

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Monday, December 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, Fourth Floor Conference Room

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Paul Sturtz, Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Jerry Wade, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: None

Parks and Recreation Fees and Staffing Report (consultant presentation)

The City Manager indicated that tonight's discussion would include a review of two reports prepared earlier this year by Pros Consulting, and that most of tonight's discussion would involve fees.

Mike Hood and Mike Griggs were present. Mr. Hood introduced the consultant, Leon Younger, who made the attached power point presentation.

Council comments included:

- Suggested a review of shelter fees and capital recovery cost. Hood indicated staff will be looking into this during 2010 budget.
- Development impact fees – review of other communities and how the fee is calculated.
- Dedication of property in lieu of impact fee – approach used in other communities.
- Scholarships – interest in formula
- Complimented Parks/Rec staff on their work

Department of Conservation Land Use Agreement

Mike Hood briefly highlighted the terms of the agreement – lease and memorandum of understanding and the process that has followed so far.

Tim Ripperger, Assistant Director, DOC; described the plans the Department of Conservation has for the property, including a regional office concept versus a "nature" center. He stressed this will not be a Runge Center like the one in Jefferson City. The agreement will be an action item at the December 18 Department of Conservation Commission meeting.

At the last Council meeting, Mr. Wade asked about the operating/maintenance cost of the buildings. Mr. Hood indicated the cost, excluding staffing, is approximately \$40-41,000/year. He described several opportunities for revenue generation.

Council expressed support for the project. Staff will bring back for Council action at the December 15 Council meeting.

Vision Commission Coordinating Committee

The Council interviewed potential Vision Commission Coordinating Committee Members.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.