



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

City of Columbia New Century Fund, Inc. Board

Tuesday, May 20, 2025
12:00 PM

Regular

City Hall
Conference Room 1A
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM.

Present: 6 - Keri Gilbert, Timothy Howald, Barbara Buffaloe, Blake Willoughby, Stephen Lavelly and Megan Moore

Absent: 1 - Barbie Banks

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Buffaloe, seconded by Howald; motion carries.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2024 DRAFT Minutes

Attachments: [January 22, 2024 DRAFT Minutes](#)

Motion to approved the January 22, 2024 minutes made by Moore, seconded by Gilbert seconded; motion carries.

April 4, 2025 DRAFT Minutes

Attachments: [April 4, 2025 DRAFT Minutes](#)

Motion to approved the April 4, 2025 minutes made by Moore, seconded by Gilbert seconded; motion carries.

V. PLANNING THE FUTURE FOR NCF

Clarification was provided that the current accounts are held at Central Bank and would be transitioned into the City's pooled account at Commerce Bank, managed through fund accounting.

Donations could then be made directly at the City's Cashier's Office.

Motion to move the funds from the Community Foundation to the City of Columbia for fund management made by Howald, seconded by Moore; motion carries

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Share The Light Discussion

Discussion was held regarding the City's "Share the Light" utility bill donation program, which supports various city departments.

There is a current ordinance (Chapter 27, Article II, Section 27-27) that lists the Columbia Trust as a donation option. The group discussed potentially amending the ordinance to allow donations to the New Century Fund (NCF), with the option for donors to designate specific programs.

Plans to meet with department heads prior to making ordinance changes were discussed to explore alternative donation methods/if they still desire to be included.

New Century Fund Advertising Discussion

The board discussed whether the City could fund advertising for NCF, such as print mailers and digital promotions. Ideas included: adding a donation link to electronic utility bills, creating a newsletter, and increasing general visibility of NCF donation opportunities.

Lang Award Discussion

The Mayor appoints a selection committee for the Lang Award, which must include: the Mayor, a past Mayor, a member of NCF, and a past recipient. The award honors volunteers in City of Columbia programs. The recipient receives a \$1,000 check (which can be designated to a city program or local nonprofit) and a plaque.

Bylaws Changes

No discussion.

Board Term Limits

Discussion on board term limits: Currently, members can serve two consecutive terms. Clarified that quorum is defined as a simple majority rather than a fixed number.

VIII. REPORTS

None.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Discussion was held on officer positions. It was decided that Tim Howald would continue to serve as Treasurer and Keri Gilbert would continue to serve as Secretary. Blake Willoughby was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as Chair.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 12:00 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:54 p.m.