

**Infrastructure Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2010, 3:30 p.m.  
City Hall, Conference Room 2A**

**Members Present:** Scott Atkins, Rex Campbell, Rhonda Carlson, Tracy Greever-Rice, Mike Grellner, Phebe LaMar, Ben Londeree, Karl Skala, Rusty Strodman, Bob Walters.

**Staff Present:** Paula Hertwig Hopkins, Billye Clemons.

**Members Absent:** Andrew Beverley, Ryan Euliss, Any Lee.

**Approval of October 27, 2010 minutes**

Mr. Campbell moves to approve. Ms. Carlson seconds. *Motion carries.*

**Old Business**

Mr. Campbell gives an overview on Professor Johnson, who is an economist. Mr. Campbell will contact him and invite him to talk/present to this committee.

Suggestions on others to talk/present include Don Stamper, Bill Watkins, Columbia Board of Realtors, Columbia Home Association, Tim Teddy, Don Laird with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Campbell would like input on why people move out of city limits, particularly to Howard County. Mr. Walters asks how many streets Columbia builds compared to similar sized communities and what percentage out of the overall city budget is spent on city streets. Mr. Walters would also like to know what percentage of our total expenditures is spent on the utilities; City funds only, not state or federal funds. Ms. Hertwig Hopkins notes that Finance does not track capital costs separate from operating expenses. If possible, Mr. Walters would like to see a breakdown of capital costs into categories, to include sewer mains, water and electric, and streets.

It is noted that the Comprehensive Growth Plan report is not complete. According to Mr. Campbell, the report from this committee could be considered a brick in the wall of the Comprehensive Growth Plan.

Mr. Atkins would like to know how much money or how many miles of road have been “donated” by developers. Ms. Lamar notes if this information is not currently tracked, we can recommend future tracking in the final report.

Mr. Atkins asks if REDI keeps employment security data that documents where people live and work. Ms. Greever Rice notes the decennial census report will be released the first part of 2011 and that report should have some demographic, household income and cost of housing statistics.

CD’s of Finance Transportation Advisory Committee reports will be made and distributed.

Mr. Campbell notes that the American Planning Association is a good resource for information. Mr. Londeree notes Dunkin Associates, a consulting company specializing in infrastructure fees, has several impact fee studies from all over the United States. ICMA and MCMA are also noted as good resources.

Reason for the consultant's dismissal from the Transportation Finance Advisory Commission discussed; validity of their report discussed.

Mr. Campbell will contact Tom Johnson and Judy Stallman to invite to next meeting. Next agenda will try to include Tim Teddy, Don Laird, Don Stamper and Columbia Board of Realtors, if available. Commercial Community Survey will be out in mid December. Ms. Carlson will forward information to Ms. Hertwig Hopkins from National Home Builders.

**Next Meeting:**

November 22, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Carlson moves to adjourn. Ms. Greever-Rice seconds. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.