



Tribute to Paulette Carr (1948 – 2022)

December 26, 2022, UNIVERSITY CITY – University City mourns the loss of Paulette Carr, former Council Member for Ward 2 and tireless advocate for economic development. Paulette was a resident of the City for more than three decades before moving in 2020 to Holland Michigan, where she lost a courageous 18-month battle with cancer. She passed away on December 20, 2022 at age 74.

“We are proud to have known Paulette and to call her our friend, neighbor and colleague. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends and others whose lives were touched by her devotion to and insights for making University City a better place for all,” said Terry Crow, Mayor of University City.

In addition to serving on the City Council from 2012 until 2020, she led the drive for the first state audit of University City, initiated a stormwater task force, served on the City Plan Commission and championed economic development. In 2017 she spearheaded alongside Bwayne Smotherson (Ward 3) and subsequently, Steve McMahon (Ward 1) a Council study session that resulted in issuing a request for proposals for a developer to assemble land and reinvest in the Third Ward at Olive and I-170. As a result of her vision, the new Costco Wholesale store opened last October, and the Market at Olive is under development.

While a student at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., she also took upper division science courses at the University of Missouri in Columbia. During her first career as an educator, she taught technical subjects at various levels. She later returned to school to earn her doctorate in chemistry at the University of Miami (Fla.) and worked as a scientist on laser technology for McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing) in St. Louis.

After becoming a mother her interest turned to art where she discovered her talent and passion for ceramics. As a survivor of disfiguring breast cancer when she was 36 years old, she expressed her grief in faces and forms of clay. Her artwork was displayed in the Cannon House Office Building rotunda in Washington, D.C., and was part of a nationwide traveling exhibit that helped launch the first designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October 1985.

Paulette is survived by her husband, Jim, son J. Peyton Carr (Michelle), sisters Diane Yang (Tom) and Sondra Goodman (John), brother-in-law Tom Carr (Nina Ganci) and niece Allyson Barnes. Memorial gatherings have not yet been planned. Memorial contributions can be made to Grace Episcopal Church or Hospice of Holland, both of Holland, Mich.

About University City: University City was incorporated on September 4, 1906 by founder Edward Gardner Lewis, as a city of learning, culture and beautiful neighborhoods. This diverse

community of about 34,000 residents provides welcoming neighborhoods, thriving business districts, and is a great place to live, learn, work and be entertained. More information is available at www.ucitymo.org.