

Environment & Energy Commission

City of Columbia & Boone County

Daniel Boone Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday 28 August 2007

Present: Frank Cunningham, Norm Lenhardt, John Miles, Ted Dyer, Teresa Hunter, Jean Sax, Alyce Turner, Bob Walters, Kip Kendrick, Barbara Buffaloe, David Brodsky

Absent:

City Staff Liaison: Stephanie Brown

1. Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Agenda. The agenda was approved without changes.
3. Minutes. Ted Dyer's name was added and there were amendments to #5 and #7. Mr. Dyer motioned to approve the minutes with changes and Ms. Sax seconded.
4. City Building Renovations. Tony St. Romaine, Assistant City Manager, was guest speaker for the meeting. He distributed handouts on various topics relating to the renovations: the questionnaire submitted by E&E, LEED Checklist, the "Green Roof Options" Council memo, Proposed Solar Array Installation Overview", and "The Commissioning Design Intent Narrative" article. Mr. St. Romaine explained the phases of the renovation. He said the plan is to have the renovations done by January 2008, begin the construction of the new addition in spring 2008, and be completely finished with the five story addition in the fall of 2009. He explained that he is acting as coordinator for the renovations. Mr. Lenhardt asked if the departments will be charged for space. Mr. St. Romaine said it is per square foot according to average lease payments for other city buildings. He presented a PowerPoint slide to illustrate the plans for the future building and explained that the first floor will house the Council Chambers and other meeting rooms as well as the Utility Accounts and Billing. The second floor will include the City Manager's Office, the Mayor, City Clerk, the Law department, and IT. Public Works will occupy the third floor and Water and Light on the fourth. The fifth floor will contain Finance, Planning and Zoning, and Protective Inspection. Mr. Cunningham asked if there would be a parking garage bridge, but it was decided that there would not be a bridge. Mr. St. Romaine discussed the possibility of a green roof (surface containing an amount of soil to house plant life). There were several options to consider: the depth of the soil, whether or not there will be an observation glass tower, the possibility of installing a white membrane roof. He said there is a possibility of having an ordinance for all new city buildings that are constructed or renovated to be LEED certified. Mr. St. Romaine said he will send his presentation to Ms. Brown for distribution to the Commissioners.
5. Tree Ordinance. Ms. Sax handed out some new materials in relation to the tree ordinance subject. Mr. Walters explained the addendum, and said the draft letter is asking for support from Council. Ms. Hunter explained her e-mail from Nausser. Ms. Sax said Fred Boeckmann is fully supportive of the idea of developing a tree ordinance. Mr. Walters moved to work on the two letters (one

to the City Council and the other to the Boone County Commission) and have them approved by Mr. Cunningham who seconded the motion. Mr. Walters will draft a letter to the City Council regarding buying land in another area for annexation.

6. CO2 Report. A suggestion was made to draft a letter to improve the report. Mr. Cunningham motioned to draft a letter urging improvements on the CO2 report. Ms. Buffaloe seconded.
7. Report to Council on recommendation to add two seats to the E&E. Miles asked why two. Mr. Walters suggested considering the term limits and more aggressive means on filling the positions. He said the demand should improve the credentials of the interested candidates. Mr. Dyer moved to draft a letter disapproving the addition of two seats. Mr. Miles seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.
8. Solar Passive Energy Usage. Mr. Cunningham sent an e-mail to the Commissioners with suggestions. Ms. Buffaloe suggested extension training through the city. She will provide information on it along with some information on passive solar energy. Mr. Kendrick will look at other cities. Mr. Cunningham will draft a letter.
9. Third High School Location. On September 18 there will be a public meeting on the new high school location. Mr. Walters offered to update the Commission regarding the high school site discussion at its September meeting.
10. Announcements. Mr. Miles said a new E&E roster is needed on the city's website. Ms. Buffaloe mentioned the Sustainable Living Fair. Solar home tours will no longer be provided by the fair. Ms. Hunter said her "faberandbrand" e-mail address is no longer valid.
11. Dick Parker was a guest at the meeting. He provided a handout that gave some suggestions on improving the CO2 report in reference to population. He said the base year should be moved back a few years.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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