

**EXCERPTS**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**COLUMBIA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**701 EAST BROADWAY, COLUMBIA, MO**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2020**

**Case Number 47-2021**

**A request by the City of Columbia for recognition and acceptance of the Columbia Imagined Status Report.**

MS. LOE: May we have a staff report, please.

Staff report was given by Ms. Rachel Bacon of the Planning and Development Department. Staff recommends as the Status Report is identified as a key work objective in the Columbia Imagined Implementation Chapter, the Commission is asked to hold a public meeting to take additional public feedback on the Status Report. The Status Report is not a regulatory document, and as such, does not require formal approval, but recognition and acceptance of the Status Report will fulfill the objective identified in Columbia Imagined, and will allow the Status Report to be used by the Council to direct further implementation activities.

Recommended actions following the closure of the public meeting are:

1. **Acknowledge** the Status Report fulfills the objective of Comprehensive Plan which state that the Planning and Zoning Commission review a Status Report on the Plan after five years (page 150).
2. **Acceptance** of the Status Report as presented to serve as the guide for future work program activities, policy, and regulatory changes necessary to effectuate implementation of the Columbia Imagined Comprehensive Plan.

MS. LOE: Thank you, Ms. Bacon. So just to confirm, no public comment since we've already had public comment and do we need any Commission discussion on this since we've already had Commission discussion on this?

MS. BACON: I would ask that you open up for public comment. I think that would be helpful for the Council and the record.

MS. LOE: All right. Any questions for staff? We're going to open the floor for public comment -- I'm sorry. Ms. Geuea Jones, did you have a question for staff?

MS. GEUEA JONES: Either now or when we do Commissioner comment. I just want something on the transcript for Council, so you tell me when you want me to do that.

MS. LOE: Is it a question for staff?

MS. GEUEA JONES: It could be phrased as a question for staff.

MS. LOE: We have a really long meeting tonight, so if we can do things as succinctly as possible, that would be great.

MS. GEUEA JONES: I know. It'll take two seconds. Yeah. Question for staff. Are you going to be asking City Council for additional budget for the public outreach?

MS. BACON: We haven't gotten that far.

MS. GEUEA JONES: Okay.

MS. BACON: But that could be an outcome.

MS. GEUEA JONES: I would strongly suggest that many of the problems we have is because there is no budget, and so I would strongly encourage staff and City Council to put money behind it because you did the best you could with what you had and you had zero. So that is all I have to say. Thank you very much.

MS. LOE: Any additional questions for staff. Seeing none. We will open the floor up for public comment.

### **PUBLIC HEARING OPENED**

MS. LOE: If anyone does have any public comments that they would like to make on the Columbia Imagined Status Report, Recognition and Acceptance, please give your name and address for the minutes.

MS. DOKKEN: Dee Dokken, 804 Again Street, and I am speaking for the Osage Group of the Sierra Club, which, at last count, had 657 members in Columbia, and 6,860 supporters. And we support the Status Report recommendations for immediate action, one of which was to involve the Climate and Environment Commissions -- to involve the Climate and Environment Commissions Stakeholders and Office of Sustainability in planning issues that affect the environment and climate. We also strongly support doing the West Area Plan and the Growth Impact Study and implementing recommendations that come out of these processes. All decisions should also be looked at through an equity and environmental justice lens using the triple bottom line approach. With the triple bottom line, all decisions are evaluated for the impact on people, planet, and profit, or some people call it equity, environment, and economy. I personally notice that protecting steep slopes is checked off as an accomplishment under the environment protection section. Though the current UDC regulation only protects slopes greater than 25 percent, the Sierra Club and the East Area Plan previously still recommend starting slope protection at 15 percent, so we don't consider this issue successfully completed. In general, though, we think this is a great document and look forward to working with the Planning Commission, Planning Department, and other stakeholders on issues in the future, including the proposed discussion of the urban service area. Thank you.

MS. LOE: Thank you, Ms. Dokken. Any questions for this speaker? I see none. Any additional comments or speakers on the Columbia Imagined Status Report? If there is none, we'll close the public comment period.

### **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

MS. LOE: Commission discussion? Mr. Stanton?

MR. STANTON: If my colleagues do not have any further discussion, I would like to entertain a motion. I acknowledge the Status Report fulfills the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, which states that the Planning and Zoning Commission shall review a Status Report on the plan after five years or

seven, as stated on page 150. I move to accept -- acceptance of the Status Report as presented to -- and serve as a guide for future work program activities, policy, regulatory changes necessary for the efficient implementation of Columbia Imagined Comprehensive Plan.

MS. RUSHING: Second.

MS. LOE: Second by Ms. Rushing. We have a motion on the floor. Any discussion on that motion? I would just -- Mr. MacMann?

MR. MACMANN: Just real quick. I'm sorry I didn't speak earlier. I just wanted to say before we voted, I'm going to second Ms. Geuea Jones' perspective on outreach. I just wanted to get that on the record.

MS. LOE: And I would like to just say that we have had lengthy discussions on this, and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss them more, but we do have a very full agenda and I don't think this is really the best evening to get into those, so I'm not going to. All right. May we have roll call, please.

**Roll Call Vote (Voting "yes" is to recommend approval: Voting Yes: Mr. Toohey, Ms. Burns, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Loe, Mr. MacMann, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Geuea Jones, Ms. Rushing. Motion carries 8-0.**

MS. CARROLL: The vote is eight in the affirmative. We have a quorum.

MS. LOE: Thank you. A recommendation for acknowledgment and acceptance will be forwarded to City Council.