

Minutes of Study Session  
Advisory Board on Washington University  
Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 5:30pm

**Members in Attendance:** Kristin Sobotka, David Whiteman, Stephen Selipsky, Greg Pace, Kevin Taylor, Caryn St. Clair, Stephen Stone, Councilmember Paulette Carr

**Members Excused:** Gary Nelling, Jack Breier

**Members Absent:** Robyn Williams, Todd Swanstrom, Christine Albinson, Mae Weston, Raheem Adegboye, Councilmember Stephen Kraft

**Others in Attendance:** Keith Cole

**Call to Order**

The Study Session was called to order by Mr. Selipsky at 5:42pm

**Washington University Presentation**

Washington University representatives Rose Winmiller Assistant Vice Chancellor of Government and Community Relations, Mary Campbell Assistant Vice Chancellor of Real Estate, Sheryl Adelstein Liaison to University City, and Vickie May head of Institutional School Partnership for the university.

Ms. Winmiller explained that when partnerships are entered they make sure it aligns with the basic mission of the university and that the projects benefit both the university and the other entity. In 2013, \$2 billion was spent including \$1 billion for salaries, providing over 30,000 jobs to the region. She explained that students spend over \$144 million in the region. Ms. Adelstein advised she would provide the methodology used to determine that figure.

Wash U employs over 300 residents of University City and this payroll is over \$35 million annually. Since 2005, Wash U has provided 27 forgivable loans. 2,840 students are living in University City. 1,400 live north of Delmar. Somewhere between 800-900 live south of Delmar and some live in the Forsyth area and are spread out through the rest of the city. In the fall of 2014, the level of spending for undergrads in University City is \$8 million. 15 organizations volunteer in University City at schools, Operation Food Search, and Good Shepard.

Ms. May explained that for the last five years her focus in the University City School district has been on Brittany Woods Middle School. She outlined the strategy and long term plan for reforming the school. Dorms have adopted Brittany Woods for volunteering and other

volunteers attend the after school programs. Standardized test scores have been improving since they started focusing on this school, but they are looking for still greater improvement.

She explained they have been doing some work in the elementary with science programs and are beginning to look at the high school. A member of the board suggested they focus more on the elementary school to start these programs at a younger age. Ms. May explained they focus on the middle school because they are trying to accommodate the requests of the school district. 62 undergraduate students, 4 staff members that are education specialists, and 6 faculty members advise at the schools each week.

Ms. Campbell showed the improvements Wash U made to Greenway, which is a City owned park. She explained that they put in all the lights and repaved it. Wash U pays the lighting bill to Ameren for this. The University contributed \$10,000 to Flynn Park playground improvements. They provided the easements for the Loop South parking lot so the City would have parking. They paved and improved the lot next to Krueger's and gave it to the City. The university paid over a million dollars to improve the intersection at Olive and Skinker.

The University donated the land for the new fire station. The City was able to use the land to acquire the stimulus grant. The University put up \$100,000 for the City to use as a match for the roundabout grant. The grant ended up not requiring the match and the money is now going to support the Loop Trolley Project.

Business investments include the University City Chamber of Commerce, 560 Music Center, Sponsoring Fair U City, Sponsored the City's Centennial, etc.

The average annual investment made in University City is \$452,000. All of this is done in direct collaboration with the University City Police Department. A direct contribution of \$90,000 is made to the Police Department each year. They have 4 police officers and nightly patrol officers.

2.2 million of equipment has been purchased for blue light phones and security cameras.

Building renovations since 2000 has been \$53 million. This includes commercial and residential buildings.

### **Adjournment**

The Study Session was adjourned at 7:01pm.