

Columbia City Council – Work Session Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Daniel-Boone Building, 4th floor conference room

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

Absent: Laura Nauser

Planning and Zoning Commission Candidate Interview

The Council interviewed one of the three PZC candidates – Frederick Carroz. The other two candidates will be interviewed on May 18 and, most likely, the appointments will be made at the May 18 Council meeting.

The Mayor indicated that the purpose of tonight’s discussion was to provide a dialogue between the various Boards/Commissions and the Council. The Council met with the following B/C:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission members present: Jeff Barrow, Ann Peters and Glen Rice.

The members reviewed the three big projects being worked on: framework for East Columbia area plan (ECAP) and the northeast area (NECAP); and, reviewing revisions to the city’s comprehensive plan. The Council was provided a very aggressive six month planning calendar.

The members asked that if Council takes another direction on PZA recommendations, they would like an explanation as to why or why not.

The Council was provided a letter requesting an education and training budget for PZC members.

The Council is interviewing candidates for PZC vacancies. Council asked for feedback on what experience/qualifications they feel they need on the Commission.

Members felt the mechanism for communication could be better but they weren’t sure what improvements should be made. Recommendations are mediated too much by the staff.

Council may want to consider re-evaluate stormwater regulations, MARC stream buffer, steep slopes.

Economic and environmental impact – would like to see added; make explicit part of decision making process.

Review job description of PZC members and add hours required.

Energy and Environment Commission

EEC members present: Dick Parker, Dan Goldstein, Barbara Buffaloe, Rob Walters and Tom O'Conner.

Discussion focused on communication – two-way – request confirmation of things received from EEC and status of requests sent to Council.

Council requested feedback on who they might need on the EEC when vacancies arise. Communication to Council prior to the appointment being made.

Open session/work session – when a subject is being discussed that a B/C is reviewing – would be nice if affected B/C would be included in the process. What is specific role/responsibility of B/C in the process? (define their role)

Bike/Pedestrian Commission

David Heise, Commission Chair, was present.

Communication – when the Commission generates a report to Council, what happens to it? Specifically, a sidewalk report which was sent to the Council about a year ago.

Reviewed the possible overlap with other groups – pednet, GAC and Bike/Ped.

Council discussed the need for a structured system of relationship with B/C. Need to review structure of communication.

Other

Mayor asked for input regarding (2) resolutions recognizing the success of the MU athletic department and high school sporting events.

Council agreed to place on work session list (as soon as possible) Amir Ziv.

City Manager reminded everyone of the mini-retreat on Saturday, May 16. He distributed an agenda which outlined the five goals for Saturday's meeting. Council was encouraged to bring their CIP.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.