

**UNIVERSITY CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

5th Floor of City Hall  
6801 Delmar  
March 27, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At the Regular Session of the City Council of University City held on the fifth floor of City Hall, on Monday, March 27, 2017, Mayor Shelley Welsch, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

In addition to the Mayor, the following members of Council were present:

Councilmember Rod Jennings  
Councilmember Paulette Carr  
Councilmember Steven McMahon  
Councilmember Terry Crow  
Councilmember Michael Glickert  
Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

Also in attendance was Acting City Manager, Charles Adams.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember McMahon requested that Jason Sparks be added under Appointments to Boards and Commissions as a nominee for the Parks Commission.

Councilmember Carr stated she had provided members of Council with a copy of the draft RFP for the City Manager recruitment service and will be calling for a Special Meeting later this week to discuss and vote on this issue.

Mayor Welsch informed Councilmember Carr that she would submit her comments regarding the RFP tomorrow.

Councilmember Glickert moved to approve the agenda as amended, it was seconded by Councilmember Jennings and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROCLAMATIONS**

## **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. March 6, 2017, Study Session Minutes were moved by Councilmember Jennings, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.
2. March 13, 2017, Regular Session Minutes were moved by Councilmember Jennings, it was seconded by Councilmember Carr and the motion carried unanimously.

## **F. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Joan Suarez and Michael Waxenberg are nominated for reappointment to the Civil Service Board by Councilmember Jennings, seconded by Councilmember Glickert and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Jason Sparks was nominated to the Parks Commission by Councilmember McMahon, seconded by Councilmember Glickert and the motion carried unanimously.

## **G. SWEARING INTO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

1. Halpin J. Burke was sworn into the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) on March 22nd, in the Mayor's Office.

## **H. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Total of 15minutesallowed)**

### **Jan Adams, 7150 Cambridge Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. Adams inquired as to Council's plans to hire a new City Clerk, who was fired along with the City Manager. She stated she has been corresponding with Ms. Reese for several weeks regarding various Sunshine requests and at all times Ms. Reese has been a pleasure to work with. However, she has not received formal training regarding the Missouri Statutes that govern a City Clerk's authorities, nor has she received any independent education for the interpretation and implementation of the Sunshine Laws, and as a result, much of the information she provides is from an undisclosed source whose interpretations are contrary to the law.

Ms. Adams stated she would support Council's decision to hire Ms. Reese and allow her time to obtain the necessary education or to hire a qualified Temporary Clerk for the period of time necessary for Ms. Reese to obtain this education. But whatever the decision may be, it should be accomplished in a relatively short period of time, and such training should not be conducted by Special Counsel John Mulligan, as his past and present indiscretions demonstrate that he is not qualified to provide the education that is required. City Council has an obligation to the public to comply with the Sunshine Laws, and its failure to fill the position of City Clerk has resulted in the City's inability to fulfill this obligation on several occasions in the past few months.

Ms. Adams stated she has refrained from filing a complaint with the Attorney General's Office because she understands there should be a reasonable transition period. But if there is no public disclosure of a plan to hire a new City Clerk by the next Council Meeting, she will proceed with the initiation of her complaint.

Ms. Adams objected to Council's vote to use taxpayer funds to pay for Councilmember Glickert's trial transcript for the following reasons:

- The receipt of said transcript is not necessary to conduct legitimate City business
- The exorbitant cost associated with the purchase of said transcript; (*Individuals interested in receiving a copy should do so with personal funds.*)
- Failure to disclose legal charges and files of three other members of Council subject to public review

Ms. Adams suggested that Council not seek to open this Pandora's Box as there is little to be gained and the procedure proposed at the last Council Meeting will be divisive in the extreme. (*Ms. Adams asked that her written comments be made a part of the record.*)

Mayor Welsch stated she would like to interrupt to welcome Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, who is here tonight with students from U City High School. The Mayor apologized for not recognizing them earlier this evening and expressed her appreciation for their interest in the governance of this City.

**Brigid Mc McCauley, 6309 Pershing Avenue, University City, MO**

Ms. McCauley distributed copies of a proposed compromise regarding Greenway South Park. She stated while it may appear complicated, it is simple. However, the best way to gain a better understanding of this concept is for each member of Council to make a site visit with either her or David.

**David Howard, 319 Westgate, University City, MO**

Mr. Howard stated he thinks the outline distributed by Brigid, is an option that would satisfy all parties involved in the Washington University proposed bridge project. It includes resurfacing of the Ames Place alley which has been an eyesore for a long time; elimination of the ramp elbow, the possible loss of one tree, a new bridge for cyclists and preservation of the current bridge for pedestrians. Mr. Howard expressed opposition to spending money on the purchase of Councilmember Glickert's trial transcript, which in his opinion, would be totally unnecessary and premature prior to the resolution of any post-trial activities.

