

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ARTS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
MAY 13, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL – 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1737 MAIN STREET**



The Columbia City Council conducted an Arts and Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in the City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room located at 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Moe Baddourah (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Honorable Leona K. Plough was present. The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman arrived at 9:23 a.m.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

1. One Columbia Monthly Update – Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia

Mr. Lee Snelgrove, Executive Director of One Columbia provided the committee with an update with current projects they are working on. They currently have two (2) public art pieces for Main Street in the works with an estimated installation time for fall; and a piano art project that will place pianos at various locations around the city that anyone can walk up to and play. One Columbia is currently developing a cultural passport program that is designed to showcase arts and cultural events. The program will offer incentives by collecting stamps or stickers for attending various events.

- Councilor Newman arrived at 9:23 a.m.

Mr. Snelgrove extended an invitation to the committee and all of Council to attend the One Columbia Annual meeting on June 6 at 5:30 p.m. They will be presenting the first Stephen G. Morrison Visionary Award. The event will take place at the Tapps Art Center.

2. Little Free Library Staff Update

Councilor Baddourah shared his thoughts on offering the little free libraries in the city's parks.

Mr. Jeff Caton, Director for Parks and Recreation advised the committee on possible locations in and outside of park buildings to have the little libraries. Parks staff could monitor the libraries to make sure it is filled with content that would be enjoyed by both adults and children.

Councilor Plough suggested that businesses and organizations could be sponsors of little libraries.

Ms. Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager advised the committee that if little libraries are installed in front of businesses and at parks would need to be ADA complaint. She inquired if anyone had reached out to the Richland Public Library as a possible partner.

There was a consensus of the committee to request that a resolution be drafted to show the city's support of the concept of little libraries and encourage businesses and organizations to sponsor a little library. The committee recommended that staff reach out to the Richland Public Library as a possible partner in this project.

- **The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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