

## **Minutes of Columbia Vision Commission - August 23, 2010 - Room 1-B, Columbia City Bldg.**

Called to order at 5:40 pm

Present: Jan Weaver (chair), Khesha Duncan, Phil Peters, Dee Dokken, Tracy Greever-Rice, Eric Peterson, Pat Smith

Guests: Paula Hertwig-Hopkins (Asst. City Manager)

Absent excused: Dan Goldstein, Lee Henson

Greever-Rice moved to accept proposed agenda and Peterson seconded. Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of July 26 minutes - Corrections - spelling of Tracy Greever-Rice corrected.

Typo corrected in statement of Duncan "The Service Learning project also does a great job."

Passed unanimously with corrections -Greever-Rice moved and Peterson seconded.

### **Governance**

Weaver handed out the minutes from the governance meeting and Henson's recommendations for implementation steps. The attendees were emphatic about expanding council and paying council members, and expressed frustration at the lack of progress on those two steps. They wanted a commission set up to examine the above issues. Weaver will draft language about expansion that leaves it clearly open to increasing wards and/or council representatives. The commission will have a chance to evaluate and vote on revised language at a future meeting.

Duncan emphasized the need for diversity in the committee(s) set up to make recommendations about expansion and compensation and of other commissions.

### **Educational Facilities**

Weaver handed out copies of the Educational Facilities meeting minutes and the letter Peters proposed sending to attendees. Feedback is still needed from attendees before the commission approves anything from the meetings.

Peters first described the discussion about coordinated growth, a topic that also came up in the development group. A positive development is the presence of David Brodsky (Planning and Zoning) on the Columbia Public Schools facilities committee and Jonathan Sessions (School Board) on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Next Peters described the discussion about shared facilities. There were two kinds of space needs, one was for sports, the other was for youth programs. The parks department and schools already do a lot of sharing of sports facilities, but there is still a need. Space for youth and family support programs is needed, and the schools are seen as desirable as a hub. However, marginal costs of facilities' operation makes them too expensive for non-profit groups to use on a regular basis. No clear path to solve this problem.

One proposed performance measure was to have a community coalition, such as United Way, fulfill the role of the Community Educational Facilities Commission until such time as a commission was established. We discussed making this an implementation step, and after reviewing the ordinance decided that nothing prohibited us from recommending implementation steps to organizations that were not part of city government.

The commission will vote on specific language after feedback from meeting attendees is gathered.

### **Community Pride and Human Relations**

Duncan reported on the meeting she hosted. The first goal was youth, and it appears that the Youth Community Coalition is well positioned to move forward with the performance measures we have proposed. Becky Markt wrote an update of performance and outcome measures and progress that was

given to Commission members. The stakeholders at the meeting accepted our recommended outcome measures with discussion on the fact that any STD rate increase may be partly due to increased reporting.

The second and third goals could not be addressed because the original Vision participants were not at the meeting to answer critical questions (4.2 Diversity/Inclusion and 4.3 Sense of Community). Why did original Vision group think Human Rights Commission should be reorganized when the attending members of the HRC report that things are progressing well. Duncan will contact the topic group chair to get their insight before the next meeting.

The commission will vote on specific language after the original vision participants are contacted for clarification on goals 4.2 and 4.3

### **Land Preservation Matrix for Proposed Park Tax Funds**

Weaver handed matrix out, explaining council wanted our feedback on it. Dokken explained it had gone to other commissions and gave some background on their comments.

Questions to go back to council are -

Who will be responsible for the evaluation - will public input on evaluation be solicited?

Has anyone tried using the matrix to evaluate sites already considered a priority (like the Pinnacles)?

Are there, or will there be more specific criteria for assigning the points within a category?

Concern that areas outside metro area get 0 points in the Area of Impact section. Impact can be wide - how is it defined?

We need to work out some examples to see it matches up with our intuitions. Dokken will try out on Pinnacles area, Weaver on SE Regional Park?

Weaver will type up draft comments and send to everyone.

### **Communication Plan**

Weaver handed out minutes from the communications subcommittee. She read off the list of needed items for a communication plan -

Date and venue for the big outreach meeting - Weaver will send an email requesting available dates from commissioners to schedule the meeting and then she will find a venue

Response paper with multiple choice or Reichert scale to get public feedback with - Greever -Rice will put the response paper together, Weaver will send an email to commissioners requesting top three things they would like public to comment about, and we will use that list to generate a list of 5 or so questions for the response paper.

Events to link with vision - to engage people in vision, use major local events (like IBM deal) to show how vision is affected or affects things in the community. Weaver will send an email requesting ideas for the top 3 or 4 events in the community from commissioners

Road Show venues - to engage people who wouldn't be likely to come to a big meeting, we will put together a short presentation 5 to 20 minutes that can be tailored to an audience. We need to generate a list of groups the presentation could go to.

Friendly visioning presence on the web - this needs more thought, but should make it easy for people to comment on vision

Face Book presence - Visioning Fan Page

Commissioners gave informal assent to the plan. Weaver will gather more information, develop budget and timeline for implementation

Meeting adjourned approx. 7:40

Submitted by Dee Dokken, secretary