**Carrie Lewis, 7501 Liberty, University City, MO**

Ms. Lewis stated she is a lifetime resident of U City and one of the twenty-one business incubators at Create Space. She stated the mentorship experienced, and the business development skills gained through this entrepreneur program has allowed her to fulfill her passion and give back to the community responsible for that growth. As a result, her business was featured on Show Me St. Louis, her sales have increased by 30%, she now

has one employee, and Whole Foods has expressed an interest in selling one of her products in their stores. All of which she seriously doubts she would have been able to accomplish without the network of businesses and resources provided by Create Space.

Ms. Lewis stated each one of these incubators brings in dollars from other municipalities. So not only does U City get the tangible benefits of additional revenue, it gets the opportunity to develop enhanced relationships with these young professionals, which culminates in having a more business-savvy and unique community. Vast majorities of the people who participate in this program are looking to stay in U City, so once the brick and mortar are built on Olive these are the businesses that will begin to fill those spaces. Ms. Lewis stated U City is blessed to have a jewel like Ms. Li, who is a fantastic mentor, with a desire to help others that is amazingly powerful. So it's important for Council to understand that they are investing in multiple people and businesses, not just one.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*BILLS*

1. **BILL 9309** – An ordinance adopting and enacting a new Chapter 215, Offenses, the Code of ordinances of the City of University City, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri; and providing for the repeal of existing code Chapter 215, and providing when this ordinance shall become effective. Bill 9309 was read for the second and third time.  
*Requested by Interim City Manager, Charles Adams.*

Councilmember Glickert moved to approve, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jennings.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Crow, Councilmember Glickert, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Carr and Mayor Welsch.

**Nays:** None

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

*RESOLUTIONS*

## BILLS

*Introduced by Councilmember Crow*

1. **BILL 9310** - An ordinance authorizing the Interim City Clerk to perform all duties of the City Clerk and Secretary to the City Manager, and fixing the compensation, therefore; containing an emergency clause. Bill 9310 was read for the first time.

## N. COUNCIL REPORTS/BUSINESS

### 1. Boards and Commission appointments needed

Mayor Welsch made the appointments that were needed

### 2. Council liaison reports on Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Smotherson stated Council has been provided with a handout depicting this project and he would like to make the public aware, that this Arts & Letters and the Parks Commission, in partnership with Washington University, have approved the construction of a new sculpture entitled, "*Uncommon, Common Grounds*". The sculpture will be located on a strip of land in Heman Park, between Midland and Pennsylvania avenues, and complemented with landscape mounds and raised plants to enhance the aesthetics.

### 3. Boards, Commissions, and Task Force Minutes

Mayor Welsch asked Mr. Adams to remind staff liaisons about the need to include minutes in Council's packets.

### 4. Other Discussions/Business

#### a) **Trial Transcript**

*Requested by Councilmember McMahon and seconded by Mayor Welsch*

Councilmember McMahon thanked the Mayor for her assistance on this matter because he does believe it is important for Council to obtain a copy of the trial transcript. Two elected officials and a U City Police Officer testified at that trial, therefore he thinks it would be prudent for the City to obtain those words said under oath by these officials because they could have an impact on the City in the future. Post-trial activities do not rescind statements made in a courtroom under oath. And he thinks that anyone who is a criminal defense lawyer would know that those sworn statements can be, and are used by other attorneys wherever they deem necessary. So, if any of those statements puts the City in a position that it needs to defend itself, he would rather be ahead of the curve than behind it. Councilmember McMahon stated even if the conviction was overturned, it would not negate the City's responsibility as a governing body to look into what happened in one of its buildings; to one of its residents; by one of its officials. Council has an obligation to its citizens to not speculate, but to look at this situation carefully, thoughtfully and deliberately, and to set a precedent that ensures residents exactly how this type of situation will be handled in the future. No one on this Council has said what they would do, and no one should jump to any conclusions without first undertaking a deliberative process to gain a better understanding of the options.

And in his opinion, that's what's fair to the residents and that's what's fair to everybody who is involved. Mayor Welsch stated she asked Councilmember McMahon to bring this back to Council based on her belief that one member of Council did not have the authority to direct the expenditure of City funds, and that the request made at the last meeting for the Interim City Manager to purchase a copy of the trial transcript required a vote.

She stated she does not believe this purchase is an appropriate use of taxpayer's funds, especially in light of the fact that at the last meeting several members made their intent to punish Councilmember Glickert very clear, which seems to indicate that a decision has already been made.

Councilmember Crow stated Councilmember McMahon laid out the rationale associated with the need to purchase this transcript far better than he could and appreciates the professional manner in which this request was made. Although he has elected to defer making additional remarks about how this issue should be handled, he is convinced by Councilmember McMahon's comments that this is the correct way for Council to proceed. He stated it's time Council starts to do whatever it can to restore the integrity it has lost with this community, and with that in mind, believes it is a very appropriate use of taxpayer's funds.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Crow, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Carr and Councilmember McMahon.

