



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Downtown Columbia Leadership Council

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
4:00 PM

Regular

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:01 p.m.

Present: 9 - Tim Teddy, Scott Wilson, Melissa Hagen, Scott Smith, Ryan Rapp, Richard Burns, Sarah Catlin, Derrell Carter and Jonathan Adkins

Excused: 3 - Bernie Andrews, Van Hawxby and Sharon Geuea Jones

Unexcused: 3 - Cliff Jarvis, Doug Coley and Melissa MacGowan

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 2022 DLC Minutes

Motion to approve the December 14, 2022 Minutes made by Hagen, seconded by Adkins; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Growth of Housing in Downtown

Chair Scott Wilson introduced Director of Community Development, Tim Teddy, to discuss the growth of housing in downtown Columbia. Teddy showed a picture of Downtown Columbia from 1950. Teddy explained that since 2011 the main focus has been about student housing.

Teddy went on to discuss studies and plans that have occurred including J-Quad Housing Study (2004), Downtown-Campus Opportunity Study (2007) (aka "The Sasaki Plan") and the Downtown Charrette Report (2010).

Teddy explained that the population has increased from 2010-2020. For the Census tract 5 (south of Broadway between Providence and College). In 2010 there were 2,794 persons while in 2020 there were 5,226 which is an increase by 46.5%.

Teddy talked about vacancy rates from the 2020 census which includes data on total housing units and occupied housing units by census block, which can be used to infer vacancy. Occupancy rates are generally high (90%-100%) for most of these multi-family housing complexes at present (student oriented and non-student oriented) as well as on-campus housing.

A couple of members indicated they would like to know more about the occupancy numbers. Teddy said he would bring this information back to the group.

Downtown Columbia CID Update - Nickie Davis

Nickie Davis said the District, Downtown CID, has set aside \$30,000 in grant funds for businesses to purchase outdoor cameras in an effort to improve safety within downtown Columbia. Businesses and property owners may take advantage of this program to receive up to \$2,000. This will be reimbursed after purchasing and installing exterior or exterior-facing cameras.

Davis went on to discuss Alley Gallery public art initiative. She explained the purpose of the Alley Gallery public art initiative is to create more safe, friendly, and inviting alleys and thruways within the downtown area.

The Alley Gallery project is a submission-based program for local artists to paint alley doors downtown. Artists can submit their work and ideas now through July 29th. Submissions will go through The Districts Economic Development committee, and afterward, an award will go to the artist that brings the most thoughtful and creative vision.

The CID has designated funds to help the city improve lighting downtown. A pilot for the new lights can be found on Broadway just east of Hitt Street. The six test light poles have a wide gradient range of light intensity to improve safety and visibility downtown at night, particularly after bar-close. Once the crowd dissipates, the lights can decrease in intensity to suit sleeping residents.

The Gateways is another project which is a combination of decorative public art, street beautification, and enhanced pedestrian safety. The project includes an iconic Gateway Plaza at Broadway & Providence, and four distinctive Entry Gateways and pedestrian improvements at major entrances to downtown. A series of illuminated art installations called Light Hubs will span select downtown streets.

The Columbia City Council has endorsed The Gateways, granting the use of city-owned right-of-way for the project. The first three Light Hubs have been installed at Flat Branch Park, Wabash Station, and the Sharp End.

The Gateway Plaza will be installed in 2021 at the corner of Broadway and Providence next to the Ice House.

Block by block is working with the City to get some alleyway cleanup done since this is the number one complaint regarding trash.

Restaurant week has now been turned into Restaurant month.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 22, 2023

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 5:17 p.m., motion to adjourn the meeting made by Adkins, seconded by Catlin; motion carried.