

Columbia Vision Commission

May 24, 2010 5:30-7:45pm

Conf Room 1B at 701 E. Broadway in the New Addition of City Hall

Present - Dan Goldstein, Khesha Duncan, Tracy Greever-Rice (v.chair), Eric Peterson, Phil Peters, Dee Dokken, Lee Henson, Paula Hertwig-Hopkins and other guests

Absent - Jan Weaver, Pat Smith

1. Approve agenda

Duncan moved, Goldstein seconded - unanimously approved

2. Welcome new commission member Eric Peterson. He has a background in construction and as forest ecologist.

3. Approve minutes from April meeting with change – Khesha Duncan’s name spelled wrong.

Goldstein moved, Peters seconded - unanimously approved

4. Comments from Paula Hertwig-Hopkins.

She reminded us that in section 2-533 of Vision Commission ordinance - “Visioning implementation”, it says:

“After approval of the initial implementation reports, the preparation of periodic updates, including periods of public comment, should be scheduled so that any update is received by the city council on or before March 31 of the applicable year which will allow for the review and approval of such update to be coordinated with the city’s budgeting process....”

She encouraged us to give this some thought and submit any budget recommendations as soon as possible, even though the March 31 deadline had passed.

5. Comments on Performance and Outcome measures of Education Subgoals 8.2: Resources; 8.3: Curriculum

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Guests invited by Phil Peters:

Joanne Nelson - Mid-Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral – early childhood education

Ines Segert – Columbia Board of Education

Michelle Pruitt - Columbia Board of Education

Chris Belcher – Superintendent Columbia Public Schools

Barbie Reid – Early educator, served on original topic group

Sally Beth Lyon – Chair of Topic Group, Asst. superintendent CPS

Steve Hollis – City of Columbia, Coordinator of human services

Jan Mees - Columbia Board of Education

Tom Rose - Columbia Board of Education

Peter Stiepleman, Principal West Blvd School. After July 1 will be Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Education, CPS

Jerry Wade – past City Council, Ward 4

Arden Boyer-Stephens, Director, Columbia Area Career Center, CPS
(No representation from Universities – need to find liaisons)

— Regarding Education Goal 8.2.2 – “create coordinator position”

Lyon: CPS is doing some of this. The community has to put resources forward in order for this coordination to happen. The goal addresses both 1) collaboration and 2) adequate resources. Passage of \$120 million bond issue in April with 77% of vote can be considered as progress towards the vision.

Dr Belcher provided list of CPS accomplishment related to Vision goals of resources and curriculum.

Greever-Rice asked if there were indicators already being measured that we could use to measure Vision outcomes. Supt. Belcher likes to look at 2-3 big measures. For example, he thinks 3rd grade reading level is the most important for grade school. MAP or other tests for middle school. Asst. Supt. Lyon said that the school board is doing a 5-yr plan that will look at several indicators and will be available on the website. She also pointed out that the original topic group was interested in more than just Columbia Public Schools – they were interested in the county, post-secondary, etc and working across boundaries.

Peters asked is there any way to measure if community is giving enough resources? And is anyone looking at gaps in educational resources?

Presentation on Adult Technical Training Workforce Development by Jerry Wade and Arden Boyer-Stephens

A citizen working group, including people from colleges, CPS, REDI, Chamber of Commerce, started on a strategic plan 2 years ago. Their grant application to hire a consultant for a study was funded by CWIB (26 counties -Workforce Investment Board) for \$57,000 and will start June 1, 2010 – administered by REDI. There is a need for this kind of training in the Columbia area. The goal is to fund career and technical education without taking money from CPS, and to collaborate with colleges and CPS.

Duncan: Metro Business College in Jeff City is thriving. People from Columbia are going there for technical training.

City Human Services – Steve Hollis – Community block grant money can help with projects like Youth Empowerment Zone and Job Point. The city is trying to do more strategic community-level analysis, working with United Way and key stakeholders.

Boone Indicators – Greever-Rice and Lyon are members of this group (OSEDA hosts). United Way is using community impact model and is being encouraged to use Boone Indicators also.

Lyon: Life skills are very relevant to the Vision of the topic group.

Early Childhood – Joanne Nelson

20-25 private preschools have closed due to the economy. Parents look at location first, then cost when choosing a preschool. Her organization tries to educate parents on what quality childcare looks like. There is a childcare provider survey done every year with the same questions asked all over the state. It is self-reported, and includes cost, pay scale and education level of providers.

Peters – We could get quantity data from the survey but it won't tell you about quality.

Barriers to increasing quality of 0-5 education were discussed:

If education requirement is increased, some teachers, including people working at Head Start, would lose their jobs. They would need a period of time to raise accreditation.

Junior college early education hours are not accepted in degree programs.

Teachers would need weekend trainings, or substitute teachers provided during the week.

Some trainings are expensive.

Comment made that this should be part of workforce development, but it's considered a service so wouldn't fall under technical training?

Comment on High Potential summer school program, objective vs subjective criteria for that program

6. Upcoming items

We will look again at Section 2-533 of ordinance. Greever-Rice says we should familiarize ourselves with it and give it some thought.

8. Comments from Commissioners

Peterson wants to know if we can use the childcare provider survey as a tool. Greever-Rice replied it's self-reported, but it's out there and used on a statewide basis.

9. Short Comments From Visitors

none

10 Adjournment

Unanimously approved to adjourn.

Submitted by Dee Dokken, secretary