

Columbia City Council
Pre-Council Meeting Minutes –September 15, 2008, 5:45 p.m.
Fourth Floor Conference Room, Daniel Boone Building

Council members present: Mayor Hindman, Paul Sturtz, Chris Janku, Karl Skala, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe.

Absent: Jerry Wade

The City Manager indicated the need to schedule October work session dates. There are several pressing topics pending, including the citizen oversight committee report and IRP.

The Parks Department is proposing to hold the ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony for Cosmo-Bethel Park Improvements on Sunday, October 12, at 1:00 p.m. Council appeared to be okay with this date/time.

The following information was distributed to Council:

- John Davis in concert: a benefit to restore the Blind Boone Home – Saturday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.
- New York Times article (Sturtz request) – Creativity Helps Rochester's Transit System Turn a Profit.
- Press release and application – city advisory committee seeks applicants for Public Communications Funds
- Gerald Lewis letter – transit fare increases
- B278-08 – amendment sheet

The Council received a power point presentation titled Columbia "Town to Gown" Redevelopment Framework, presented by Mike Mills, Spectrum Consulting Group, LLC. The consultant was hired to initiate the redevelopment process and assist the city with downtown redevelopment issues and financial incentives. The presentation included: historical summary – Sasaki study, framework development, stakeholder thoughts, catalytic projects, public incentive options, next steps, timelines and recommendations for Council. The Council also received information regarding state law policy pertaining to Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority.