American University
Facilities Planning Working Group

February 21, 2024
Agenda:

- Call to Order and Welcome.
- Jacobs Field Sound Barrier Update.
- Meltzer Center Construction Update.
- Community Garden Relocation Update.
- Reeves Field Maintenance Project.
- Summer 2024 Residence Hall Renovation Project.
- 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 (written or verbal) that is meant to attack or intimidate another person or is obscene.
Jacobs Field Sound Barrier Update
Progress Photos
Progress Photos
Testing and Assessment Summary

1. Shall test the actual mitigating effects after barrier is constructed using a science-based assessment developed by the University’s acoustical engineers.

2. Shall evaluate all likely and reasonably anticipated sources of noise and other measures that could further reduce objectionable noise.

3. 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.
Analysis Requirements Summary

- Anticipated noise mitigation benefits.
- Performance measures or standards adopted to define an adequate or successful mitigation outcome.
- Noise impacts of any proposed changes to usage of Jacobs Field.
- The noise impacts at different locations on the 4710 property.
- Recommendations to further reduce the adverse noise impacts.
- Sharing of data, methodologies, analyses, reports, and assumptions with the 4710 owners before the University applies for any modification.
Meltzer Center Construction Update
Updates

- The main building permit has not yet been received.
- Tennis and basketball courts have closed (soft closing).
- Community garden has closed.
- Locating and verification of site utilities planned for February.
- Groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for March 1st.
- Construction activities hopefully may begin as soon as possible following groundbreaking ceremony.*

*Final dates TBD and pending release of required permits
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Community Garden Update
Location

New Location

Note: Approximately 30 people per week estimated to be present at previous location.
Design

Community Garden Relocation

Design elements include:
- Compost Bins
- 8'x8' Storage shed with 6 foot wide double doors
- Wood Chip surface over weed barrier
- 6 foot high wooden frame fence with wire panels
- 6 foot wide double swing gate
- Existing concrete walkway
- Existing light pole

Nebraska Hall
Progress Photos
Progress Photos
Reeves Field Maintenance Project
Existing Conditions

- The Reeves Field grass surface system has failed and is no longer functioning as required.
- Urgent maintenance replacement of the surface and drainage system is needed.
- Reeves Field and the track will be unavailable for use in part or in entirety during the work.

Note: Closure of Reeves Field was already expected because of the Meltzer Center/SCAN project.
Site Safety and Control Measures (Phase I)

February 2024 - August 2024
Site Safety and Control Measures (Phase II)

September 2024 - September 2025
McDowell Hall Summer Renovation
Location

McDowell Hall
Existing Conditions

Main Lobby

Existing Restrooms
Existing Conditions

Student Lounges
Closing Comments and Adjourn