XI. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, COUNCIL AND STAFF

Eugene Elkin, 3406 Range Line Street, thanked the City for hosting the recent Homelessness Summit. It had been followed by a play entitled *Street Stories* on Friday night at First Christian Church. He thanked the City for CDBG funds as that had helped Habitat for Humanity years ago. He commented that a lady from Washington D.C. had spoken at the Homelessness Summit and had mentioned houses were first needed. They needed the landlords to open the doors to low-income tenants. He stated that he had talked to a HUD official that had attended the Summit as well with regard to his efforts to save some 1950s red brick buildings that were structurally sound. He noted beautiful structures were being gutted and updated south of Worley Street and west of Garth Avenue. He pointed out no landlords had been present at the Homelessness Summit. He commented that he had helped Ann Carlson create the Ann Carlson Emergency Food Pantry when he was younger. He noted there was a food drive at Schnuck's tomorrow, and this was his eighth year helping the homeless. He asked the City to help the police, homeless, and churches by feeding the homeless a second meal at noon of healthy foods until housing situations could be resolved. He understood there was commercial food preparation at Millersburg, and suggested stressing recycling by asking the homeless to keep the streets clean.

Mayor Treece noted the terms for those appointed to the Airport Advisory Board and the Community Land Trust Organization Board. Bob McDonald and Brian Whorley would have terms ending in 2019, B.J. Hunter and Greg Cecil would have terms ending in 2018, and Mark Winter would have a term ending in 2017 for the Airport Advisory Board. Dan Cullimore and Paul Prevo would have terms ending 2019, Anthony Stanton and Alexander LeBrunerie would have terms ending in 2018, and Shirley Rhoades and Jerry Dowell would have terms ending in 2017 for the Community Land Trust Organization Board.

Mr. Trapp agreed the Homelessness Summit had gone well. City staff, in partnership with Boone County and the United Way, had done a good job. He noted the United Way had really spearheaded the event. He explained there would be follow up as the committee had not yet completed its work. He commented that "housing first" was the move. It was the idea of placing homeless people in permanent housing rather than having a transitional step of shelter or getting people ready for housing as that was no longer considered the best practice. He stated placing people in housing and providing them with supportive services to try to help them be successful was considered best practice now.

Mr. Trapp asked the Council to reconsider a vote they made at their last meeting with regard to Creek Ridge, Plat No. 2. He explained it hinged upon a long cul-de-sac, and noted he agreed with staff in taking a hard line on cul-de-sacs, but thought the case should have been made that this platting action was needed in order to complete the deal of the Parks and Recreation Department purchasing a nice piece of parks land at a good price. They also needed the longer cul-de-sac to provide access to the park. The park had been brought up, but had not been made the centerpiece of the argument. If they would have considered it from the perspective of providing access to the park and facilitating the park transfer, they would have seen one long cul-de-sac was probably a price worth paying.

Mr. Trapp made a motion for leave of Council to authorize reconsideration of Creek Ridge, Plat No. 2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skala.

Mr. Skala understood some information had not been presented in the manner it maybe should have been presented, and some other information had been left out as part of the decision process. He thought this was good practice if they found there was new information that might significantly affect a decision made.

Mayor Treece asked if this would go back to old business as a reconsidered item. Mr. Trapp replied he understood it had to go back through the process again. This only waived the 90 day waiting period to reconsider an issue. According to Ms. Thompson, this action required a certain set of procedures. He understood it would have to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then come to the City Council.
Mayor Treece asked if the facts that were omitted had not been in the staff report or in the presentation to them. He wondered why it had to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission instead of just putting it on a City Council agenda. Mr. Trapp replied he was responding based on the analysis of Ms. Thompson, and she had indicated that action required a certain set of procedures that included the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Skala wondered if the rationale was that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not had that information either.

The motion made by Mr. Trapp and seconded by Mr. Skala for leave of Council to authorize reconsideration for Creek Ridge, Plat No. 2 was approved by voice vote. (Ms. Peters had stepped out of the room during the vote on the motion.)

Ms. Nauser commented that she had been contacted by a constituent with regard to Southampton Drive near Rock Bridge High School as vehicles were stopping to allow vehicles from the high school parking lot to pull out to go west. Some people felt the stopped vehicles would make a turn into the parking lot so they were driving past them on the shoulders, which was creating a dangerous situation. She asked staff to look into the situation to determine how often it was happening and whether there might be a solution with limited turns or discussions with school officials.

Ms. Nauser understood the City required tree preservation of 25 percent, and noted she did not feel trees in stream buffer areas should be able to be counted toward that 25 percent as it had an appearance of double-dipping. She thought this should be revisited and suggested only allowing a certain percentage of the stream buffer to count toward tree preservation.
Mr. Thomas wondered if this was something the Community Tree Task Force could review. Mr. Skala noted the Environment and Energy Commission had participated in topics such as this in the past as well. Ms. Nauser asked that this issue be sent to the Community Tree Task Force and the Environment and Energy Commission for their review and recommendations.

Mr. Skala commented that he had attended the National League of Cities Conference in Pittsburgh and Mr. Matthes had done them proud in his presentation with regard to incentive based budgeting. It had almost dominated the stage in terms of questions from the audience and had been a great presentation.

Mr. Skala stated there were two tracks at the National League of Cities Conference, and one was Racial Equity and Leadership (REAL). He commented that it was a shame he could not address the comments with respect to the Racial Equity tool kit because they had started to address some of the issues. In addition, he had brought back some more resources, which he planned to share with the Council in the future. He noted the other track was the University Communities Council, and the local government, Pittsburgh, had a unique way of encouraging interaction between them and the institutions. He explained they partnered with them by providing incentive funds for pilot projects. One example involved traffic lights. They had teamed up with Carnegie Mellon University to provide the equipment necessary to time the lights with radar and cameras to increase the efficiency for travel times and emissions. He thought this interaction was something Columbia might want to try to groom.