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during construction and historic preservation and rehabilitation priorities.

Other funding sources might come from corporate programs. And Brzuchalski said the results of the city's Central East Side Plan could allow the MSP to be eligible for downtown incentives.

In other updates, the commission learned the following:

- The construction of the State Health Lab, the second redevelopment project on the MSP site, began last month.
- The Lewis and Clark State Office Building, formerly referred to as the green building, has received roofing and interior finish work.

• Property value assessments of

the 142 acres as is are being finalized and should be available in detail at the commission's next meeting. The assessment will allow the officials to measure the improvement value as redevelopment continues.

• Design guidelines for future developments on site will be drafted to continue the historic character of the buildings to remain.

• Brzuchalski, who is the former chairman of the Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the CVB has unofficially committed to pay for an MSP historic tours brochure, which historian Mark Schreiber has agreed to author. Schreiber is the MSP associate superintendent and a CVB board member.

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## RACS wants to raise funds with tours of old prison

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Most people have not seen the inside of the Missouri State Penitentiary, although it is the oldest continually operating prison west of the Mississippi River.

The doors for public viewing may open in 2005, if the state MSP Redevelopment Commission decides to open the place for tours. And the local Rape and Abuse Crisis Services Foundation would like to capitalize on that opportunity, Bill Tackett, former foundation president, said Wednesday at the commission meeting.

Janet Wear-Enloe, foundation member, explained the goal of RACS is to stop the cycle of violence, by providing counseling, support and guidance for women and children.

A direct correlation exists between abuse and incarceration, Wear-Enloe said. More than 93

percent of inmates either witnessed their mothers being abused or were abused themselves.

A partnership between the commission and the social service would be a natural fit, she said.

After the inmates leave the prison, suggested around September, the commission has discussed public access to the site before redevelopment begins.

The RACS Foundation would like to host a signature event to kick-off whatever form of public access the commission chooses, Tackett said.

The newly formed foundation seeks to create a long-term funding source for RACS, Wear-Enloe said. Tackett suggested thousands of dollars could benefit RACS through such a fundraiser.

And since the state commission is unfunded, Tackett suggested funds and volunteers could be shared.