The Columbus Building Commission met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room H at 757 Carolyn Avenue. The following members were present: Vice-Chairman Larry Browne, Lynn Heflin, David Morgan, Ralph Kramer and Representing the City was Chief Building Official Keith Wagenknecht. Toni Gillum was the Stenographer recording the hearing.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the February 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Heflin seconded the motion. 

MOTION CARRIED

The next item on the agenda was Adjudication Order A/O2014-015DLG for the property located at 1300 Deckebach. The applicant, Rick Miller, City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department and Daniel Mayer, OHM Advisors, were present for the meeting. The applicant was requesting a variance to Section 1150.23 Standards and requirements for activities, development and uses in the floodway fringe. The City of Columbus is proposing interior alterations and upgrades to an existing Parks and Recs building located in the flood plain. The building is approximately 2 feet below the 100 year flood plain and the cost of the alteration work exceeds 50% of the current value of the building. The cost to raise the building is both cost-prohibitive and infeasible to accomplish. Renee VanSickle, City of Columbus Public Utilities - Sewerage and Drainage was present to provide the Commission with information as to why the Department Public Utilities is opposed to this variance. Ms. VanSickle provided a written report for the Commission’s review. The main reason(s) they could not recommend approval of this variance request is that the first floor needs to be 1.5 feet above the base flood elevation and also the fact that the applicant did not submit the seven (7) requirements listed in 1150.35 Variances to the required flood protection elevation that are to be presented in report format, according to 1150.35(c). Mr. Morgan made a motion to table Adjudication Order A/O2014-015DLG for 30 days to allow the applicant time to submit the information requested by the Department of Public Utilities Sewerage and Drainage. Ms. Heflin seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Keith E. Wagenknecht - Secretary to the Columbus Building Commission
Department of Building & Zoning Services