



American University Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee

Tuesday, August 27th, 2024



Welcome President Alger!

Jonathan Alger, American University's 16th President

- **Call to Order and Welcome**
- **Review Agenda**
- **University Updates**
- **Working Group Report Outs:**
 - **Facilities Planning Working Group**
 - **Student Life and Safety Working Group**
 - **Transportation and Parking Working Group**
 - **Engagement and Communications Working Group**
- **AU Community Engagement**
- **Full Membership Meeting in October**
- **For the Good of the Order and Adjourn**

Ground Rules:

- Respect the Process
- Be present and Engaged
- Follow the Facilitators' Directions
- Allow Every Voice to Be Heard
- Speak Courteously and Respectfully to Others
- Maintain Zero Tolerance for Any Comment (Written or Verbal) that is Meant to Attack or Intimidate Another Person or is Obscene



Co-Chair Welcome

Jerry Gallucci and Matt Bennett



University Updates

Matt Bennett



Working Group Reports



Working Group Report: Facilities and Planning

William Clarkson and Jonathan McCann



Jacobs Field Sound Barrier Update

Updates

- Draft testing plan development is underway.
- Key Related Zoning Order Conditions:
 - Shall test the actual mitigating effects after barrier is constructed using a science-based assessment developed by the University's acoustical engineers.
 - Shall evaluate all likely and reasonably anticipated sources of noise and other measures that could further reduce objectionable noise.
 - Shall share results with the Commission and 4710 owners before conditions on field usage and noise are modified and before any material changes to the design or usage of Jacobs Field that would increase noise are undertaken.



Meltzer Center Construction Update

Meltzer Center Updates

- Geothermal, civil infrastructure, and rough site grading work all near completion.
- SCAN foundation is complete with Meltzer Center foundation work underway.
- Work for the connector inside Bender Arena is continuing with completion planned by no later than early October.
- Fencing near Reeves field planned to be adjusted the week of 9/2, restoring access to the track.

Construction Camera



Civil Site and Foundation Work



Bender Arena Connector Construction



Construction Updates and Camera

To Access
Construction Camera



Or go to

[https://app.truelook.cloud/dashboard/
17155/20394/live?code=d8u0rf2zdjirw
b8u0sxgm7712](https://app.truelook.cloud/dashboard/17155/20394/live?code=d8u0rf2zdjirwb8u0sxgm7712)



Reeves Field Maintenance Project

Updates



- Work currently planned to completed between November 2024 and September 2025.
- During the work, the field and or track may be unavailable for use in part or in whole.



Working Group Report: Student Life and Safety

Chuck Elkins and Phil Morse

Updates

- Edits Orientation Materials
- Edits to the Yearly Neighbor Post Card
- What is coming up for SLS?
 - Expanding Post-Card outreach
 - Orientation and Student Involvement



Working Group Report: Transportation and Parking

Andrew Heimert and Josh Finver

Proposed CaBi stations

- DDOT has gotten approval on the Rockwood location from their Urban Forestry team and AU is working on the funding.
- TBD on Spring Valley Location, funded by DDOT.



Proposed Spring Valley Location



Updates

- Scooter Partnerships
- Neighborhood Dialogue and Parking Enforcement
- Upcoming Dates for High Campus Activity
 - Sept 18th: Career Center Fall Job & Internship Fair
 - Sept 27th: Family Weekend
 - Oct 20th & Nov 10th: Campus Preview Days
 - Dec 15th: Fall Commencement
- What is coming up for TaP?



Working Group Report: Engagement and Communications

Beth Deal and Viraj Gandhi

AU Community Communications Plan

Goals: Grow AUNP membership, share information, and connect neighbors with the campus community.

Audience: Ward 3 residents, particularly those in the AU Park, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights, and Tenleytown neighborhoods

Tools: AU in the Neighborhood newsletter, AU Now newsletter, AUNP membership

- one community-focused AU Now article per month
- survey of neighbors to learn more about their interests and preferences with regard to AU communications, programs, and amenities



Welcome, Jason Millison!

Director of Community Relations



AU Community Engagement

Laura Marks and Jason Millison

AU Community Engagement Plan

Robust Community Events Schedule

- More AU events open to neighbors and new event sponsorships in partnership with community organizations
- AU CR in your neighborhood: Quarterly “Office Hours”

Improved Communication

- New AUNP one-pager
- Updated and streamlined website
- New events landing page
- Revamped newsletter in partnership with AU Now
- Community event ads on AU Shuttles

Student-Neighbor Engagement

- “Family Dinners” with students, “Neighbor Experts” at AU Career Center, “Host Families” for students on campus during breaks, partnerships with local K-12 schools

Working Group Speaker Series

- AU professors and/or DC-based “experts” join public working group meetings on related topics, potentially alternating with “business meetings”

AU Community Relations Fall Events - **DRAFT**

AUG	28	AU Day at the Nationals
SEP	10	CLC Meet & Greet with President Alger
	14-21	Walking Town DC (target 2025)
	20	AU Family Movie Night & Community Office Hours
	27	Art All Night (with Tenleytown Main Street)
OCT	~01	Fall Community Walking Group Kick-Off
	05	AU Athletics Pep Rally
	19	Palisades Village House Tour & Community Office Hours
	~20	Fall Foliage Arboretum Walking Tour
	24	AU Fall Concert – Bender Arena
NOV	01	AU Athletics Block Party
	~11	AU Airlie Farm 5K / Fun Run and Fall Festival
	16	Janney ES 5K / Fun Run & Community Office Hours
	tbd	AU Sine Institute Post-Election Analysis Event



October Full Membership Meeting

October 8th,
October 16th, or
October 22nd



Good Of The Order and Closing Comments



Adjourn