



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Downtown Columbia Leadership Council

Wednesday, March 27, 2024
4:00 PM

Regular

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Catlin called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Present: 11 - Tim Teddy, Melissa Hagen, Bernie Andrews, Scott Smith, Melissa MacGowan, Ryan Rapp, Richard Burns, Sarah Catlin, Derrell Carter, Jacob Britt and Kathleen Murphy

Excused: 4 - Cliff Jarvis, Sharon Geuea Jones, Jonathan Adkins and Justin Aldred

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members and Guests introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Murphy, seconded by MacGowan; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 29, 2023 DLC Minutes

Attachments: [November 29, 2023 DLC Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the November 29, 2024 minutes made by Britt, seconded by Smith; motion carried.

January 24, 2024 DLC Minutes

Attachments: [January 24, 2024 DLC Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the January 24, 2024 minutes made by Britt, seconded by Smith; motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Catherine Armbrust - Executive Director of COMO Mobile Aid

Catherine Armbrust, Executive Director of COMO Mobile Aid presented the Downtown Leadership Council with a presentation and discussed what their purpose is and what resources they have for community members who may be experiencing homelessness. Armbrust explained that COMO Mobile Aid is a non-profit that is dedicated to providing resources, care, and respect to Columbia citizens experiencing homelessness.

COMO Mobile Aid partners with community volunteers and other organizations to provide meals, water, survival supplies, hygiene items, basic medical care, pet care, legal advocacy, and more.

Armbrust told the members of various stories of citizens of Columbia experiencing homelessness and disparities. She explained that homelessness isn't always visible and not just people sleeping outside. They could be a cashier or the parent of your child's classmates.

Armbrust discussed barriers as to why some experiencing homelessness do not accept assistance which include:

- Pets are not allowed
- Gender separation
- Hours of Operation
- Struggle with or are overwhelmed in group settings
- Struggle with structure or strict rules

Also discussed were lack of access to food and healthcare. She mentioned that there is a Med team which serves 25-45 per clinic, and offers first aid, wound care, hygiene products, glucose testing, and much more.

Members and Guests discussed further.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 24, 2024

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:05 p.m.