

**Jefferson County, Missouri County Council
Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee**

April 30, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Charles Groeteke called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

District 1 - Brian Haskins:	Absent
District 2 – Billy Crow:	Absent
District 3 – Lori Arons:	Present
District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Present
District 5 - Scott Seek:	Absent
District 6 – Tim Brown:	Present
District 7 - Bob Tullock:	Present

Note: Also in attendance were Mr. Alan Leaderbrand, Mr. John Giancola, Executive Dennis Gannon, and Counselor Jasha Kuenzel.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Bob Tullock made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Lori Arons.

Vote:

District 1 - Brian Haskins:	Absent
District 2 – Billy Crow:	Absent
District 3 – Lori Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Scott Seek:	Absent
District 6 – Tim Brown	Yes
District 7 - Bob Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Approval of the April 23, 2025, Journal – Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilman Bob Tullock made a motion to approve the Journal of the April 23, 2025, meeting, seconded by Councilman Tim Brown.

Vote:

District 1 - Brian Haskins:	Absent
District 2 – Billy Crow:	Absent
District 3 – Lori Arons:	Yes

District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Scott Seek:	Absent
District 6 – Tim Brown	Yes
District 7 - Bob Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried.

The committee members decided to continue reviewing Chapter 8 on the new Master Plan Working Draft, dated April 8, 2025. Councilwoman Arons said she was excited to see that the coloring on the maps in the new draft was much better. Councilman Groeteke mentioned other benefits that were added to new draft are map legends explaining more details, and a glossary of terms.

V. DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN DRAFT

Committee Members reviewed Chapter 8, page 73 – Chapter 10, page 94 of the latest revision of the Master Plan Working Draft.

Page 73 - Opening paragraph.

Committee Note: Place the collaboration statement in this paragraph to cover all areas outlined in this chapter that are not under the control of the County. “The County should continue collaborating with public and private entities.”

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The statement that the County should continue to invest in up-to-date emergency vehicles, certified EMS personnel...

Committee Note: This section must be revised to ensure the expectation is not such that the County is investing financially in the services and equipment provided by other political subdivisions, i.e., Fire District, Ambulance District. Also, add information about the County’s Emergency Management Department to make this more specific to County-provided emergency services.

Page 77 - Recommendations

Bullet 10: Conduct an internal assessment to determine...

Committee Note: Change to “Encourage internal assessments to determine...”

Committee Note: Remove this bullet as it is redundant to Bullet 3.

Bullet 11: Continue to prioritize specialized training for fire personnel, focusing on handling high-density urban emergencies typical of areas close to St. Louis County.

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Committee Note: The map does not appear to accurately represent the sewer districts. Replace/update the map.

Paragraph 2: As these agencies are independently managed, the County should continue collaborating with public and private entities to explore funding opportunities, such as state and federal grants or low-interest loans.

Committee Note: This statement can be used in all areas to set the right expectation that the County is not purchasing equipment but collaborating with these other entities. See earlier note on Emergency Services and opening paragraph.

Page 80 - Recommendations:

Remove bullet 10 that begins with “Partner with Ameren Missouri and the Missouri Division of Energy to develop incentive programs that encourage the adoption of renewable energy systems...”

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Under Enhance Community Facilities, change the beginning of the last sentence from “By investing in these community assets...” to “By collaborating on these community assets”.

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Missing word in sentence, “The County should encourage the transition these sites...”. Correction “The County should encourage the transition of these sites...”.

Under Support Recreational Facilities, modify this “Jefferson County should encourage the development of new athletic facilities, making...” to “Jefferson County should encourage the development of new athletic facilities and the revitalization of existing facilities, making...”.

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The committee wants the location of all State, County, and Municipal parks shown on the map and in the numbered list. Use a format that clearly indicates state, county, or municipal. The current list is focused on State parks. The County parks should be shown in the County’s Master Plan.

Note: at 4:23 p.m. Counselor Kuenzel and Councilwoman Arons both left due to other obligations.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Committee Chair Charles Groeteke announced the next meeting date will be May 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Training Room.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tim Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Charles Groeteke.

Vote:

District 1 - Brian Haskins:	Absent
District 2 – Billy Crow:	Absent
District 3 – Lori Arons:	Yes
District 4 - Charles Groeteke:	Yes
District 5 - Scott Seek:	Absent
District 6 – Tim Brown:	Yes
District 7 - Bob Tullock:	Yes

Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.