



Community Development Authority Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Determination of Quorum

A quorum of members comprised of Hackman, Meier, Decker, Meyers, Lawson, and Weinberger. Staff liaisons Kornmann and Bennett were present.

Notice of Open Meeting

Kornmann acknowledged the meeting was properly noticed.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Consider and take action to approve previous meeting minutes from July 21, 2025

Decker motioned to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 21, 2025, meeting. Hackman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

2. Consider and take action regarding 103 N. Ludington.

Kornmann provided an update regarding the status of the City's development agreement with the donor. The document is being drafted by the City Attorney. The City has not made contact with the property owner yet, but had an open records request. The agreement and offer will be presented at the next meeting along with proposed offer.

No action was taken.

New Business

3. Consider and Take Action Regarding Façade Grant Application for 153 N Ludington Street – MP's Town Tap

Bennett presented the facade grant application for 153 N. Ludington St., MP's Town Tap that included tuckpointing for the rear portion of the building and upgraded signage. Because of the amount requested, the CDA would be recommending approval to Council. Discussion involved the property being in an historical district and possible WI State Historical Society grants or the use of tax credits. Due to the amount requested, it was discussed to split the request into two - the tuckpointing and the signage and prioritize the tuckpointing at this meeting, which would benefit the applicant as they can apply for the sign or more tuckpointing in 2026.

Meier motioned to recommend to Council to approve up to \$18,917.92 for the tuckpointing project at 153 N. Ludington St. with reimbursement pending receipts within one year of grant approval.

Lawson seconded the motion. The motion does not include the signage project at 153 N. Ludington St. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider and Take Action Regarding Façade Grant Application for 1540 W James St – Olive + Herb

Bennett presented the facade grant application for 1540 W. James St., Olive + Herb that included signage for the storefront. Hackman abstained from discussion and voting due to being the applicant. Kornmann gave some background about the business and its relocation from Sun Prairie to Columbus.

Lawson motioned to approve up to \$2,041.42 for the sign with reimbursement pending receipts within one year of grant approval. Weinberger seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports

Kornmann gave an update on the current investment in downtown, which included multiple Community Development Investment (CDI) grants from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). Kornmann added that a possible upcoming project could be a great candidate for the Vibrant Spaces Grant.

It was announced that on October 18, 2025, Anna's Sewing and Olive + Herb would be hosting a joint grand opening.

Adjourn

Meier motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Decker. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 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 **