



City Council of University City
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CITY MANAGER IN UNIVERSITY CITY FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE U CITY LOOP

Lehman Walker, the City Manager of University City, will be working with the City Council and Police Chief Charles Adams to pinpoint ways to manage the influx of hundreds of youth to the University City Loop. Walker, who started worked as City Manager in August of 2010, is faced with his first full season of handling spring and summer crowds in the Loop, many of whom are not coming to the area to support area businesses.

“I have been working with Chief Adams since my arrival to fine-tune our approach to the challenges we have faced every spring and summer for the past three years in our Loop business district,” said Mr. Walker. “Each year brings new challenges, and the City staff and Council are committed to managing things in a way that provides a sense of security to everyone who wants to come to the Loop to support our businesses, while protecting the rights of all metropolitan residents who want to spend their evenings in this great business district.”

Specifically, City Manager Walker would like to:

- Reconsider the focus of the current Loop curfew, reviewing the curfew hours and the affected age groups;
- Reevaluate the police staffing in the Loop, in light of the City’s police needs throughout the whole city;
- Work with adjacent municipalities to develop a strategy to address these challenges on a regional basis; and
- Focus the proposal for charging for parking on the City-owned lots on increased security in addition to maintenance of these lots; and
- Share all information with the Mayor’s Task Force on Seniors & Youth which is working to develop proposals on how better to provide for the needs of the youth in our community.

Mr. Walker will present these ideas at the regular session of the City Council which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Council Chamber.

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