



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Downtown Columbia Leadership Council

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Wednesday, January 24, 2024  
4:00 PM

Regular

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Catlin called the meeting to order at approximately 4:15 p.m.

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Scott Smith, seconded by Jacob Britt;  
motion carried.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 29, 2023 meeting minutes were not available for approval.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### DLC Name Change & Additional Member - Staff Update

Staff liaison, Kristina Wolf informed the members that Council has requested that Staff bring back information on all Boards and Commissions so that Council can review and discuss whether or not some boards can be decommissioned and/or merged with one another. Timing of when this will happen is unknown at this time. At this time changing the name and adding a member is on hold.

##### Downtown Golf Cart Rides - Bernie Andrews

Bernie Andrews presented the group with information about the golf cart service shuttles in Columbia. He checked with the Business License office and Mac Daddy Lyft's was not licensed. Andrews reached out to David McDonald (owner) and he indicated that he was going to fill out forms to get licensed.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### Orr Street Discussion - Gabe Huffington, Pars & Rec Director

Gabe Huffington, Parks and Recreation Director presented a slideshow to members on the Orr Street Park Property Development. Huffington indicated the goal is to create a park focused on family friendly access to green space and promotion of the arts.

This is the old Ameren site. At the Mayor's request, city staff collaborated with a small committee to create the proposed plans for the park development. The committee also assisted with the MO DED grant application and will assist with future fundraising efforts for the park.

There will be six unique art installations within the park. There will also be a playground area, a large lawn area as well as an area that can be used for bands, dances, etc. This is a hard surface area.

Huffington went on to discuss plan changes that came from community input such as parking improvements, park noise, benches, restrooms and 45 to 55 new trees. Rose Music Hall and the City will work together to ensure they aren't having events at the same time.

Looking at the next steps, P&R Commission approved the project to proceed to City Council approval with the naming recommendation which is North Village Park. This goes before Council for public hearing and approval on March 4, 2024. The RFQ for the engineering firm selection closed February 9, 2024.

The total project funding is \$1,550,000 and the project is set to be completed by September 30, 2026.

Members and staff discussed further.

## **VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Catlin said she will ask Catherine Armbrust with COMO Mobile Aide to attend the February meeting.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 28, 2024

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 pm.