, and nonprofit agencies on programs that can be utilized.

Future agenda items: Parking, Development update, possible façade grant application.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM by Rose, second by Weinberger. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary – Mike Kornmann