

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2006
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel-Boone Building, 6:00 p.m.

Council Members present: Mayor Hindman, Almeta Crayton, Chris Janku, Bob Hutton, Jim Loveless, Laura Nauser, and Barbara Hoppe

Guests: Jeffrey Williams, Ph.D., and M. Dianne Drainer, Vision Committee Co-Chairs, Ken Pearson, and Boone County Commissioner Karen Miller

City Manager Bill Watkins and other city staff members were present.

City Manager Bill Watkins indicated that members of the Boone County Commission were present this evening to receive a joint update on the vision process. He stated the Co-Chairs are present this evening to lead the discussion of where we are and where we're going with the vision process.

Ms. Drainer introduced Jennifer Lindbom, Senior Planner with ACP Visioning and Planning, the city's consultant, who joined the group via teleconference.

Ms. Lindbom reviewed the events of the vision process to date – (2) BIG meetings were held; (13) Citizen topic groups have been identified; and the upcoming January 17th meeting. Ms. Lindbom indicated there were several topic groups unique to Columbia; such as, community pride and human relations. The January 17th meeting will kick off with discussions regarding the 13 specific topic groups that have emerged from previous meetings. Ms. Lindbom explained that in addition to the citizen topic group discussions there will be two major public workshops: (1) Exploring the Vision - March/early April; (2) Community Choices, which will be held towards the end of the citizen topic group discussions.

Following the consultant's update, the consultant responded to questions raised by the Commission and the Council. Commissioner Miller asked for clarification on how the co-facilitators were chosen. The Co-Chairs indicated that they made those selections.

Council member Hoppe requested a list of ideas from the second BIG meeting. The consultant indicated that information would be available in the next week or so and that would be the final list.

Dr. Williams and Ms. Drainer explained that one of their chief duties is to protect the process, and as a private citizen, they have been appointed to be stewards of this process. They want people to facilitate and discuss and put personal beliefs aside to the extent possible.

Ms. Drainer thanked the Council for their time. She stated they would appreciate being able to return at a future date.

Dr. Williams and Ms. Drainer indicated they will also be chairing Outreach and Technical committees and will continue to work on diversity. Strategies have already been identified to address this issue.

Ms. Drainer asked if elected officials are going to be active participants in the topic groups. The Council clarified that they/elected officials would not actively participate but may stop in to observe the process.

Mr. Loveless indicated he would appreciate outreach to those that are not yet participating. He expressed support for bus transportation for those individuals.

Mr. Janku suggested a “vision headquarters”.

The City Manager reviewed the following items:

- a. Tuesday, January 2, next regular Council meeting. Prior to the regular meeting, a Closed meeting at 6pm. A motion has been included on tonight’s Council agenda.
- b. Monday, January 8, Council work session. Sasaki, consultant working on the downtown/Stephens/University plan, will make a presentation. Other topics include (tentative) storm water and sidewalks.
- c. The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007, 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Expo Center. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sheela by January 5, 2007.

Agenda Item C – voluntary annexation west of Georgetown – Perche Creek trail easement/Teddy e-mail (hand out) This involves concerns about converting cul-du-sacs and additional traffic on already burdened streets.

Councilman Hutton requested we add fire protection to the public utilities list.

Item D – Safe Routes to School – letter from School District (hand out)