American University Meeting Notes October 26, 2010

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- Timeline:
 - Submit draft to neighbors approximately December 1
 - o 60 days for review
 - o Submit February 1
 - Will include Tenley but not a further processing for Tenley
- <u>When</u> will AU come forward with Tenley Plan?
 - We have just hired architects for Tenley. We're not hiding anything
 - o Detailed / further processing details will not be included in campus plan
- How have Tenley neighbors reacted thus far?
 - o To be determined, because we have not developed detailed plans yet
- Having discussion with <u>whole</u> group would be good / appreciated because many would be affected / overall community will be impacted
- So campus plan will not include a timeline on when WCL will move to Tenley?
 That will happen with further processing
- Please put Tenley Campus on <u>top</u> of agenda for next meeting
 - And include an idea of when WCL will move
- What are plans for current law school building 9801 Massachusetts Ave
 Include menu of possible uses
- 860 beds still hold on East Campus?
 - Yes in 3 residential buildings
 - o 1 academic / administrative building
- ISSUES LIST:
 - 1) Core vs. Periphery
 - c. Impact on the neighborhood and the city of Washington DC
 - a. Replacing old buildings with new buildings
 - This is not the <u>whole</u> narrative of issues raised in meetings TOP LEVEL ISSUES
 - At the moment, we do not have a final plan, so how can we give a list of issues
 - Nowhere on this list is the impact on and concerns of the community
 - 1. Core vs. Periphery: too much on periphery is what we've heard from community
 - 2. Traffic: items listed is have we've heard from community
 - 3. Overlay is the impact of the community
 - a. We feel there should be further discussion on replacing old buildings with new ones
 - i. Also, we need to discuss the possible contamination on the South Campus
 - b. Issues list has been distilled into neutral terminology and does not genuinely reflect input from neighbors over
 - i. e.g.: Parking

- ii. e.g.: Traffic on Massachusetts Avenue; garbage trucks
- c. This list is a list of categories (Roman Numerals)
- d. The letters just from AU's perspective
- Maybe we should dive into Core vs. Periphery
 - Past Campus Plan said AU's policy was to keep housing in core
 - We would have to check 2001 plan; but currently our housing is on the periphery
- Nebraska and Massachusetts Avenues are public space, not AU property; so when we say that Nebraska Lot is part of campus, there is a lack of recognition of the impact o city and community
- We talk in our marketing plans that the neighborhood is a good place for students
 We should be thinking of this when writing plan to maintain the neighborhood as it is
- Please post lines want to see what are public spaces
- Do neighbors want a more <u>detailed</u> issues list?
 o Don't think that cataloging list is helpful. We have fundamental differences in opinion
- Segmenting neighborhoods to talk about individual sites is <u>not</u> helpful
 These are issues that impact <u>whole</u> community
- Look at minutes and pull out all the areas of agreement and contention
 - Provide this list to neighbors 1-2 weeks before meeting
- Traffic Study: we want to see level of service not just number of cars
 - We do have level of service, and they are posted on web
 - We have completed counts to update status of Transportation Study data that we had from 2008
- Community concern is new patterns of living with residence on East Campus
- We need AU to do the traffic study from the perspective of neighbors
 - We need to do it from a factual perspective
 - We cannot change what DHS does; only what we can manage
 - We have a long history of what we project come true, so why is there still disbelief?
- Everything that needs to be said has been said except for Tenley
 - So have one more meeting on Tenley
 - Then we need to just put a plan in front of neighbors so we can talk about a real plan
- What about revisiting parking plan (Beverly's ideas)
- Neighbors maybe we should talk about moving the buildings around on East Campus
 - o Step downs
 - o Set backs
 - o Floors, etc.
- Issues list should paraphrase <u>both</u> sides (neighbors say vs. AU says)

- We would like to know / get ideas on adjustments / changes that can be made before we file a draft plan
- Use time between this meeting and next to meet with smaller groups / neighborhoods to get detailed feedback on the sections that impact them; and to get the adjustments / changes information
- Is reducing the number of students on East Campus off the table?
 - No: but the only number from Westover has been zero so, if there is another number we can talk
- What are we going to do next?
 - We owe whole group Tenley information
 - o Also for balance of plan, smaller groups would be better
- Not all neighbors agree on having small group meetings
- No there will <u>not</u> be a fraternity / sorority row or new
- Reducing number of students on one site means increasing it on others, so talking just to one group could upset others
- Would AU be open to a meeting campus plan design considering other sites; talk about
- Worried about south campus: if all new buildings are built, density will be 2,400+
- Change value of handout halve to TOPICS not ISSUES
- 2020 new beds can this number change?
 - o Only 900 net <u>new</u> beds
 - Can we do fewer than that?
 - We have DC zoning requirement to meet 85% freshman/sophomore and 2/3 of all undergrads
 - If this requirement were different, our housing needs would be different
 - This requirement absolutely could be changed with the new campus plan
 - If community and AU come to an agreement
- 500 Tenley beds and 200 Berks <u>ARE</u> new beds on campus doesn't matter if they are being replaced
- The idea of lowering the percentage required by Zoning Commission is <u>NOT</u> a view we want
 - o Because then they push students back in the neighborhoods
 - And there are definitely neighbors against that
- Why do we have to tear down the 500 Tenley beds?
 - It impacts greater community because they will be moved to another area on campus
- Small Meetings