**Nays:** Councilmember Glickert, Councilmember Jennings, and Mayor Welsch.

### **b) Mayor Pro Tem**

*Requested by Councilmember Smotherson and seconded by Councilmember Carr*

Councilmember Smotherson read the following statement into the record: "I think we all know what I am about to do, but not necessarily what I am going to say. I will start off by assuring some of you that what I'm stating and reading are my words alone. So, let's look back at the circumstances that I feel make this relevant today. A nomination was made under a cloud that hovered over this Council for the past year, and that motion was to vote in Councilmember Glickert as Mayor Pro Tem. That cloud was due to charges pending at the time for the incident that took place at a public meeting. What added to the darkness of that cloud was the opportunistic action taken at the time by members of this Council to make a motion when only five members were in attendance, and not the full Council; which at that time was six. Despite the objections of two Councilmembers who gave constructive suggestions and complimented Councilmember Glickert for his past service, members of Council used their advantage to move the motion forward. Important to note for the record the motion was made by Councilmember Jennings and seconded by Mayor Welsch. Councilmember Glickert voted in favor of his nomination.

Now that that cloud has been lifted, we know the verdict and also have a full Council in place. Some have suggested that this is not Council business and nothing should be done. We should just move forward and be better people. Well, we are better people. I would say that we are moving forward and it would be remiss and irresponsible of this Council to not address this relevant decision. The action being taken is not punishment, but rather a matter of decorum, maintaining a high level of integrity and honor for these roles we were voted into.

Lastly, this is not revenge for previous actions, which he witnessed, even though he was not a member of Council at the time. Those previous actions don't compare to a trial and legal court decision by a jury of his peers. The motion I make is relevant and closes this issue I hope, for good, by this Council. I can't speak for others but will say that any other actions taken will be left up to the constituents of the 2nd Ward a year from now in 2018. I so move that Councilmember Glickert be removed as Mayor Pro Tem, vacating the position immediately." The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carr.

Councilmember Carr stated her belief is that it was herself and Councilmember Smotherson who asked Council to wait before taking a vote on the twenty-seventh of June 2016. And also suggested that the position be rotated, which the majority disagreed with.

Councilmember Glickert previously noted that he would not object to Council making such a motion and she thinks it is an action that needs to be taken at this time. Albeit a ceremonial role, it is also an honor. And the person who holds that honor should be expected to uphold the standards asserted by Council. Councilmember Carr acknowledged that Council could wait for the appeals to run out, but that could take a long time and Council has a lot of business it is currently working on and even more that needs to be addressed. So, it is important to attend to issues as they occur; discontinue the "*them and us*," and make sure that the standards set forth apply to every member sitting on this dais.

Councilmember McMahon stated after looking at the City Charter he determined that there is no identification of a position entitled, "*Mayor Pro Tem*". What the Charter states is that "*In the absence of the Mayor the Council shall appoint a Chairperson Pro Tem*". So perhaps, Council should be looking at this a little differently by trying to find a middle of the road where it recognizes that no one is stamped with that title because it does not exist under the City's Charter.

Mayor Welsch agreed with Councilmember McMahon's interpretation, adding that her understanding is that this habit was adopted a number of years ago and was still being followed when she first became a member of Council in 2002.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Carr, Councilmember McMahon and Councilmember Crow.

**Nays:** Councilmember Jennings and Mayor Welsch.

*(Councilmember Glickert abstained from participating in the vote.)*

Councilmember Carr stated that in following the previously established tradition she would like to make a motion to appoint Councilmember Crow as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Smotherson.

Roll Call Vote Was:

**Ayes:** Councilmember McMahon, Councilmember Crow, Councilmember Glickert, Councilmember Smotherson, Councilmember Jennings, Councilmember Carr and Mayor Welsch.

**Nays:** None.

## **O. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (continued if needed)**

### **Debbie Wingate, 6323 Delmar, University City, MO**

Ms. Wingate stated she is one of the artists who has worked at Create Space for the past year and would like to thank everyone in U City who has supported this initiative, and in turn, supported her and her fellow artisans. She then provided Council with an overview of some of the benefits she has received from her experience at Create Space:

- Opportunity to develop new relationships with residents, merchants and become a part of the U City business community
- Ability to collaborate with a varied and diverse pool of creative entrepreneurs
- Participate in an invaluable outlet that provides exposure by showcasing her accomplishments
- Guidance and instruction on how to expand her business, and market and protect her product
- Launch of a new website
- Opening a store and taking her product to market

Ms. Wingate stated Create Space has established a thriving center for creative individuals who have sparked in the local community, and are eager to participate in and support many of the annual events that take place in U City. When it comes to the arts, U City is representative of the diverse and creative community that St. Louis is becoming. So from her perspective, this is a perfect home for Create Space and the further development of this partnership will be a win-win for the artists and the City as a whole. Local artists need the support that this program provides, and this community needs the creativity and flavor that these local artists can provide. So her hope is that the Mayor, City Council, and other prominent individuals within U City will continue to support the arts and the Create Space concept.

### **Lisa Brenner, 307 North Central, University City, MO**

Ms. Brenner, the substitute School Board Director, provided the following monthly update:

- Over the last five years; with the exception of 2013/14, the District has experienced small deficits. This next year the District is faced with the potential overall decrease of \$530,000 in revenue, while salaries are projected to increase by 2.3% as a result of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.



