

Justice & Sustainability



AU Campus Plan Stakeholder Issues List

- AU is packing the process using people to voice support for the University's positions who say they are residents, but are not
- Not interested in a facilitated process. We had discussions with OP about the use of a mediator
- The primary issue is the location of new student housing
- There is a middle ground but the university must signal a willingness to compromise
- AU must be willing to put housing in the core part of their campus, not just on border areas
- The development of the parking lot is a non-starter except there is a meaningful discussion around issues of design, mature trees, the distance between the two borders, etc.
- The issues of height and density are of great concern
- High-density student housing will bring an unimaginable amount of traffic in general and especially to the circle
- Concerned with the movement of law school from current location to Tenley campus
- AU is not very forthcoming about their plans
- AU is completely untrustworthy
- There are many neighborhoods surrounding the university but only three will be affected
- AU is not comprehensive and timely with its information release
- AU is causing the loss of some great community assets such as Balducci's and the dry cleaners
- There are still bitter memories of the loss of community assets in Spring Valley where the law school now exists
- There is fear that the University has a long-term goal of incremental encroachment into the community
- There should absolutely be no student housing at the Nebraska site, it's a non-starter due to issues of traffic, safety and the impact to Ward Circle
- The way AU initiated discussions with the community is very poor
- The process has no transparency. They wait until the day before meetings to send out meeting agenda and materials
- AU has kept their side of the bargain
- Don't see any negatives in how AU is growing

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- Need to see a transparent statement of work from JSA
- The hiring of JSA is one of the tools in AU's playbook. They have always taken the approach of bringing in a facilitator at the last minute
- Concerned that there wasn't a more formal announcement and introduction of JSA
- We need mediators not facilitators
- AU has not shown willingness to budge on the critical issues
- Non-existent communication protocol
- I am not willing to participate any further because the use of facilitators is a ploy to run out the clock
- They have successfully divided the neighborhoods
- Westover is getting its turn at bat. They have historically chosen not to participate in campus plan processes
- Westover is now making it uncomfortable for everyone
- In comparison, Westover are getting a pretty good deal
- We are happy with the deal we got from AU
- In the last 15 years AU has stepped up and honored the promises it has made
- I am not happy with the projected 10% increase over the next 10 years, they need to keep the numbers of students down
- We are concerned about the proposed dorm behind the president's house
- We were thrilled with the 40-50 ft we got. Westover is getting 120 ft. They should be happy
- Planned commercial activity on the first two floors of the Nebraska development will not be neighborhood serving
- Westover should focus on the things that matter
- AU is making the proposed parking lot buildings shorter. They have made compromises
- AU has made some healthy concessions
- They need a powerful signal that they are listening to us if we are to trust them
- All trust is gone
- They are buying-up commercial properties and converting them to university use
- Bookstore at the Nebraska lot is a bad idea
- What is the standard for documenting meetings, I don't trust that they have accurately and adequately documented the concerns of the community