

Environment & Energy Commission

City of Columbia & Boone County

Daniel Boone Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday, 19 December 2006

Present: Cunningham, Miles, Sax, Lenhardt, Deken, Walters, Skala, Turner

Absent: Hunter, Brodsky, Collins

City Staff Liaison: Brown

1. Deken called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. The Agenda was approved as amended.
3. The Minutes of 28 Nov 2006 were approved with some modest changes, which Brown will incorporate into the final form of the Minutes.
4. The latest version of the Lenhardt/Sax document on New Development Guidelines was presented. Sax moved to accept and Deken seconded. Skala proposed an amendment to drop the detailed attachment of specific New Development Guidelines and to modify the cover letter so as to solicit guidance from the City Council and the Boone County Commission on the direction this EEC study should take. The amended motion was approved by a 6 to 2 vote.
5. Pursuant to a directive from the City Council to Dasho (see 11/8/06 note from Dasho to Stephanie Brown) it was suggested that the EEC review the current (1 Jan 2005) Tree Ordinance, the document and related issues that were discussed. Skala, Turner, Sax, Deken, and Walters will do some specific background research on this matter prior to a more thorough discussion at the January EEC meeting.
6. Skala offered to draft a letter from the EEC to the Council seeking Council guidance on the desired thrust of EEC efforts in Land Use Permitting. Skala will present the draft at the February EEC meeting.
7. Walters is pursuing the issue of finding a potential buyer for Columbia's #5 plastic collections. The trail has led to Smurfit-Stone.
8. Walters has left a phone message with Steven Segal, owner of a state of the art solar home near Columbia, relative to a possible tour or presentation for the EEC.
9. The failure of P & Z to send a representative to EEC meetings was discussed. Deken will contact the P & Z Chair, Jerry Wade, about this matter.
10. Deken noted that the Columbia Coalition on Global Climate Change is active and that she has talked with a member, Morta Welch.
11. A guest to the meeting, David Huddlestonsmith (a retired physician), spoke about the dangers of electromagnetic fields/microwaves/extended cell phone usage and the paucity of related research and regulations. David listed 4 action items he proposes to address the overall problem. He will provide some suggested references to the EEC.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Prepared by: John B. Miles, EEC Secretary