

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Clerk To: City Council From: City Manager & Staff Council Meeting Date: January 4, 2016 Re: Correspondence from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding liaison to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission

Executive Summary

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission (BPC) is comprised of ten (10) members, and one of those members is a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) chosen by the PRC. The PRC would like a change to the BPC membership so they are no longer required to provide a representative to the BPC, and would suggest a Parks and Recreation Department staff person be required to be a member instead.

Discussion

The BPC is comprised of ten (10) members, and one of those members is a member of the PRC. As indicated in the correspondence provided by the Chair of the PRC, they are having trouble finding a volunteer to participate on the BPC as required, and would like that requirement changed in the Code. They are suggesting a non-voting member of the Parks and Recreation Department staff member be required instead.

Janet Godon, the current GetAbout and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department has participated in the BPC meetings for the last two years, and this change would allow her to continue to provide input and feedback on park and trailrelated projects and communicate BPC related interests to the PRC and the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

The BPC would continue to be comprised of ten (10) members, but only nine (9) would be voting members. Most boards and commissions have an odd number of voting members so there a fewer ties, so this change should not create any problems in that respect.

Note, the BPC was previously comprised of eleven (11) members and required a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to serve on the BPC. That requirement was removed in November, 2012, per the request of the PZC so this type of request is not unusual.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. Long-Term Impact: None.



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Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Secondary Impact: Transportation, Tertiary Impact: Community Facilities and Services

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Economy

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/07/2013	Ordinance No. 021571 – Recodification of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission and other boards/commissions
11/05/2012	Ordinance No. 021495 – Removal of the requirement of a Planning and Zoning Commission member to be a member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission

Suggested Council Action

Council authorization for staff to draft legislation to remove the requirement of a Parks and Recreation Commission member to be a member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission, and to add a requirement for a Parks and Recreation Department staff member, designated by the Parks and Recreation Department Director, to be a non-voting member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Commission.