



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to review the revised, propose Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) brought by Student U and either approve its incorporation into the Public Private Partnership Agreement tied to the renovation of the WG Pearson School building or request additional changes and schedule a new time to review it again.

Background/Justification

The Board of County Commissioners approved a three-way Public Private Partnership with Self-Help and Student U in January of 2017 for the renovation and re-use of the old WG Pearson school site. Section 14a of that agreement (which addresses community use), which is attached, stipulates that within 12 months Student U would bring back an MOU “describing (i) potential collaborations for uses of unoccupied portions of the Project by Groups interested in subleasing a portion of the Project at reasonable lease rates, provided, such uses are compatible with ongoing uses of the Premises by Student V; and (ii) short and long-term goals for Student V's increased impact.” When the County Commissioners are ready to approve this MOU, “which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, the MOU shall be attached hereto as Exhibit C and deemed incorporated herein by reference.”

Student U has spent the last sixteen months working with Self Help to get renovations well underway, but also talking with many individuals and institutions in the neighborhoods around the old WG Pearson School to get a sense of what the needs and possibilities are. While formal agreements for sub-leases and other arrangements have not yet been finalized, Student U has made a great deal of progress in this direction, progress which is reflected in the attached draft MOU. Preliminary information on community use was presented to Commissioners in October 2017 and a draft MOU in February 2018, but Commissioners opted to wait until late spring 2018 so that a more complete version could be approved and then incorporated into the Public Private Partnership agreement governing the renovation and use of the old WG Pearson School building.

Policy Impact

When the Board of County Commissioners makes an investment of this magnitude on the understanding that various forms of public good will come of it, it is important for them to be as sure as possible that those public goods will in fact be enjoyed by the community. As part of investing in the renovation of the old W.G. Pearson School, the County Commissioners has a primary interest in supporting the educational work of Student U, but an important, secondary interest in making sure this renovated facility also became an asset to the surrounding community. The Public Private Partnership was worded to ensure Student U worked with the surrounding community to make sure the facility does become such an asset.

Fiscal Impact

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with eventually adding this MOU as an exhibit to the Public Private Partnership. The County is on schedule with the agreed-upon payments to Student U / Self-Help to help cover renovation expenses.



Recommendation

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