AU Neighborhood Partnership Engagement and Communications Working Group

September 5th, 2023
• Call to Order
• Welcome, Introductions and Review Agenda
• Overview of AUNP Orientation
• Discussion of Enhanced Engagement Opportunities for the Working Group
• Discussion of Potential Speakers Series moving forward
• Closing Comments 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 (Verbal or Written) that is Meant to Attack or Intimidate Another Person, or is Obscene
AUNP Orientation Overview
Three sessions that will be recorded via Zoom for any current or potential AU Neighborhood Partnership members.

These sessions touch on the basics of Zoning and Campus Planning in DC. It will also review the ground rules and Terms of Reference for joining the Partnership and take a look at American University in the larger context of Ward 3 and the District.

Dates:
- Monday, September 18th from 6:00 to 7:15 pm
- Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00 to 7:15 pm
- Monday, October 2nd from 6:00 to 7:15 pm
Draft Agenda Outline (Session One):

- Welcome from the Steering Committee Co-Chairs
- Introductions
- Review Agenda
- Overview of Zoning in Washington DC
- AU and its Surrounding Neighborhoods
- Current State of AU Neighbor Relations
- Overview of the AU 2021 Campus Plan
- Next Steps
- Closing Comments and Adjourn
Draft Agenda Outline (Session Two):

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda
- Community Partnership Principles and Design
- AU Neighborhood Partnership Principles, Values, Ground Rules and Structure
- Membership Qualifications
- 2023 Meeting Dates
- Next Steps
- Closing Comments and Adjourn
Draft Agenda Outline (Session Three):

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review Agenda
- Washington DC, 2021-2031
- Ward 3 2023-2027
- Next Steps
- Closing Comments and Adjourn
List of Enhanced Engagement Activities
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- Tour of Science Lab, especially for neighborhood kids
- Singing groups come to neighborhood events, meetings
- Arboretum gives more meaningful tours of the gardens (midnight tours are not that great)
- Arboretum teaches neighbors how to care for mature trees
- Open more classes to neighbors wanting to audit the class—maybe also expand beyond just the two zip codes
- Invite neighbors via Zoom to important speakers (e.g. Dr. Fauci)
- New tennis courts on the South campus
- More favorable rates for gym and swimming pool
- Neighborhood meetings at the new Presidents home
- More visible/accessible Community relations pages on website (hard to find). Community relations may be one of the “pillars” of the AU strategy, but one would never know it from the website.
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- Establish volunteer opportunities for neighbors: mentoring dinners, holiday hosting, work with international students, etc

- Seminar on AI for neighbors; assistance to neighbors with computer problems

- Special neighborhood shows/events at Katzen

- Invitations to recitals by musicians, etc

- Some sports training/event for kids

- Invitation to plays

- Include SPA and other special mailings for events in the neighborhood newsletter to extent not already done.

- Some special connection/event etc for Westover neighbors who are AU's “closest” neighbors

- Beef up the buffer at Westover

- Quiet the air conditioner on East Campus out of consideration for Westover
Discussion of Potential Speakers Series Moving Forward
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