

NOTICE OF STUDY SESSION

OF THE UNIVERSITY CITY CITY COUNCIL

Public Notice is hereby given that a Study Session of the City Council of University City will be held on **Monday, November 12, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.**, at City Hall, fifth floor, 6801 Delmar, University City, MO.

AGENDA

Requested by the City Manager

1. Meeting called to order
2. Changes to Regular Council Agenda
3. Library Board
4. Loop Special Business District
5. Adjournment

This meeting is OPEN to the public.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2018

LaRette Reese
City Clerk



University City Public Library

1939

- U City voters approve the establishment of University City Public Library. The original building at 630 Trinity Avenue is built for \$70,000, almost half of which came from federal funding.
- The Library opens in December with 8,000 books in its collection.



1966

- With a collection 10 times the size of what it started with, the building at 630 Trinity is too small for the growing needs of the community.
- U City voters pass a bond issue for \$950,000 that, along with a \$500,000 federal grant, is used to build and furnish a new library at 6701 Delmar Blvd.



1969

- The current building opens to the public in December.
- The new location houses 80,000 books and serves as an anchor to the Delmar Loop area, which experienced a revitalization in the 1970s and 1980s.



1990

- After state legislation places limitations on how much tax revenue libraries can collect, voters approve a 28 cent tax rate for UCPL in August 1990.
- Five years later, UCPL worked with 7 other independent libraries to form the Municipal Library Consortium.



Today

- UCPL collection of more than **220,000 items**, including books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, telescopes, and magazines.
- The auditorium and meeting rooms were used **2,464 times** in FY 2018.
- UCPL's public access computers were used more than **39,000 times** in FY 2018.
- Programs for visitors of all ages include health screenings, computer classes, three monthly book clubs, summer reading programs, lectures, author visits, and gallery presentations.



UCPL Today

Today



- More than **10,000 children and teens** participate in more than **300 programs** presented by the Youth Services department each year.
- Those programs include storytime, reading to dogs, robotics events, teen gaming, youth leadership programs, author visits, monthly book clubs, and the many programs associated with the annual summer reading program.

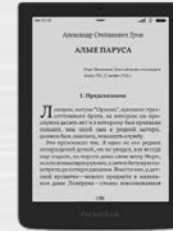
UCPL Today

Increasing costs

1990 Book Purchase



2018 Book purchase



Challenges Facing the Library

Increasing costs



- Maintaining public computers and printers
- Adding power and installing outlets and wiring for high-speed internet access
- Offering up-to-date technology training and programs

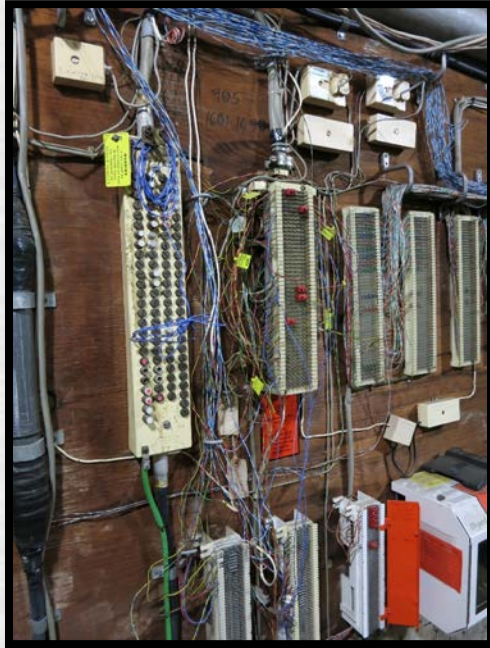
Challenges Facing the Library

Meeting the needs of U City

- **Maintaining and expanding services to meet the needs of the community**
 - Outreach to early literacy centers and senior centers
 - Offering accessible options to patrons with disabilities
- **Grants cover some costs, but only for short periods of time**
 - Grants supplement technology purchases, summer reading programs
 - Collection development grants generally focus on new collections, not supplementing existing ones
 - Grants for building maintenance are hard to find

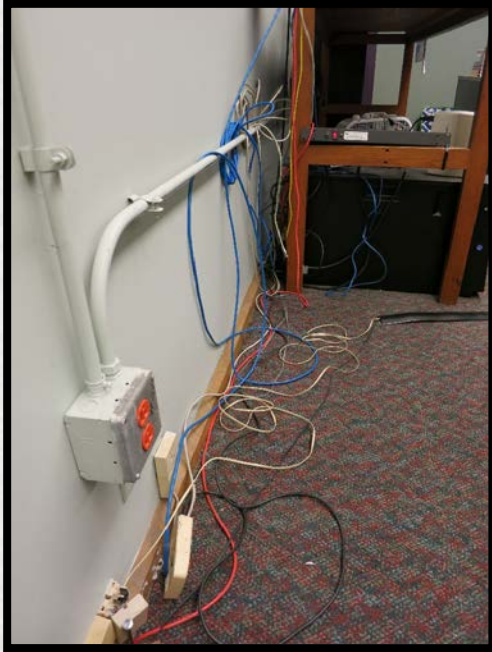
Challenges Facing the Library

Outdated Equipment



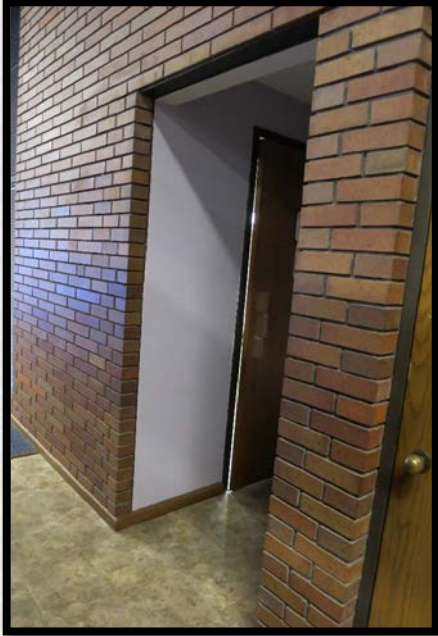
Challenges Facing the Library

Inefficiencies



Challenges Facing the Library

Unappealing Bathrooms



Challenges Facing the Library

Overcrowding



Challenges Facing the Library

What Comes Next?

