

# Non-Mandated Core Services Council Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 22, 2009

Uprise Bakery, 10 Hitt Street

Columbia, Missouri

The meeting began at 7:30 a.m.

Subcommittee members present: Paul Sturtz, Barbara Hoppe

Subcommittee members absent: None

Other people present: None

Discussed the first of three programs (Parks & Recreation, Planning, and Police) assigned.

Formed many questions regarding Parks and Recreation, and hope to have staff give background sometime in the next two weeks, perhaps at a one-hour meeting.

- CARE Summer Youth Employment: A tiered cost-share program with employers? For instance, \$1/hour for non-profits and \$2/hour for for-profits?
- Downtown planters and trees: With possible CID forming, could there be more cost-share?
- Fleet acquisition: Hold off on most purchases for the next year or two?
- Fleet fuel management: Do away with idling in most cases? Trip consolidation? Get carts such as Stephens College's Club Cars to replace trucks at some parks like Stephens?
- General park utilities: Turning off lights? Motion-activated lights? Solar lights?
- Greenhouse operations: How expensive? How about collaboration with the University of Missouri's horticultural department? More emphasis on volunteers from university and community?
- Park master planning: Is workload down? Possible retirements in near future that would mean not replacing for a year or two?
- Park ranger - enforcement: Summer assistant-can it be done as a work for credit program? Less vehicle use-use bike or small golf cart to transport garbage cans to large truck. Ranger use bicycle within park instead of vehicle?
- Park trees/forestry: pull back in FY 2009 budget?
- Policy development: Less emphasis on consultants in future?
- Public relations: More emphasis on online presence. Potential cut-back in copies of Leisure Times to just enough for public places like libraries, Lenoir etc. Or just having it online and announcing new editions in City Source.
- Site & construction planning: Postpone projects, not included in Park Sales tax. Use more native plantings, that don't require as much maintenance, use slow growing grasses for less mowing, etc.
- Trail maintenance and construction: questions regarding newly washed-out Hinkson/Grindstone trail and better stormwater control to lessen flooding downstream.

The meeting ended at 9:00 a.m.