

A précis of the City-University Memorandum of Understanding

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Part one spells out how the University is to provide employment and business opportunities for minorities and women within zip codes 60615, 60619, 60621, 60637, 60649, and 60653 and report and coordinate these activities with the city and aldermen.

Part two spells out the Neighborhood Improvements program, including a new fund administered by SECC (serving as in effect as development association), sets up planning and overhaul of Stony Island, Garfield-55th, 53rd corridors, Employee housing, 59th-60th Metra. It sets up city planning and an interagency task force with university interface. Specifics include 53rd corridor street, streetscape and park changes,

Part one (recitals 1-6) **Employment and business opportunities**

1. Communications
 - a. The university will have a primary point of contact (liaison) with city and aldermen.
 - b. The university will meet with aldermen and city staff at least quarterly.
 - c. The university will provide a tracking list of Major Projects and Initiatives of material public impact.
 - d. There will be a report and mechanism of annual review.
2. The university will provide access to procurement opportunities for local minority and women owned businesses for construction and university jobs.
3. Employment opportunities during construction

The university will provide an annual aggregate report on economic impact and it will maintain/exceed its 30 percent goal and maximize employment from the six zip codes and create a systematic approach for improved access.

 - 90 day notice with specifics on each project start to aldermen
 - create a user-friendly format of calls, requests, applications and clear and consistent language for contracts
 - provide a quarterly report of actual payments to minority and female workers on construction projects.
4. Employment opportunities at the University

The university will create a new position in the Office of Civic Engagement to assist residents and organizations to navigate and fully understand the employment process.

 - maintain and publicize an online list of opportunities
 - build connections with vendors
 - build relationships with those at the university who hire
 - build an interface with community organizations
 - provide an annual report on breakdown of academic employees and staff
 - provide workstations (hardware and software) to ward office with university opps.
5. Minority and Women Business contracting opportunities- goal 30% or more
 - a. provide forums to companies to meet contractors, and work with trade associations
 - b. provide clear and consistent language in contracts regarding goals

- c. provide user friendly format on how firms can qualify and participate in bidding and report quarterly on actual payments to minority and women owned firms
 - d. encourage all contractors, suppliers, consultants at all tiers to meet the goals.
6. Business Diversity Opportunities within the University
Describes operations and goals for the university's Office of Business Diversity and provides a disclaimer of priority working with first-tier contractors. Some tasks include meeting with aldermen, holding an annual symposium and regular capacity-building workshops for firms, maintain websites, and share with aldermen and city staff.
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Part two (recitals 7-) **Neighborhood Improvements**

The university plays a unique role in supporting holistic development in surrounding neighborhoods and will continue to support a range of initiatives that includes but is not limited to supporting K-12 educational options, facilitating housing stability through its Employer-Assisted Housing Program, collaborating to improve area public transit, and managing a University Police patrol area that extends beyond the University campus.

- a. The University will establish and provide a **new fund, a Neighborhood Improvement Fund, for economic development purposes to the South East Chicago Commission (SECC)** to provide **grants** to organizations, local homeowners, and area businesses to support strategic initiatives aimed at neighborhood improvements, such as seed funding for innovative new programs or funding for visible, exterior property improvements.
- b. Work with aldermen and city expand the University police patrol area to incorporate the UC Charter Schools.
- c. Work with alderman and city to facilitate community planning for **South Stony Island (56th – 67th, Garfield (Lake Park to the Dan Ryan), 53rd Street, and Woodlawn Community.**
- d. Develop goals and timelines for **Garfield Blvd. properties** cooperatively with the alderman and community.
- e. Continue funding for **Employee Assisted Housing** in all the neighborhoods (incl. HP,K)
- f. Provide \$2.5 million and partner with the city and Metra for the **59th and 60th stations.**
- g. Inform aldermen of all formal community research in their wards by university personnel.

City Undertaking

- 1. **City Plan.** The city will develop an **annual** development plan for infrastructure work in the communities that **coordinates with plans of the university** and **optimizes public benefits** and **encompasses** housing and commercial development, streetscape, transit, bike lanes, bus rapid transit, transit-oriented development, and park improvements. This will be communicated annually with the university with indications of how the investments of the two will intersect.
- 2. **Interagency Task Force.** Coordinated by Housing and Development under a City Coordinator liaison, it will consist of the Mayor's Office, H and D, Buildings, Transportation, CTA, Chicago Park District. He/she will coordinate with the university monthly and convene the Task Force quarterly or so and be trouble-shooter. The university will inform the coordinator of all permits when applied for.
- 3. Facilitation and points of contact are set forth.
- 4. **(The nitty-gritty)- specific project support**
City to FACILITATE STREETScape AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS ON AND NEAR THE 53RD COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR- Harper Avenue, Lake Park, 53rd, Nichols Park, Spruce Park "in consultation with the alderman and community," **Stony Island development 56th-67th, Metra**

Usual good-faith and disavowals. Initial term three year. Signatures. Example Exhibits.