The administration has sought to reduce the budget by \$4,300 through staffing changes and elimination of other costs, however, this year's deficit may result in the District dipping below its 15% fund balance. The Board is dedicated to finding ways to keep costs down without impacting the quality of education but continues to be pressured with decreased funding at the federal and state level.

- The Collective Bargaining Agreement approved by the UCA and the Board includes a 2.25% across the board salary increase for teachers and an additional increase in the first year pay at the BA and MA levels. The total estimated increases related to salary costs are 2.3%. These changes make the District more competitive with surrounding districts by moving its starting salaries towards the median.
- Contracts were approved for custodial services and copiers, with an approximate savings of \$8,400 for custodial and \$7,980 for copiers.
- Dr. Hardin-Bartley presented a rough structure of the vision for the future of education in the District, called "*Learning Reimagined*". This structure consists of three pillars to humanize, personalize, and prioritize the educational experience of our children. The administration will continue to refine the vision as they gather feedback from various stakeholder groups, and the rough structure developed at the March 3rd work session can be viewed on the District's website.

## **P. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Smotherson asked Mr. Adams if it was possible to have a member of staff monitor, observe, and address issues as they arise, with the construction taking place on Mendell, Trenton, Wayne & 78th Street. He stated that rather than receiving phone calls after the fact, he would like to be proactive by having a member of staff present who can ensure this contractor is adhering to the required standards and talking with concerned neighbors. Specifically, with respect to the eight houses on Trenton damaged by a water main break, Councilmember Smotherson questioned whether staff had any documentation regarding the settlement each household received and if it could be made available to Council. Councilmember Smotherson asked Mayor Welsch if a physical time clock could be made available for the public and members of Council to view during the Citizen's Comment section.

Councilmember Crow thanked students for their attendance at tonight's meeting and reminded everyone to take the time to vote on April 4th, for the candidates running for the School Board. He stated he would also like to commend Ms. Reese for doing a superb job in the midst of a slightly tense environment. The quality of work she has provided, not only with respect to the minutes but the professional and even-keeled characteristics she exhibits with every member of Council is greatly appreciated. Councilmember Crow stated he is one of several members who anticipated that Councilmember Glickert would have taken the lead and prevented tonight's vote, and is saddened that the action was needed. Members of Council accused of much lesser offenses have routinely been attacked by his same colleagues who remained silent after Councilmember Glickert was convicted by a jury of his peers.

And in spite of the fact that Councilmember Glickert expressed no opposition to tonight's action, these same colleagues chose to vote no. At some point in time, these disparities have to be addressed, to ensure that everyone is treated equally. As it relates to integrity, Councilmember Crow stated he is honored that Edgar Miller, a World War II Veteran, who turned 100 years old today, is one of his clients. He and his wife had no children so his office got students and all of the folks from the Honor Flight to go out and celebrate with him today at his nursing home. During the celebration, he told one of the students, "*We never thought about what we were being asked to do, we just did it*". He encouraged students to watch the evening news tonight where Mr. Miller and members of the Honor Flight will be featured because there is a lot to be learned from this generation about integrity and their desire to do the right thing. Councilmember Crow stated he understands that the walkway continues to be a source of consternation and he has also heard about the Ames Place plan. So, his only question is whether anybody has talked to Ames Place about taking away their alley and driveway? Councilmember Crow expressed his appreciation for the honor his colleagues bestowed upon him this evening and wished to thank everyone for their vote of confidence.

Councilmember Jennings congratulated the U City High School students for taking steps to become a part of the Student Advisory Council that works with the Superintendent. This is a very important task that he hopes they will take seriously because someday they could be sitting in his chair. In reference to Councilmember Crow's comments, he stated that democracy allows everyone to vote, support, disagree or simply be silent. However, in this case, he already knew the axe was going to fall, so there was no need to chime in on an action that he viewed as inevitable. Instead, his hope is that his demonstration of integrity would ultimately lead to the act of forgiveness.

Councilmember Carr stated Dr. Hardin had advised her that she was bringing the Student Council to tonight's meeting, so she is really excited that they came and hope this experience will enhance their interest in becoming a public servant; especially some of the women. She stated that the principles learned throughout their coursework at school, will be the principles they will take with them throughout their life. So she would encourage them to continue along this path and would like to thank them for their leadership and presence here this evening.

Mayor Welsch stated she has notified Dr. Hardin that Councilmember Jennings will be the Council representative working with her on getting a student rep back on City Council, and the hope is that this action can be executed by the next school year. The Mayor informed Councilmember Smotherson that she had received a call on Friday from Missouri American Water regarding details of the settlement, which she provided to Mr. Adams. She stated she has since been told that the Company will be sending out a letter today or tomorrow. Mayor Welsch stated she tends to agree with Mr. Howard, in that the purchase of a transcript is premature prior to the resolution of any post-trial activities. She stated that she has made a decision, as Mayor, that she will not police members of this Council when they are working outside of this chamber or outside of the performance of City business. So any reference to her failure to censure Dr. Kraft for actions taken inside of this chamber, are incorrect.