- **Option 1 — Ballot Initiative**
 - Either a tax increase or bond issue
 - Would be used for building renovations
- **Option 2 — Cut Hours and Services**
 - Use saved money to fix problem areas in building
- **Option 3 — Not Fix Things**
 - Retain hours and services
 - Leave problem areas unfixed or use emergency reserve fund
- **Option 4 — ???**

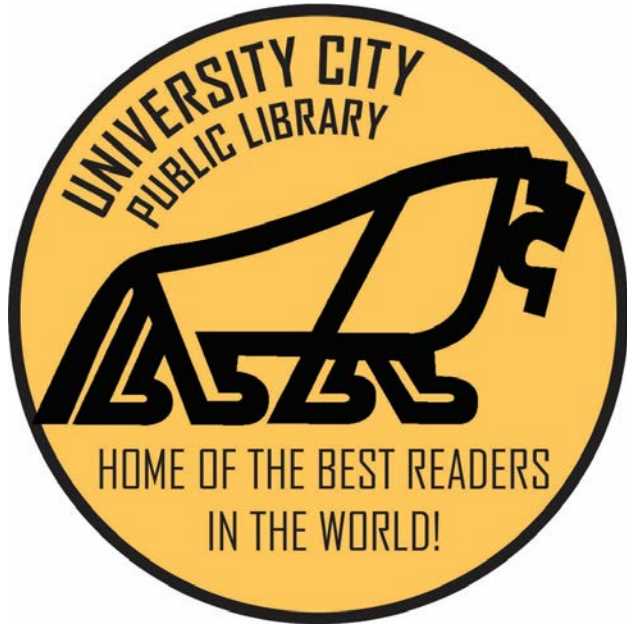
The Future of UCPL

What Do You Think?

- **What Library services do you feel are most important for the community?**
- **What concerns do you have about the building?**
- **If the Library were to be renovated, what elements of the building would you most like to retain?**
- **What can we do to improve safety and security at the Library?**
- **What other suggestions do you have regarding the future of UCPL?**

The Future of UCPL

Thanks for your input!



- Patrick Wall, Director, UCPL
pjwall@ucitylibrary.org
- Dorothy Davis, President, UCPL Board of Trustees, ddavis@ucitylibrary.org
- Remember something later? Give additional input on our website at www.ucitylibrary.org

Thank you!

City of University City

LOOP SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

ADVISORY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

November 12, 2018

By

Gregory E. Rose

City Manager

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

BOUNDARIES:

The boundaries of the retail commercial “RC” zone on both sides of Delmar between Kingsland and the eastern municipal limits including commercial establishments fronting on Kingsland, New Enright, Leland, Melville, Westgate and Delmar.

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

REVENUE:

- A. For The Purpose of paying for all costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the districts, and/or the provision of services and improvement authorized in Section 120.960:

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

REVENUE cont.:

1. The businesses and individuals licensed by the City to do business within the district, except vendor at the Market in the Loop, shall be subject to all additional business license taxes levied by the City; and
2. The real property in the district shall be subject to an additional tax of eighty-five cents (\$0.85) per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed relative; and
3. The special assessment provided for by this chapter shall be collected by the City and held in a special account for dispersal to the district with the approval by the City Council.

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TAX ABATEMENT:

No real property within the district subject to partial tax abatement under the provisions of the Urban Redevelopment Ordinance No. 5085 and/or Urban Redevelopment Corporations Law of Missouri, shall be exempt from the taxes levied in Section 120.910.

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BONDS:

For the purpose of paying all costs and expenses to be incurred in the acquisition, construction, improvements and/or expansion of any of the facilities of the district, the district may incur indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds and/or revenue bonds or notes for the payments thereof subject to Missouri Statues.

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Section 120.940 Advisory Commission

- A. The City Council shall have the sole discretion as to how the revenues of the district shall be used within the scope of this chapter. To assist in exercising this discretion, a University City Special Business District Advisory Commission is created.

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Advisory Commission cont.:

1. Membership
2. Term of Office
3. Dismissals
4. Vacancies
5. Compensation
6. Conflict of Interest

LSBD ADVISORY COMMISSION

Duties of the Commission:

1. Officers
2. Bylaws
3. Development Plan
4. Budget
5. Annual Report
6. Public Entity

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Allowable Improvements and Activities: (Examples)

1. Close streets and alleys
2. Construct Improvements
3. Landscaping
4. Construct and Operate Childcare Facilities
5. Provide special police or cleaning personnel and facilities
6. Street, alley maintenance
7. Purchase, operate, minibuses, buses

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Municipal Services:

City Council shall not decrease the level of municipally-funded services in the district existing prior to the creation of the district...

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Next Steps:

- Confirm Board Membership
- Review Development Plan
- Review Annual Report



Questions???