Syllabus

Course: Policies and financing of Urban Development [90-733] / George Whitmer  
Winter term 2017

Course Description: A broad review of development and redevelopment in American cities. Special emphasis will be placed on project finance and the capital formation and the financial structure required in undertaking redevelopment projects.

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Class Schedule: Attached with discussion topic for each class

Reading Assignments: Cities Without Suburbs - 4th edition 2013 by David Rusk  
Articles handed out in class

Quiz: One quiz will be given on February 20. The quiz will include questions on the reading information handed out and the discussions in the previous classes.

Project: There will be one project due February 27. I will provide you with a topic in urban development and you will be required to outline a solution with recommended financing alternatives. The paper should be well organized, concise and therefore brief. Essentially this will be a briefing paper for policy makers to make development decisions.

Exam: There will be one exam, which will have questions from the lectures, the readings, in particular, David Rusk’s Cities Without Suburbs. The exam will be short essay questions and problems dealing with solutions for financing development. The examination will be held on March 6.

Grade: The overall grade will be based on a 300 point system. The project will be 100 points; the quiz 50 points; and the final 150 points.

Policies: It is expected the paper will be turned in on time and classes will be attended with everyone arriving on time. Classes will start at 6:00PM and end at 8:50PM.