And although Councilmember Glickert is fully aware of her position regarding his actions, he was not conducting official business at the time he attended that meeting, which is why she had not issued a formal statement of her disapproval.

**Point of Information:** Councilmember Carr noted that there had been no censure of Dr. Kraft. In fact, the Resolutions to reprimand Dr. Kraft put forth by several members of Council were unjustly removed from the agenda three or four times. So, the only censures that took place under the Mayor's administration were of Mr. Price and Councilmember Crow.

Mayor Welsch clarified for the record that both Mr. Price and Mr. Kraft had received a letter of reprimand.

Councilmember Jennings announced that there will be another School Board candidate forum taking place at 7 p.m. on the twenty-ninth at The Gate Church, located at 6746 Etzel.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Welsch thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LaRette Reese  
Interim City Clerk

## COUNCIL COMMENTS – MARCH 27, 2017

I rise to inquire as to what this Council's plans are to hire a new City Clerk. You have provided the public with information on how you plan to proceed with hiring a new City Manager, but you have been silent on the process for the City Clerk. I do not see any reason why you cannot begin the hiring procedure to fill both offices now. When you fire them both at the same time, you can hire their replacements at the same time.

I have absolutely no complaints about the services I have received from Ms. Reese. I have been corresponding with her for many weeks now regarding my Sunshine requests and she has been a real pleasure to work with. She responds quickly, however she must rely on others to answer some of my inquiries. She has not received any formal education or training regarding the Missouri Statutes that govern a City Clerk's authorities and duties, nor has she received any independent education for the interpretation and implementation of our Sunshine Laws. Much of the information she is providing to me is from of an undisclosed source and it does not comply with the law. One response that I know came from Special Council was an outright lie. He stated, in writing, that the documents I requested do not exist; but I have proof of the documents existed well before his statement AND that he knew it.

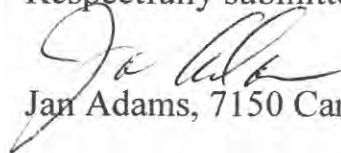
This City Council has an obligation to the public to comply with the Sunshine Laws and it has failed to do so on several occasions in the past few months. You cannot avoid accountability by simply failing to fill the position of City Clerk. I have refrained from filing a Complaint with the Attorney General's Office because I understand that there is a reasonable

transition period, but if there is no public disclosure of the plan to hire a new City Clerk by next Council meeting, I will file the Complaint.

If Ms. Reese would like to apply for the office, I would certainly support Council's decision to allow her the time to obtain the necessary education and training necessary for her to qualify, if that can be accomplished in a relatively short period of time. If that is not possible, I would support the hiring of a qualified temporary City Clerk for the period of time necessary for Ms. Reese to qualify.

I use the term "necessary" and "independent" education and training, because if history is to be our guide, Special Counsel John Mulligan is not qualified to provide this service. My first dispute with Mr. Mulligan was when I began to serve on the Civil Service Board. Mr. Mulligan filed a meritless Sunshine complaint with the Attorney General. The AG found that not only had I NOT violated the law, but the Administration, under Mr. Mulligan's term as City Manager, had committed numerous violations. Further, when I filed a complaint with the State Auditor, he also confirmed that Mr. Mulligan had not followed a number of laws, regulations and ethical guidelines. Consequently, this Council should not rely on Mr. Mulligan for training of our City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan Adams, 7150 Cambridge Ave.

Council Comments - Trial Transcript – 3/27/17

I rise to object to this Council voting to use taxpayer funds to pay for the trial transcript of the Glickert trial of a **misdemeanor**.

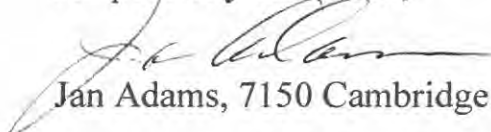
First, the transcript is **not necessary to conduct legitimate City business**. You have already admitted on the record that you intend to use this for political purposes.

Second, the **cost could be well over \$4,000**. I just paid a Court Reporter for the transcript of a deposition that lasted 2 hours and it cost me almost \$600. So, for a 2 day trial at a cost of \$300 per hour, we are talking about a substantial sum of taxpayer funds. So, those who want the transcript should use your own funds to obtain it.

Third, if you do vote for this wasteful spending, then, to be fair, you should also vote to **obtain the legal files for the other Council Members** who have been charged with various violations of the law. There are three (3) other Council Members who have had to defend themselves against legal charges that raise the issue of **moral turpitude**. Thus, these violations are also subject to public review. I am tempted, but I won't go into those details at this time.

Finally, I suggest that you may not want to open this Pandora's Box. There is little to gain and the procedure you suggested at the last Council meeting will be **divisive in the extreme**. There is far more pressing real City business that this Council should be devoting its energy and resources to resolve.

