

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The Columbia Vision Commission was established to engage the community regarding the implementation of the city's strategic plan, future strategic visions and goals, and other initiatives deemed appropriate by the city council. (Ord. No. 20081, § 1, 10-6-08; Ord. No. 21571, § 1, 1-7-13; Ord. No. 023533, § 1, 5-7-18). Visioning was defined as a "continuing and ongoing process where new information and public input are integrated with the work of agencies, paid consultants and the business community."(Ord. No. 20081, § 1, 10-6-08; Ord. No. 21571, § 1, 1-7-13; Ord. No. 023533, § 1, 5-7-18)

Over the last few years, the Vision Commission has gathered public input through public meetings, community events such as Family Fun Fests at Cosmo Park, and the Black-Owned Business Expo. The Vision Commission also developed an online survey regarding the strategic plan. This survey was made available on BeHeard CoMO. Hard copies with a QR code leading persons directly to the survey were distributed at public events, including at least one City Council meeting. Data was collected until December 31, 2022. This is our report to Council on the results of the survey. This report completes our requirement to submit an annual report to Council in April of each year.

The survey was comprehensive and drew a number of visitors to the questionnaire. Unfortunately, only a small number of visitors completed the survey and no statistically significant themes were noted.

Based on information provided by the Mayor (Communities of Excellence Program), the Columbia Vision Commission is excited about the possibility of joining the Communities of Excellence Program. This effort will include the determination as to whether or not the Vision Commission should evolve into a Task Force to pursue the initiatives outlined in the Communities of Excellence Program.

Possible next steps might include the following:

- (1) Members of the Vision Commission attend the 8 week virtual training course beginning on Mar 30, 2023- "Preparing Your Community Excellence Journey" to learn more about the process for establishing a program in our community. The following individuals have been enrolled in the training: [Jay McIntosh](#), Sasha Pass, Renee Hoagenson and Carol Rhodes.
- (2) Jay McIntosh and Carol Rhodes held a meeting with the Communities of Excellence representative to determine next steps in starting a Program for the Columbia Community. Evaluate feasibility of Program in Columbia community.
- (3) Introduction of an ordinance to decommission the Columbia Vision Commission at the first meeting in May.
- (4) Establish a Performance Excellence Task Force/Ad Hoc Committee immediately to further evaluate the program. The Task Force would focus on process improvement and collaboration by working with city staff and others as appropriate to implement a process based on the Communities of Excellence Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Columbia Vision Commission Members