

Columbia City Council Pre-Council Minutes

Monday, July 21, 2014 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Conference Room 1A/1B
701 East Broadway

Council members present: Mayor McDavid, Ginny Chadwick, Mike Trapp, Karl Skala, Ian Thomas, Laura Nauser and Barbara Hoppe

Absent: None

Mayor McDavid called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Columbia, Missouri, went into closed session on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A and 1B of City Hall, 701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, to discuss the following: (1) information relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees when personal information relating to the performance or merit of individual employee(s) is discussed as authorized by Section 610.021(3) RSMo; and (2) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings of employees, or applicants for employment as authorized by Section 610.021(13) RSMo.

At approximately 6:27 p.m., the meeting was opened to the public.

Bus Shelter Design Update:

City of Columbia Sustainability Manager Barbara Buffaloe introduced Mike and Lisa Goldschmidt to present an update on the bus shelter project. Ms. Goldschmidt acknowledged the partners on this project including PedNet/CoMET, MU Architectural Studies, COMO Connect, Office of Cultural Affairs, and the Office of Sustainability. She provided a brief background of the project and discussed the implementation. She noted that they worked with partners to plan the process; they discussed the design criterion which was then presented to Sustainable Technology classes at the beginning of the year. The classroom instruction started right away with guest speakers that talked about public transportation, sustainability, COMO Connect, ADA accessibility, stormwater and other relevant topics.

Mr. Goldschmidt explained that he teaches the Sustainable Technology course to juniors and seniors at the University of Missouri. After the students heard from speakers, they started designing sketches and a schematic design, they did cost estimates, etc. He gave feedback to the groups and was pleased that all concepts were very good and all were competitive throughout the entire process.

Ms. Goldschmidt explained that they reached many citizens tell them about the project through various local events including that Earth Day festival, Bike, Walk and Wheel Week, Art in the Park, as well as the Health Department and Family Impact Center and online. They also displayed items at the Wabash Center, City Hall, the ARC, through the Bike & Ped Commission, Public Transportation Advisory Committee, Environment and Energy Commission, and Disability Commission. She added that they also used many media outlets and social media that ran stories about the project. They reached out to neighborhood associations, homeowner's association, local non-profits, University student organizations, the Community Improvement District, Columbia Housing Authority, international students and refugees, Columbia Public Schools and current riders. She briefly explained the locations for voting and the process of voting. There were two categories for winners: the People's Choice and the Jury's Award. The winning design was the top pick in both categories. Council person Skala asked the cost of the shelter. Mr. Goldschmidt replied that the basic structure is \$7,000-\$8,000 each. The more you build, the cheaper each is. Once you add in the extra items, such as the green roof, the bike rack and the solar panels, the cost gets closer to \$10,000. Ms. Buffaloe commented that grant funding will provide for 7 to 10 of these structures and 25 existing shelters can be used. We may get another grant for additional new shelters and businesses have also shown interest in shelter sponsorship. Mr. Goldschmidt commented that the idea is to build one shelter with everything and then do the others without and could always do the add-on features later.

Mayor McDavid was concerned about personal safety since the winning design has significant dark areas. Mr. Goldschmidt noted that the closed in side on the model will actually be transparent, that is just not shown on the model. Visibility will be incorporated as he and Drew Brooks meet over coming weeks to fine tune the model. Ms. Hoppe asked if the metal will be too hot in the summer. Mr. Goldschmidt replied that the paint that will be used is reflective and the metal is also perforated to reduce rain coming in, which also provides ventilation. The green roofs also keep it cool in summer heat.

Ms. Goldschmidt explained that the next steps in the process include a sponsorship program for public art, a call for artists for public art and construction drawings. Mr. Skala asked if this is this a bargain compared to what we pay now for shelters. Ms. Buffaloe replied that we currently get structures in a kit and have staff assemble them. The largest cost is in site development. She added that Job Point and the Career Center may help to build components to keep down costs.

Council thanked them for all their work on this project. Council person Thomas asked how many of these will be on campus versus other areas. Ms. Buffaloe was not sure of the locations at this time. Mr. Thomas felt that anything we can

do to continue to engage students would be appreciated. Mayor McDavid suggested that the artwork could be renewable to keep up ongoing interest from stakeholders.

The bus shelter presentation can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/bcmanager/downloadfile.php?id=14537>

Other Topics Council Wishes to Discuss:

City Clerk, Sheela Amin reviewed the requests to pull consent items at the regular meeting tonight.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 PM.