



Community Development Authority Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

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

Determination of Quorum

A quorum of membership present consisted of Decker, Elling, Fuller, Lawson, and Meyers. Staff liaisons Kornmann and Bennett were present.

Notice of Open Meeting

It was noted that the meeting was noticed according to law.

Approval of Agenda

Fuller motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; seconded by Decker. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes

Elling motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented from August 17, 2026; seconded by Fuller. There was no discussion and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Regular Business

2. Consider and take action regarding façade program requirements and application process

Kornmann presented proposed draft updates to the CDA Facade Grant program. The updates will help the program to align with the new zoning code rewrite and to help clarify processes.

Kornmann highlighted a proposal to no longer accept applications during a year in which funding has been exhausted. Staff would notify applicants to apply for the next year as budget allows.

Lawson motioned to approve the changes as presented; seconded by Elling.

Decker asked about access to the fund balance and still accept applications. Decker noted it would be a good idea to accept applications to see how much the following year might be for award amounts. Meyers reviewed current applications awarded in 2026 but agreed with accepting applications and possibly budgeting that amount for 2027. Kornmann and Elling noted challenges to that approach. Lawson would like to close applications after funding is exhausted as its standard practice among organizations that offer grants. Meyers was concerned that CDA doesn't know how much it will ultimately award each year.

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Consider and take action regarding façade grant applications for Lyco Manufacturing and Abundance Accupuncture

Meyers did not participate in the review and voting due to conflict of interest.

Kornmann and Bennett presented the two facade grant applications. Staff recommended to have the applications reapply for 2027. There was some clarification about Abundance Acupuncture's timeline and its status regarding tuckpointing done this summer.

Lawson motioned to reject the applications as submitted; Decker seconded. Elling asked Lawson to amend the motion to replace deny with reject.

Lawson amended the motioned to reject the applications as submitted and encourage the applicants to reapply in 2027; Fuller seconded the amendment. The amended motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. Department Report Update

Kornmann noted demolition plans of 1149 W. James St. and has received interest in the property. The interested party did not share who they were brokering for. Lawson suggested rewriting the request for proposal (RFP) to allow for alternative developments and address tax impact. Elling asked about the status of the demolition project. Kornmann is receiving estimates and is fine-tuning a proposal for possible review at the October meeting. The goal would be to demolish the building in 2026 or by Spring 2027. If the proposals are at the next CDA meeting, any recommendations could be sent to the 1st Council meeting in November.

Elling asked about the 2027 budget process. Kornmann noted that the budget requests are being prepared by the City Administrator and Finance Director. The Council will be reviewing budgets soon.

Future Agenda Items

No additional items were brought up for future agendas.

Adjourn

Decker motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lawson. There was no discussion and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

**** 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 ****