



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Downtown Columbia Leadership Council

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
4:00 PM

Regular

City Hall
701 E. Broadway
Conference Room
1A/1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sarah Catlin called the meeting to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.
Guests included Parking and Transit Manager Mike Sokoff and Parking Operations Supervisor James Faup.

Present: 14 - Cliff Jarvis, Tim Teddy, Melissa Hagen, Bernie Andrews, Scott Smith, Van Hawxby, Melissa MacGowan, Ryan Rapp, Richard Burns, Sarah Catlin, Derrell Carter, Jonathan Adkins, Jacob Britt and Justin Aldred

Excused: 1 - Sharon Geuea Jones

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Staff Members and guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Hawxby, seconded by Smith; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 27, 2023 DLC Minutes

Motion to approve the September 27, 2023 minutes made by Hawxby, seconded by Aldred; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

The District CID Update - Nickie Davis

Nickie Davis, Executive Director for the District Downtown CID gave a brief overview of some upcoming events in the Downtown district.

Chair Catlin mentioned that Davis may not have any updates to give to the DLC on a monthly basis and suggested she attend every six month if she would like. Davis and Members agreed.

Downtown Columbia Parking Discussion

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Transit & Parking Update - City Staff

Parking and Transit Manager Mike Sokoff and Parking Operations Supervisor James Faup were invited to discuss the 5th & Walnut parking garage. Sokoff said the garage is

rarely full more than 50% of the time, therefore there is available parking.

Hawxby suggested part of the issue could potentially be employees of downtown businesses who take up parking spots downtown rather than utilizing the parking garages.

Sokoff stated that staff are aware of the parking issues and have a meeting with the Council on December 4 to discuss issues. There are several things to address such as the different ordinances related to on-street parking which limits the Department being able to make any decisions. Chair Catlin expressed that the DLC could submit a letter recommendation in support of this.

Nickie Davis suggested maybe have better education opportunities for the public.

Faup said the 5th and Walnut garage is the least used garage downtown. He indicated that there is availability to use it and feels maybe it is not utilized because it isn't in a convenient location.

Burns asked if apartment building owners can buy spaces to use for parking. Sokoff indicated that entities can buy blocks of parking, however the permits are limited from 8:00-6:00 p.m.

Faup said there are two ordinances that deal with parking. By ordinance, parking in garages is limited to no more than 72 hours. The other ordinance limits those who park in spots on the road to 24 hours. Staff indicated the difficulty with enforcing these ordinances.

Sokoff said a letter of support for Staff regarding ordinances would be very helpful.

Catlin will draft a letter of support and get one from Nickie as well and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

Parking Commission Update - Scott Smith

Scott Smith is the Downtown Leadership Council representative for the Parking Advisory Commission and indicated he will update DLC as needed.

Additional DLC Member - Letter of Recommendation to Council

Chair Catlin drafted a letter and distributed it to members to review. Members discussed changing the wording to indicate the seat would represent The Loop CID Board, either Carrie Gartner or her designee. Members then voted to approve the letter of recommendation asking for an additional seat on the Downtown Leadership Council who would represent The Loop CID Board.

Motion to approve the letter of recommendation with the changes made by Smith, seconded by Burns; motion carried.

Downtown Leadership Council Name Change

- Central Columbia Leadership Council
- Greater Downtown Leadership Council

Members discussed the two names they previously talked about changing the DLC name to, reached a consensus and voted.

Motion to approve changing the Downtown Leadership Council name to Greater Downtown Leadership Council made by Adkins, seconded by Carter; motion carried.

Motion to approve that Chair Catlin draft a letter to Council requesting to add a seat that would represent The Loop CID Board, either Carrie Gartner or her designee and to change the name of the Downtown Leadership Council to Greater Downtown Leadership Council made by Smith, seconded by Carter; motion carried.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Moving the November 22, 2023 Meeting to November 29, 2023

Members discussed December's meeting and decided to cancel the December 27, 2023 meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.