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## Economic Development Science and Technology

### Approved Meeting Minutes Subtopic Focus Group

April 17, 2007

7:00am-9:00am

Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center, Room 572

Co-Facilitators: Mike Lynch, Genny Jacks

Support Staff: Scott Cristal, Jeanne McGuire, Alice Leeper, Ron DeLaite, Marty McCormick, DeAnna Bokinsky

*Present:* S&T Subtopic Group (listed above); Margrace Buckler, Steve Calloway, Phyllis Chase, Mike Curry, Vince Gallo, John Gardner, Joe Gorman, Jake Halliday, Lanis Hicks, Byron Hill, Marcia Reed, Diane Drainer, Marty Siddall, Larry Moore, Rob Monsees

*Absent:* Jason Youngquist (subtopic group member)

*Next meeting:* NA

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#### I. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting - NA

#### II. Key Meeting Discussion Topics

The S&T Subtopic Group held a focus group with interested community leaders to discuss and gather feedback regarding the group's strategic goal:

***By 2020, Columbia and Boone County will be known internationally as a leader of science and technology innovation, having produced more than 25 successful new high technology business start-ups located in Boone County***

The S&T Subtopic Group presented strategies and tactics (presentation attached) to accomplish the above goal and also explained that the infrastructure and workforce must be prepared.

The focus group gave positive and constructive feedback to the S&T Subtopic Group. The focus group felt that it was the right time to move forward. The focus group also explained that other groups are working on similar ventures and suggested that the efforts be collaborative.

### **III. Motions and Votes**

The S&T Subtopic Group presenters explained the City Visioning Process and next steps as related to moving this initiative forward. The S&T Subtopic Group presenters thanked the focus group participants for their interest and support and assured them that they would be kept informed of the progress.

### **IV. Actions to be Taken**

- 1) The S&T Subtopic Group will move forward with feedback from the focus group participants and make any necessary adjustments to the plan.
  
- 2) The S&T Subtopic Group will inform the focus group participants as this initiative moves forward