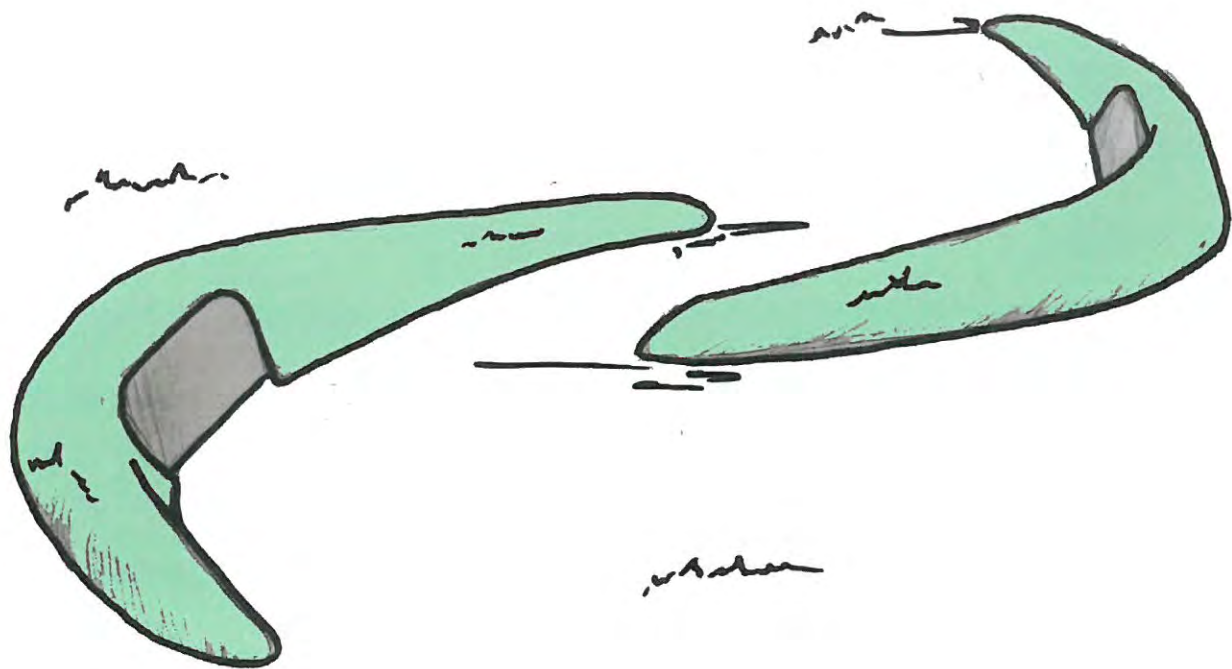
Respectfully submitted,

  
Jan Adams, 7150 Cambridge Ave.

# *“Mound 28”*

Theme: Uncommon Common Grounds  
Concept Proposal for the University City Sculpture Series

Artists: Jenn Brown, Erin Darnauer, Fin Roy-Nyline, and Jon Young



## Statement

As a group of emerging professional artists, we interpreted the theme of “Uncommon Common” grounds as an opportunity to recognize our shared history as a mound-building region.

*“Mound 28”* is an earthworks sculpture that will involve reimagining the existing landscape of the site at Heman Park as a river of earth. It explores the function of rivers as barriers, and mounds as cultural markers in this region, that are permeable. This work draws from the history of St. Louis as the “Mound City”, the piece is a continuation of this history in the context of University City’s unique relationship with the river Des Peres. An article published by MoDOT<sup>1</sup> about the region’s mounds mentions existence of 27 original mounds. In an effort to acknowledge the history of the mound culture in the Midwest, and to place University City well within our history, we’ve called our piece *“Mound 28”*.

In *“Mound 28”* the forms emerge and subside from the landscape, creating a mythology of the river. A sense of flow is created by strong resilient crests and periods of underground or banks of steel infrastructure appear to be pushing back the earth. Our regional rivers have effectively become barriers, lying social barriers that have never disappeared. The river Des Peres has been pushed underground. Our intention is to bring the river to surface, re-emerging it from the ground. The piece instead of completely blocking movement across the site, and across the river, invites viewers into the site to interact and wander.

The form mimics and elevates the river bed to the ground plane, but breaks down each side so that the river is something that can easily be passed through and alludes to the push of rivers underground, as in the case of the river Des Peres. To further allude to the piece’s questioning of barriers, the apex of each mound has a plate of bare steel that diverts the flow of the mound and evolves over time. Unlike other sculptures in the area that use steel to create barriers, we plan to use the steel plates as an infrastructure that flows within the earthen mounds and as a material that wants to reconnect with them.

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<sup>1</sup> “The St. Louis Mound Group (23SL4) and Big Mound (23SL3).” The St. Louis Mound Group (23SL4) and Big Mound (23SL3). <http://www.modot.org/ehp/sites/BigMound.htm>.



## Site Location

We were challenged, by you, the commission, to work in the space at Heman Park. It's a long, flat, featureless area that doesn't see a lot of interaction, so we really wanted to create a piece that activates the entire site and entices viewers to come into the park. This piece involves earthworks. Earthworks are artworks that are created from natural elements in the landscape, such as works like the Great Serpent Mound in Adams County, Ohio (see page 5). "*Mound 28*" represents the long-standing support and bolstering of the cultural landscape of U City. This makes this stretch of Heman Park a perfect place to use the physical landscape to create this piece.

