

WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Webster Groves, Missouri

JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION & CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 6:30 P.M.
Webster Groves Rec Center

CALL TO ORDER A joint workshop meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9 by its President, Emerson Smith. The following members were present.

Emerson Smith	President
Steven Loher	Vice President (arrived at 6:40)
David Addison	
Amy Clendennen	
Jean Dugan	
Joel Oliver	
Michael Shipley	(arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

Also present were:

Sarah Riss	Superintendent
John Simpson	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Moore	Chief Operations Officer
Catherine Vespereny	Director of Community Relations
John M. Thomas	Director of Student Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Emerson called for and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag prior to beginning the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS Members of the City Council and the Board of Education introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT A resident who lives on East Glendale commented on the 40 Acres proposal. He lives across the street from the area's exit. He said that traffic leaving the development could make it difficult for him to get out of his driveway. He said that the neighborhood will be noisier and added that a nearby privacy fence might constitute a blind spot. He questioned the value of what the city and school district would get for the price it would cost.

David Addison, whose home was damaged by a fire, thanked the community for its outpouring of support.

Dave Buck commended SWT Design for its work on the project.

40 ACRES

Representatives from the SWT Design presented details on the 40 Acres proposal for property that includes Moss Field, Hixson Middle School, Memorial Park and the Webster Groves Recreation Complex. They described the public engagement process that led to development of the master plan. Elements include removal of Ambrose Way, improvements to the Elm Avenue entry, improved parking, improved lighting, installation of a civic lawn, hillside seating, a fitness trail and a cohesive look for the area created through landscaping.

The plan breaks the property down into seven separate projects. Total cost is about \$12 million.

Following the presentation, the board and the council asked the designers about traffic flow, parking and access to the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

President

Secretary