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Planning Commission

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July 2006 Announcements

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MMRPC Selects Officers for FY07

Howard County Presiding Commissioner Lowell Eaton was elected chairman of the Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission, the organization providing economic and community development, transportation, and other planning assistance to member cities and counties in Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Moniteau, and Howard counties. The Board of Directors of the MMRPC met June 28th at the Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission in Ashland.

Other officers elected were Moniteau Presiding Commissioner Kenneth Kunze as vice chairman, Huntsdale Mayor Debby Lancaster as secretary, and New Franklin City Administrator /Clerk Pat Cunningham as treasurer. Committee chairs selected include: Mike Kalaf, Mayor of Lohman- budget, Les Hudson, Director of Planning and Protective services, City of Fulton – personnel, Eddie Brickner- Cooper County Presiding Commissioner- transportation, and Karen M. Miller- Boone County Commissioner- homeland security.

The Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission is governed by a 20 member executive board comprised of representatives of each county and selected member cities in the region. The MMRPC membership includes 34 cities and all six counties.

Governor Blunt Unveils His D.R.E.A.M. Initiative

On June 19, 2006 Governor Matt Blunt traveled around the state unveiling the new D.R.E.A.M. Initiative. D.R.E.A.M. is the acronym for Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri. This initiative has been created through the combine effort and resources of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Development Finance Board, and the Missouri Housing Development Commission. Their role will be to assist selected communities in the revitalization of the downtown areas in an effort to spur economic growth.

Six to ten communities will be chosen to become D.R.E.A.M. communities for a period of three years. The selection criteria will be based on the “cities potential to make the investment required to secure their future, but also to sustain the effort.” The following is a list of criteria that will be used for in the selection process.

- Missouri communities that have developed, or will develop a viable plan and execute the same for the renovation, rehabilitation and revitalization of the downtown;
- Communities presenting a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization, rather than a single-project events;

- Communities with the capacity to responsibly undertake a multi-dimensional initiative, and;
- Communities with the ability to attract and maintain private investment.

Over the three-year period, the selected communities will be able to draw upon all of the collective resources of the state agencies involved. In an effort to give focus to the overall project, the agencies created D.R.E.A.M. Initiative Incentive Packages, for instance the Department of Economic Development Package includes assistance from the following programs:

- Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG)
- Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)
- Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program (HTC)
- Missouri Downtown Economic Stimulus Act (MODESA)

For a full list of the entire program package please go to www.dream.mo.gov.

The advantage of this initiative is the ability of the selected community to sit down with the participating agencies and determine which programs will help them achieve their goals, and then implement them into a revitalization program. An important point to remember is that the first step in the process will be the creation of a comprehensive plan for selected communities that do not have one. The funding for this aspect of the initiative will be based on a “cost share” formula.

The funding and match requirements for the specific programs has not changed therefore a qualifying community will be expected to contribute the required match for the programs utilized in their revitalization project.

Every community is encouraged to apply, the applications are available at www.dream.mo.gov. The application must be received in the office of Business and Community Services no later than 5 p.m. on August 1, 2006 (the application **cannot** be postmarked August 1, 2006). All hand delivered applications must receive a signed receipt from the receptionist in Room 680 of the Harry S Truman State Office Building.

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**Regional Homeland Security
Committees (RHSOC)**

The State of Missouri, through the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Homeland Security and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), has responsibility for working with the Department of Homeland Security in addressing planning requirements and grant funding priorities and distribution in our state.

In order to more effectively plan, manage, and administer the Homeland Security planning requirements and funding, the State has proposed to organize into regions, based upon the existing nine (9) State Highway Patrol troop areas. The entire Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission area is contained within Area F. Each region will form a Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC) comprised of one representative of 13 core disciplines- Director of Emergency Management, Chief of Police, County Sheriff, Chief of Fire, County Health, Homeland Security Response Team, City or County Public Works, Mayor or City Administrator, County Commissioner, Private Industry/Public Utility, Emergency Medical Service, 911, and the volunteer sector. The RHSOC for Area F is currently being organized.

The primary purpose of the RHSOCs is to administer plans, projects, and grant programs at the area level. The lead RPC will serve as the primary administrative agent for the committees and will serve as the fiscal agent for the administration of grant programs. The regional planning commissions will assist in organizational coordination and funding administration duties. The Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission will be the lead RPC for Area F which includes Audrain, Boone, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, and Osage counties.

For more information regarding the RHSOC contract please contact Ed Siegmund, 573-657-9779.

Calendar:

July 17-20, 2006: GIS Training – University of Missouri, Stewart Hall. –CLASS is FULL.

July 26, 2006: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 65010. Please RSVP to Lisa at lisanichols@mmrpc.org or 573.657.9779.

July 26, 2006: Regional Planning Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Copper Kettle, Ashland, MO 65010. Please RSVP to Lisa at lisanichols@mmrpc.org or 573.657.9779.

Upcoming:

August 1 and 2, 2006: 2006 Missouri Grants Summit. Learning the latest strategies for Finding, Writing and Administration Grants. Location at Ramada Inn--Jefferson City, MO

September 25 and 27: Governor's Conference On Affordable Housing- <http://www.mhdc.com/>-T St. Louis, MO. More details call 1-866-647-3633.

October 1-4: Missouri Municipal League Conference, St. Louis, MO—Watch for details.

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