## Construction/Safety

"*Mound 28*" will have two components, the earthen mounds and retaining walls that will butt against the face of the mounds. The construction will take place in Wash U's shops. The on-site work will include moving the dirt to the site and sculpting each mound. Each wall will be constructed with dimensional lumber that is framed on 12-inch centers and blocking running through the middle. It will then be skinned with  $\frac{3}{4}$  in plywood. Each wall will be fitted with a 16-gauge metal plate on its face. Diagonal facing will secure the wall in the ground. We will also attach spikes to the bottom of the walls to keep them in place below grade. We will use Wash U's equipment to dig holes for the stakes and back fill them once the walls are in place. The second phase of construction will involve sculpting the mounds around the steel plates. The five mounds vary in length, but each is approx. 3 feet wide and will be 4 feet tall at its peak. The mounds will be sculpted and pushed against the retaining walls using a rented skid steer, fitting the wall into the apex of each mound's curvature. We will then plant sod over the mounds. The sod must be watered and kept muddy for two weeks to let the grass hold. At the end of the exhibition, we'll use the rental equipment again to relevel the ground and put down sod and/or grass seed to restore the site.

## Construction Timeline

Construction of wood and steel plates in shop	2 weeks
Move dirt onto site	1 day
Sculpting mounds and placing plates	10 days
Sod placement and cultivation	3 days
De-install	3 days

\*Pending weather and availability

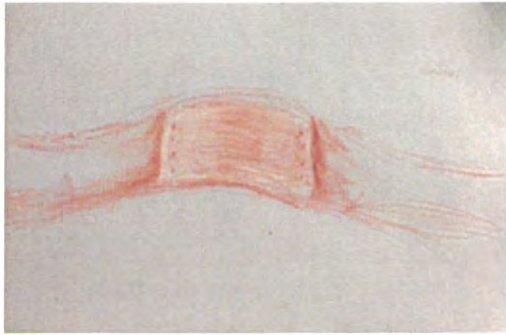
## Budget

Item	Unit Price	Total
Bobcat of St. Louis S450 skid-steer	\$185 per day \$630 per week \$207 delivery fee one way	\$1044 for one week and delivery
Bobcat of St. Louis payload trailer	\$40 per day with rental equipment	\$40
Bobcat of St. Louis dump trailer	\$150 per day	\$150
Sod	\$200 per 1000 square feet	\$200
Steel Plate	\$100 per 4'x8' sheet	\$300
Dimensional Lumber	\$4 per 2"x4"x10' board	\$72
Plywood	\$12 per 4'x8' sheet	\$48
Extra Costs (Hardware/Fasteners, equipment fuel, etc.)		\$150
Clean fill dirt for mound construction	\$10 per cubic yard	\$900 - Donated by Heman Park bulk material storage
Sod 1000 square feet	\$200	\$200 - Donated by Schroeder Sod Farm
Safety Fencing	\$30 per 100' roll	\$150 - Donated by private donor
Landscaping services	\$500	\$500 - Donated by Proscape Landscaping

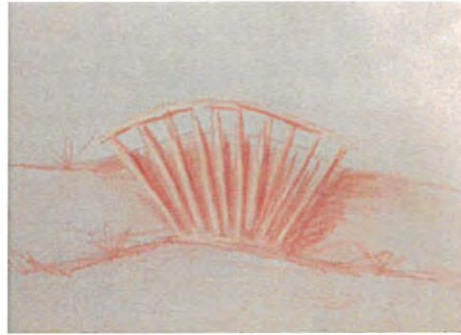
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**Grand Total: \$2004**

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Front view-retaining wall sketch



Possible alternative to retaining wall



The Great Serpent Mound



Beverly Pepper's *Cromlech Glen*

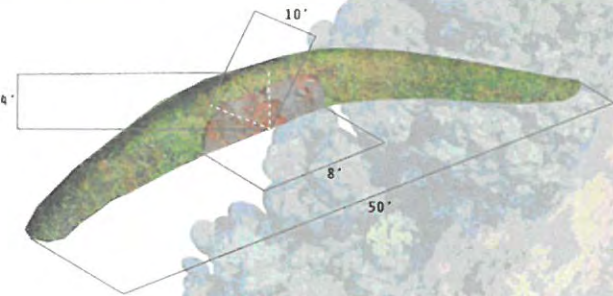


Richard Serra's "Twain" in City Garden downtown, artistic precedent of steel walls as barriers

# MOUND 28

JENN BROWN, ERIN DARNAUER, JON YOUNG, FIN ROY-NYLINE  
INSTRUCTOR: NOAH KIRBY

CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR UNIVERSITY CITY PUBLIC SCULPTURE SERIES  
TO BE COMPLETED 15 APRIL 2017  
THEME: COMMON/UNCOMMON GROUNDS



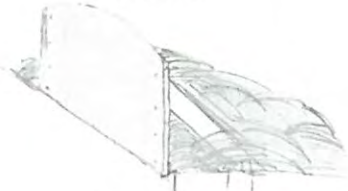
### CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS



