

**Downtown Columbia Leadership Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2014, 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Conference Room 1A**

**Members Present:** Sallie Coley, Columbia College  
Heiddi Davis, University of Missouri  
Pat Fowler, Neighborhood Representative  
Brent Gardner, City Council Appointee  
Randy Gray, City Council Appointee  
Janet Hammen, Neighborhood Representative  
Sara Loe, Planning and Zoning Commission  
Karen Miller, Boone County Commission  
Nick Peckham, City Council Appointee  
Richard Perkins, Stephens College  
Deb Sheals, Community Improvement District  
Brian Treece, Historic Preservation Commission

**Staff Present:** Tony St. Romaine, Assistant City Manager  
Heather Cole, Assistant to the City Manager

**Members Absent:** \*Mike Brooks, REDI  
\*Phil Steinhaus, Columbia Housing Authority  
\*Tim Teddy, Planning & Building Development Director

* Indicates Ex-Officio status.
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**The meeting was called to order at 4:05.**

**Welcome/Introduce guests:** Attendees included John Clark, Leah Christian and several reporters.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Peckham made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Treece seconded. All in favor; motion approved.

**Smart Growth Grant:** Leah Christian, City Management Fellow, explained that the City had applied for a grant for a Smart Growth workshop; this was done at the request of Councilpersons Trapp, Thomas, and Hoppe. Ms. Christian had heard the DLC might be interested in being involved in workshops and tools if the City were awarded the grant.

The application was submitted the week prior to the DLC meeting and the City should hear back around December 10<sup>th</sup> if they are awarded the grant. The City was able to obtain letters of support from: North Central Neighborhood Association, Community Improvement District, University of Missouri, PedNet, and Central Missouri Community Action. If the

City is awarded the grant, there will be many parties involved. The workshop will be 1 day and will be held in 2015.

Mr. Gardner inquired into the goal of the workshop. Ms. Christian explained that individuals are working with The District to create a downtown employee parking program and, the North Central Neighborhood Association is conducting a pilot project for parking that could be expanded. One goal is to get citizens to utilize transportation other than cars. She explained that she would like to work with the University more since they have car-share and bike-share programs. Mr. Perkins requested this be extended to Columbia College and Stephens College if the grant is awarded.

Mr. Treece asked what the end product of the audit would be. Ms. Christian explained that Smart Growth has people come to the city for a 1 day workshop that provides instruction on how to move forward. The end product would be items we want to focus on: parking issues to modify, add projects, etc., and have Council allocate funds toward those items. The application was focused on downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods. Mr. Treece felt this was a good fit for the DLC.

Ms. Fowler would like to see modification to parking at the University of Missouri. Ms. Davis commented that there has been changes made in the past year, but could not go into specifics at this time. Mr. Peckham added the population growth that is in the near future should be taken into consideration. Ms. Cole will send out a copy of the application to DLC for reference.

Ms. Christian was under the impression that the workshop is tailored to Columbia's specific needs, if we are awarded the grant. In the preliminary discussions and application, population growth and other challenges were addressed.

There were discussions in regard to reforming the parking task force. Mr. Gray commented the parking task force was not very well planned which made participation difficult. Ms. Sheals added that it was a large group and many dropped out, which added to quorum issues, but, that almost every recommendation from the report had been implemented.

Ms. Fowler commented that she had received a press release regarding new meters on 9th Street; she's had bad experiences with the machines, credit cards go to max time and don't go back down. This needs to be considered when changes are being made. Mr. St. Romaine advised they are looking into alternative meter options.

Ms. Sheals made a motion to proceed with support; Mr. Peckham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Review and Adopt Final Infrastructure Report:** The report must be approved at this meeting to make it on the Council agenda for November 3rd. Mr. Perkins would like to reorder the list of recommendations; would like to move number 13 to the number 1 spot. He also suggested narrowing the list of recommendations to just a few and prioritizing them. The group discussed adding bullet points for the headings in lieu of numbers so it does not look like they are prioritized. The group agreed to add a restatement of the preface opening paragraph to the beginning of section 9.

Mr. Treece made a motion to approve the report as is; Ms. Miller seconded. Ms. Sheals commented that the report was greatly improved, but she will be voting no due to the CID section of the report. Mr. Treece amended his motion to add to the sentence header the words “Identify potential revenue sources”; Ms. Miller seconded.

Mr. Treece commented that the report is greatly improved and was a great compromise and wordsmithing was achieved. Ms. Fowler commented she still had a few issues with interpretations, but she would bring those to Council herself. Overall, she liked the report.

A vote was taken on Mr. Treece’s motion. All in favor with Ms. Sheals voting no; motion carried.

**Other Topics:** The Historic Preservation Commission is holding their last tour of the season, Ghost Tours, on Thursday, October 30th; asked all to attend.

Ms. Fowler noted that Clarion would be coming back soon and the Solid Waste report would be available soon. The DLC could look into these issues and use the next meeting as goal setting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd, 2014.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.