



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

3:00 PM

Regular

Walton Building
Board Room
300 S. Providence Rd.
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Ex-officio member present: Chief Brian Schaeffer

Staff present: Sarah Dresser

Guest present: Jared Tonyan

Present: 6 - Anne Moore, John Clark, Peter Koukola, Robert Ross, Chris Kelly and Walter Lantz

Excused: 3 - Anne Clark, Becky Wischmeyer and Marty Walker

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Guest Jared Tonyan introduced himself. He connected with Robert Ross about being involved with the group. He is a Navy veteran and in the Army National Guard.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 20, 2025

Attachments: [5.20.25 Draft Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025 made by Clark, seconded by Koukola; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Schedule Considerations for Crew Visit

Dresser reached out to the Mayor regarding her availability for the proposed fall dates. She is out of town on Oct. 8, but would be available Sept. 20 or Nov. 8, which would coincide with the MU football games playing South Carolina and Texas A&M (military game), respectively.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Mayor to Boat

Moore reported that she sent a draft letter to the Mayor and the City Clerk for them to make edits to that would be sent to the boat. Once signed, Moore plans to have it mailed and emailed as soon as possible.

Formal Invitation to visit to celebrate 30th anniversary

The above mentioned letter will serve as the formal invitation to the Commander and crew for a visit to Columbia to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the commissioning.

City Reception

Dresser reported that there is not funds in the City Clerk's office budget for a reception, but mentioned that funds from the Office of Cultural Affairs or the City Manager's Office could possibly be used for an event. If the event was held at a City facility, there likely would not be a cost to rent the venue. Moore inquired if food and beverages could possibly be donated from the nonprofit organization, and Dresser stated she did not see an issue with that. Once more details are known on a schedule, Dresser stated she could look into options.

VII. REPORTS

Submarine Updates

Moore reported that the boat returned on June 1 to its base in Hawaii after a seven month deployment. Typically there is some boat clean up and reports that occur after returning to the dock, which is followed by a stand down period which typically lasts two weeks. Moore has been attempting to contact the boat through a variety of methods - emailing and texting her contacts, but she has not heard back. She will likely try calling this next week or emailing another contact that may be provided by another member of the Task Force.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Tonyan mentioned that he has a contact within the Navy and that person might have a good source on who best to contact to get in touch with the crew.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be July 29, 2025 at 3 p.m. in the Walton Building, Board Room.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 3:26 p.m. made by Kelly, seconded by Lantzy; motion carried.