-WOODEN RETAINING WALL  
CONNECTED TO THE GROUND  
WITH STEEL SPIKES



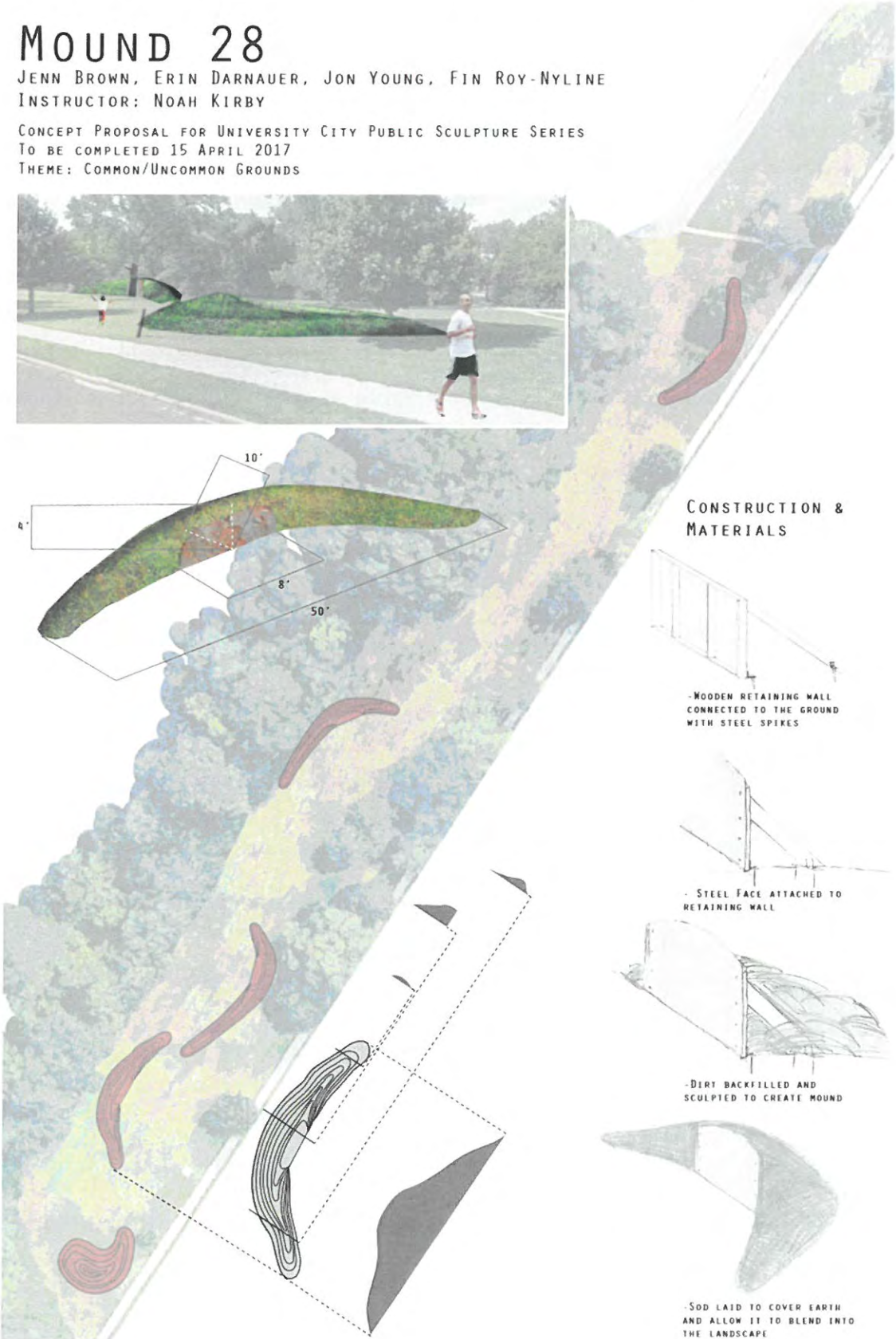
- STEEL FACE ATTACHED TO  
RETAINING WALL



-DIRT BACKFILLED AND  
SCULPTED TO CREATE MOUND



-SOD LAID TO COVER EARTH  
AND ALLOW IT TO BLEND INTO  
THE LANDSCAPE



## Schematics

Mound Dimensions	4 feet at peak, largest mound 50 feet long
Mound Width	10 feet
Volume	52 cubic yards
Plate Dimensions	Largest plate 4 feet x 8 feet

## Ordinances

Per the permit requirements page on the U City website, our work meets the required information for submitting a retaining wall.

## Questions

1. We would like to design a "Coming Soon" banner, priced at \$50. Would the Arts and Letters Commission be willing to fund the printing of the banner if we design it?
2. Should we mention the funding source on the banner?
3. We would like to name our sponsors on the banner if the commission agrees
4. Will you be willing to issue a press release to the media outlets?
5. Is it possible for this project to be featured on the city's website and/or in The Roar?
6. Will you ensure that the project is advertised on ticker tapes in Heman Park?
7. Do you know of/ would you be willing to help find any donors or sponsors to help us underwrite this project?