



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Mayor's Task Force on the U.S.S. Columbia

Tuesday, October 22, 2024
3:00 PM

Regular

Walton Building
Board Room
300 S. Providence Rd.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Ex-officio member present: Colton Tingler (MU NROTC)

Staff present: Sarah Dresser

Present: 7 - Anne Moore, John Clark, Peter Koukola, Robert Ross, Marty Walker, Chris Kelly and Walter Lantzy

Excused: 2 - Anne Clark and Becky Wischmeyer

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Moore stated that she would like to add an agenda item under New Business regarding adding a new member to the Task Force.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by John Clark, seconded by Kelly; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from March 27, 2024

Attachments: [3.27.24 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2024 made by Koukola, seconded by Ross; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Review of April 2024 Crew Visit

Introduction at City Council

Chair Moore gave an overview of the crew visit that occurred in April 2024. The crew were introduced at the City Council meeting, which had to be moved to Tuesday at the last minute due to the agenda not being posted properly. Even though the schedule had to shift slightly, she remarked that the crew and City Council appreciated being able to pay recognition. After the meeting, the crew had dinner with the NROTC group.

Mayor's Reception at Flat Branch

The Chair shared some thoughts about the reception at Flat Branch. Because a ribbon cutting was also scheduled, there were some logistics to keep in mind for future visits

and the venue for public crew receptions. Noise was a factor with the size of the group at the restaurant. The crew really enjoyed the food and visiting with members of the public.

Proclamation

Chair Moore shared that the Mayor was able to present the Proclamation at the reception at Flat Branch.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

New Member to Task Force

Chair Moore stated that she recently met the City's new Fire Chief, Brian Schaeffer. She inquired if he would be interested in joining the Task Force, as there has been a history with the Fire Chief serving on the group (for example former Chief Margraf). Moore also stated that all crew of the boat are trained fire fighters, so there is a tie in to that department.

The group discussed that the new position would not be person-specific, rather, the new member would be for the current and future Fire Chiefs. The position would be an ex-officio role.

The Mayor and City Council would need to approve any changes to the Task Force membership.

Motion to recommend to the Mayor to add the Fire Chief as an ex-officio member of the Mayor's Task Force on the U.S.S. Columbia made by John Clark, seconded by Lantzy; motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

Marketing committee PowerPoint

Moore stated that a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the history of the U.S.S. Columbia and the role of Mayor's Task Force had previously been started to put together. The person who had been contributing recently took another job role, and Dresser has stated she could help get a final presentation put together. Moore will work with Ross to come up with a full script as well as any photos to add, then Dresser will be able to put something together to share with the group.

October 2025 Namesake City Visit to Commemorate 30th Anniversary of Commissioning

Moore stated that the 30th anniversary of the Commissioning of the boat will be in 2025 and planning for a crew visit should start early in the year. There is some uncertainty due to the Navy budget and the timing of travel and funding requests. Ideally the crew could visit in October 2025 and also time their visit to coincide with a home MU Football Game (potentially during the Mayor's Cup with the game against Columbia, SC, another namesake city). The group suggested that the next meeting take place in March or April 2025 to start planning a tentative schedule.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Moore asked if holiday greeting cards could be included from the Mayor and any other City Officials. Tingle would check on possible deployment timing, which would determine when a package could be shipped to get to the crew in time ahead of a deployment.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD - likely late March or early April 2025.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. made by Walker, seconded by John Clark; motion carried.