

Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session Minutes
August 4, 2022
Conference Room 1A & 1B - 1st Floor City Hall

Call to Order

Commissioners Present – Burns, Carroll, Geuea-Jones, Kimbell, Loe, MacMann, and Stanton
Commissioners Absent – Placier and Willson
Staff Present –Zenner, Skov, Teddy, Thompson, Palmer, and Kelley

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Meeting agenda adopted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

July 21, 2022 work session minutes adopted as presented.

New Business

Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP) Update

Mr. Skov provided background information on the City's Sidewalk Master Plan (SMP). The SMP is developed by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission and is typically presented to the Planning Commission before being brought to City Council for final approval. He noted that a draft of the SMP had been sent to City Council recently to provide a status update given delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Skov indicated that he had also presented this draft update to the Disabilities Commission and the Public Transit Advisory Commission, who indicated specific support for a few individual projects.

Commissioners inquired as to how sidewalk projects were rated or prioritized on the plan. Mr. Skov noted that the plan contains several scoring criteria which are used to prioritize projects into two tiers. Some Commissioners asked how much the City spends on sidewalk repairs and construction annually to which Mr. Skov responded he did not have an exact figure at this time.

The Commission brought up discretionary grants created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and how they may provide funding for projects on the SMP. Mr. Kelley noted that the City is pursuing a Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (SS4A) which is intended for safety or mobility projects. He noted that the application would include various sidewalk projects.

Commissioners asked if Columbia Public Schools participated in sidewalk projects. Mr. Skov responded that no, CPS tends to build schools in non-optimal locations regarding infrastructure. Mr. Zenner responded that development plays a part in CPS and development agreements are often required which requires developers to construct additional sidewalk or other necessary infrastructure. Mr. Zenner thanked the Commission for their time and indicated that Mr. Skov would be back to discuss the 2022 draft update to the Sidewalk Master Plan at the August 18 work session to complete discussion on this topic due to the short work session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:02 pm

ACTION(S) TAKEN:

Motion made by Commissioner Geuea-Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Geuea-Jones, to approve the July 21, 2022 work session minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.