

“Work on other projects requested by City Council.”

As of April 2009, no other Downtown Leadership Council projects have been requested by the Columbia City Council. DLC stands ready to assist with additional downtown activities, such as:

- Facilitating an Urban Design Charrette
- Working with other Boards and Commissions on Downtown issues
- Working with City Staff to prepare additional maps and reports
- Downtown transportation improvement recommendations to council



CONCLUSION

This report has addressed the six tasks City Council assigned to the Downtown Leadership Council.

The DLC has completed:

- Task 1 Develop and recommend to the City Council proposed boundaries of an expanded downtown development concept plan and study area.
- Task 2 Assess current assets and additional opportunities within the expanded study area that would assist in the area's development.
- Task 3 Advise City staff and consultants on preparation of a blight/conservation study and preparation of a Missouri Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Act (MODESA) application.
- Task 4 Develop for City Council consideration a strategic plan for the area and an underlying concept plan.
- Task 5 Recommend to the City Council possible development guidelines and physical attributes for downtown Columbia.
- Task 6 Work on other projects requested by City Council.

DLC also has the following findings:

- Defined a larger downtown loosely bounded by the Business Loop 70 (north), Old Highway 63 (east), Garth Avenue (west) and Stewart Road/University Avenue (south).
- Noted in the next 35 plus years the city's population of 100,000 will double.
- Studied the Columbia Energy Task Force report that lists ever-increasing energy challenges, which will impact downtown.
- Discussed mixed-use development using sustainable design and construction guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning and Zoning Commission along with the City Council and the City of Columbia should encourage downtown development that includes a combination of mixed-use buildings that offer retail, commercial and residential functions in all multi-story buildings.

The historic character of downtown Columbia should be preserved through adaptive re-use and protection of existing assets, including historically significant buildings, alleys, and brick streets.

The use of economic incentives in the expanded downtown area – including tax-increment financing and transportation development districts – should be concomitant with design standards and architectural integrity.

Walkability of downtown should be enhanced between clusters of parking garages, retail and residential.

The decision-making process relating to the use of economic incentives, eminent domain, and zoning changes should be clear, open and predictable.



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