

COLUMBIA DISABILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2013
Board Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce Building, 300 S. Providence Rd.

1. Called to order by Chair, Homer Page, at 3:01 p.m.

2. Introductions:

Members: Marcie Luebbert, Lee Henson, Homer Page, Mike Peplow, Cheryl Price, Kathleen Weinschenk, Dovie Weston, Lisa Zanetti and Dawn Zeterberg

Excused Absence: Christy Brookins

Unexcused Absence: Hazel Fields

Staff and Other Attendees:

Tony St. Romaine, Deputy City Manager

Negar Rezvani, Human Rights Commission

Sean Spence, Visitor

Kathy Richards, Boone County Public Administrator

Tim Teddy, Community Development Director

Randy Cole, CD Department

Erica Johnson, Visitor

Andrew Denney, Columbia Tribune

3. Additions to Agenda

None.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting; Ms. Weinschenk seconded. All in favor; *motion approved.*

5. New Business

a. Columbia's Downtown – Tim Teddy:

Mr. Teddy explained that the current C-2 zoning ordinance does not require on-street parking or city block standards. He recommended requiring a parking analysis for new developments in C-2 spaces and requiring more parking. Mr. Henson expressed concerns that many City plans may be trumped by Homeowner's Rights. The Charrette is a good example of a plan, even if it can't be enforced. It provides guidelines to follow for structured ideas and improvements based on public discussion.

Mr. Teddy advised that C-2 doesn't allow surface parking; he suggested allowing a small parking lot area behind buildings that could not be seen from the street. There is no maximum building height for the C-2 Districts; consider a maximum height impact study for new construction. He briefly discussed historic preservation and suggestions for protecting buildings from demolition.

Zoning, form-based code, and the Board of Adjustment were briefly discussed by Mr. Teddy. He explained that the type of regulations needed is those that are outcome based rather than setting specific regulations for the beginning of development. Performance based standards states what the outcome has to be first, this gives the individual different ways to achieve that. He described variance and codes and suggested a C-2N possibility for the transition into neighborhoods.

Concern was expressed for the parking spaces behind the Daniel Boone Building and that they were not being utilized. It was explained that these are short-term parking and have meters associated with them for parking. A member suggested utilizing these spaces for the offices across the street or employees of the Daniel Boone Building. Mr. Teddy advised her to speak with Parking Utility and see what could be done.

The group discussed concerns, and issues they had with the downtown layout and area pertaining to parking and construction. Ms. Price expressed concerns about building height and that if building continues to grow in height, the Fire Department does not own a ladder truck sufficient to fight fires in these buildings or rescue someone that may be trapped on the top level. Ms. Weinschenk expressed concern about individuals jumping off these buildings like they had in the past. Mr. Page discussed parking spaces for persons with disabilities. He stated that parking in garages across downtown from where the individual needs to go is often too taxing on the individual.

The group briefly discussed other issues in the downtown area, including: accessible housing and mobility/walking issues for those with 'invisible' disabilities.

b. 2014 CDBG and HOME Funding – Randy Cole:

Randy Cole, City of Columbia HUD Coordinator, explained that the goal of the presentation was to give background information on HUD funding, the process to obtain funds, and the expectations for 2014. He presented a PowerPoint further explaining where funding came from and how to obtain funding. There is a 5 year consolidated plan of how the funding would be used, which was required by HUD; impediments to funding feed into consolidated plans and then to an Annual Action Plan.

The group held a discussion regarding the CDBG and HOME funding trends. For 2014, he anticipated around \$800,000.00 in CDBG funds and \$460,000.00 in HOME funds. Mr. Cole explained that planning is based on what was requested. A Public Hearing was held the night before; he felt there was an adequate turnout. He added that the City was conducting a survey that was available online at the City's homepage and encouraged everyone in the group complete it. The survey helps the City determine and assess the needs and priorities for the CDBG funding. After the survey is complete, Council will determine how funds are allocated through agency funding applications and recommendations by the CDC.

c. Para-transit Scheduling:

Mr. St. Romaine explained that the goal for para-transit is to have more late night hours when there are meetings being held and he advised he would speak with department heads to see if there would be any way to schedule meetings for the nights that para-transit ran late. Mr. Page suggested sending a memo to Public Works, Council, and the City Manager expressing the concern about holding meetings when participants have no

way of getting there. The Commission supported sending a letter that would be reviewed at a later meeting; suggested February or March.

6. Update from Human Rights Commission

Ms. Weston advised the Diversity Breakfast would be held on January 17th, and there are still scholarships available.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Announcements

None.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Cole
Assistant to the City Manager