

AU Campus Plan Taskforce Meeting Notes

Issues

- There should be no student housing on the other side of Nebraska
- Traffic is a serious issue, it is getting dangerous
- Why are there no discussions about the Tenley Campus, it needs to be discussed
- Is the Law school on the agenda?
- Redevelopment of Tenley Circle
- When will we see the results of the traffic study?
- At what point can AU be trusted?
- AU is not the sole contributor to the increasing traffic problems, DHS is also a contributor
- The community was told that it would have some influence on the federal government's expansion plans, how true is that?
- Something needs to be done about Ward Circle
- My concern is not only with car but foot traffic in the area
- AU is asking us to sacrifice for its success, what about the community? There has to be a middle ground. The concern is that AU has to continue to grow in order to succeed
- The university's growth has serious quality of life impacts on the residents of the communities surrounding it
- If the design lowered the buildings closer to the Westover residences would that be an acceptable solution?
- What about a tunnel?
- The height of the proposed student dorm is the problem
- Would anyone here spend that kind of money to live beside a dorm?
- AU needs to be commended for getting a new student code of conduct
- There are various ways in which AU contributes to the community's quality of life, the campus beautification and the Katzen Center and track to name a few
- How seriously will students' behavior be sanctioned?

Evidence of Trust

- Clear statement of housing for east campus
- Show compromise
- A uniform inclusion of neighborhoods
- Make accommodations
- Deeper exploration into the possibility of building in the campus interior
- The issue of trust is a two way street

Top issues

- No dorms on the periphery
- Density and effects on traffic
- Traffic
- Economic impacts from putting huge dorms so close to residential housing

Issues from Fax and Callers

- The things that have resonated throughout the campus plan process; student behavior, location of dorms relative to established communities and the impacts on and increase in traffic
- AU has failed to take responsibility for its students in the past and has recently produced a new student code of conduct. Insufficient time has passed to know how effective it is and what attention is needed
- AU's ANC commissioners have not demonstrated positive leadership
- Need more focus on Tenley Campus, those plans need to be vetted by community to be affected
- Concerned about historic preservation surrounding Tenley Campus
- Some issues are broad and affect the entire community but some are smaller and only affect some neighborhoods, the process must give every neighborhood a chance to speak to their local issues
- Students need to understand that they are guests in the neighborhood
- There needs to be a dedicated and well publicized number that is operational 24 hours a day to report incidences of bad behavior in the neighborhoods
- Inconsistent policy surrounding preservation of green areas
- AU has to do something about the growing traffic problems
- What is the real priority list, feel like there is a hidden agenda
- Loss of neighborhood assets
- Campus plan only addresses residentially zoned areas, AU owns a lot of commercial properties and are buying more, what is their long term plan?
- Residents around Tenley Campus should be called
- Terrible traffic around the circle at 2:30 in the afternoon
- Students crossing the streets at incorrect places and times add to the traffic problems
- Concerned that AU is looking at this through rose colored glasses and not through realistic lenses