



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Human Services Commission

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
6:00 PM

Regular

Training Room 1
Columbia/Boone
County Department of
Public Health and
Human Services
1005 W. Worley St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ford called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Present: 8 - Stacy Ford, Kimberly Getzoff, Rachel Cooper, Alexandria Teagarden-Monk, Elijah Thorn, Michael Nguyen, Lisa Spear and Melissa Clarke

Excused: 1 - Joy Cook

Absent: 1 - Barbie Banks

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Teagarden-Monk moved to approve the agenda, and Spear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Attachments: [HSC Draft Minutes 04-09-24](#)

Cooper moved to approve the April 9, 2024 minutes, and Teagarden-Monk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A, City of Columbia RFP-FY 2025 Social Services

Utterback said we received six proposals, with agencies requesting over \$637,000, and having \$422,000 available. Further discussion will occur when we go into the CLOSED SESSION.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None

A. Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) Representative Report

Ford asked Nguyen to present as the liaison from HSC.

Nguyen stated HCDC has moved forward to approve CDBG and HOME funds, as discussed at the last meeting. We held an open public session for people to comment about the FY2025 to FY2029 Consolidated Plan. He said the most important thing was that even though a homeless facility was at a lower priority in the FY2025 to FY2029 Priority Needs Analysis, we put that at a higher priority so conversations could occur between Commissioners and members of the community, as well as with the Opportunity Campus.

Ford thanked Nguyen for taking on the representation of the Commission.

B. Staff Report

Ford asked Utterback to provide the staff report for the Commissioners.

Utterback said the City and the County partnered on a housing study, and the results of that will be available in the next few weeks. There will be an Affordable Housing Summit on October 24th. Dr. Boston, who conducted the study and recommendations, will be presenting at that event. Later in the day, there will be action plan sessions, where attendees can discuss their priorities and provide input about the housing study and recommendations. At the end of the summit, there will be a recap of the day's activities and Dr. Boston will summarize and field questions. All of the day's activities will be held at the Memorial Baptist Church. All members concerned about affordable housing are encouraged to attend including: realtors, bankers, social service providers, and concerned citizens. Regional Economic Development Inc. has indicated that if our area continues on our current growth path, there will be 250,000 people in Boone County by 2050, which means we will need about 37,000 housing units. Many of those units will have to be affordable housing since we are so far behind in that specific category.

The City added to the contract for homeless services, which is not something this Commission rates, Utterback said. We had to modify Turning Point's contract, because we got requests for opening up a "cooling center" when the temperature does not fall below a certain level in the evenings. There were a few days one week in September that the temperature did not fall below 75° which would not allow people to rest and rejuvenate when they're staying outside. We now have an agreement with Turning Point, similar to the warming centers in the winter. So, if it is 25° or below, they open up, and in the summer if it doesn't get below 75° per the National Weather Service, they will open up.

Utterback said there would be an upcoming meeting about shelter capacity during the winter months.

Getzoff asked if there was any new status to report with the Opportunity Campus.

Utterback said that she was aware they got their contract passed through City Council recently.

VI. REPORTS

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Utterback addressed the next meeting date for the Commission. She indicated it would be November 12, 2024, at 6 p.m. in Training Room 1 – with dinner. She indicated that this meeting would include scoring the proposals. She explained that Commissioners could score and submit their proposals in Apricot or email them to her by October 18. October 25 is the deadline for agencies to submit their responses and clarifications.

Ford asked if Utterback would send the members the responses. Utterback affirmed, and asked that comments be kept confidential.

IX. Motion and Vote for Closed Session to Discuss City of Columbia RFP FY2025 Social Services Proposals Pursuant to R.S.Mo. §610.021(12) (Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected)

Yes: 8 - Ford, Getzoff, Cooper, Teagarden-Monk, Thorn, Nguyen, Spear and Clarke

Excused: 1 - Cook

Absent: 1 - Banks

X. ADJOURNMENT

Nguyen made a motion to end the closed session.

Teagarden-Monk seconded.

Utterback did a roll call vote and everybody voted unanimously.

Ford called for adjournment at 9:15 p.m.

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