

Columbia Vision Commission Minutes - November 19, 2009

Present: Dee Dokken, Dan Goldstein, Lee Henson, Phil Peters, Pat Smith, Jan Weaver
Absent: Tracy Greever-Rice

Minutes Approved (moved by Dee, seconded by Phil)

Establishing email accounts for Commissioners

Dan presented a motion he sent to council recommending that email accounts be established for commissioners to improve communication. Jan moved, Dee seconded and the commission approved the following language for a proposed motion for the City Council:

The Columbia City Council so moves to direct the appropriate staff to create a unique e-mail account for each city board and commission.

Each of these e-mail accounts is to be named in such a way as to reflect the name of the board or commission, not any specific board or commission member.

For illustration the e-mail for the Columbia Water and Light Board could be named Chair_CWLB@gocolumbiamo.com <Chair_CWLB@gocolumbiamo.com>

The Columbia City Council so moves that the acting chair person of each City Board or Commission be charged with reading the e-mail account assigned to them, on a regular basis.

The Columbia City Council so moves that provisions for forwarding commission chair addressed e-mails to personal accounts for more timely response will be provided, along with provisions for providing e-mails to commission chairs not able to read e-mail on a regular basis due to physical or personal reasons.

Place for CVC in the ECAP (East Columbia Area Plan)

Lee will review the ECAP and Vision documents for places where decisions regarding ECAP could affect Vision and Goals and will report back to the Vision Commission.

Feedback from Visioneers on the draft measurable indicators

Jan distributed (by email) a list of draft measurable indicators to the people who participated in the visioning process. She shared the comments she received (included below)

About 30 email addresses were undeliverable

These people asked to be removed from the list (it has been done)

Anne Meysenburg (no longer lives in Columbia)

David Brodsky

Louesa Runge Fine

Mike Lynch November 5, 2009

The measurable goals for Science and Technology are consistent with what the original committee developed, and still seem achievable in my opinion. You can consolidate the internet goals and the educational goals for the workforce with other areas.

Brad McConnell November 11, 2009

will send you my thoughts ASAP.

Jo Sapp November 12, 2009

I've looked over Vision 10, Governance, and have a few comments.

Goal 10.3, Interdepartmental Collaboration, needs further thought in order to be useful.

The Governmental Affairs Commission appears to be crucial to several of the goals, including Goal 10.9, City and County Collaboration, which might present problems if it were to be formed exclusively by the city council. At some point we'll have to address the specifics of forming such a commission.

Goal 10.6 Council, contains a couple of typos:

- a. line 2 of "Ultimate Impacts," _convent_ should be _convenient._
- b . line 3 _there_ should be _their

_I appreciate the thought and effort the committee has put into this document. It can't be easy to try to reconstruct the thinking behind the documents you're working with.

Jo Sapp

Dee Dokken November 17, 2009

Under Development - Land Preservation: the midterm goal "The Public is educated and supports the idea of a

Land Preservation Authority" Maybe that should be more concrete so we could measure it?

Another long-term measurable outcome could be "Areas in Smart Growth's map of land protection priorities (compiled from comments from the Sierra Club, Native Plant Society, Audubon, Greenbelt Land Trust, and possibly other organizations) are undisturbed and protected.

There is some overlap with the Environment topic groups recommendations that have never been fully discussed, but probably the best of both could be used - basic goal is the same.

The following discussion covered ways to get more feedback

From Commissions. Jan will ask Paula for contact information for the chairs of the city commissions so she can request feedback from them.

From Subtopic Group leaders. Jan will resend the draft measurables to the heads of the subtopic groups (highlighted in yellow on the list Paula provided). Each CVC member will make follow up calls to the heads asking them to comment by December 11.

Arts and Culture - Lee

Community Character - Lee

Community Facilities and Services - Jan

Community Pride and Human Relations - Pat -

Development - Phil

Downtown - Lee

Economic Development - Jan

Education - Phil

Environment - Dee

Governance and Decision Making - Dan

Health, Social Services and Affordable Housing - Pat when you call

Parks, Recreation, Trails and Greenways - Dee

Transportation - Dan

Participation in the Columbia Public Schools (CPS) World Cafe

This is an event planned for December 3, 6:30 pm (possibly at the ARC) similar to the Keys to

the City, only focused on the school's five year strategic plan. Phil suggested we bring along the Vision Statements, Goals, Indicator boards related to education. He will contact school administration to see if it is alright to piggy back on their event. Phil will represent the CVC at the event if he gets permission

Request to Change Council Presentation Date

The December 21 date proposed for our presentation to council is inconvenient due to holiday plans. The commission requests that our presentation be rescheduled for some time in January (Jan moved, Dee seconded - approved) We will still submit our annual report in December.

Progress Report Format

We discussed format of the report due to council in December

Items to include (in no particular order)

1. Process for electing officers
2. Brief history of the rocky beginning (lots of turnover in commission membership)
3. Why we decided to use original vision statements instead of goal groupings
4. Our participation in outreach events, requests for comment
5. Use of Logic Models
6. How we developed the list of measurable indicators
7. Outreach plan
8. Where we go from here, includes requests for resources (funds and/or staff support)
9. List of indicators

Things to work on -

Actual report format - including some baseline data on at least some of the indicators

list of potential survey questions - we worked on this in the meeting, Phil will compile

list of potential service learning projects - Jan will work on this

Motion to adjourn (Phil moved, Jan seconded - approved)

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Weaver, CVC Secretary