

Community Liaison Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Virtual Meeting on RingCentral
6:30pm-8:30pm

Introductions & Opening Remarks

The meeting of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was opened by Don Edwards, from Justice and Sustainability Associates, at 6:30 p.m. Chief of Staff and Counselor to the President, Seth Grossman, who convenes and leads the meetings for American University, welcomed representatives of neighborhood organizations and local Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs). He noted and thanked participants for their willingness to innovate digitally.

Don reviewed the ground rules for the meeting. Then Kayla Elson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, provided a review of the features of the virtual platform.

Preliminary Framework Overview

Ed Fisher, American University Assistant Vice President of Community and Government Relations, presented an overview of the 2021 Campus Plan Preliminary Framework, the presentation can be found at <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/campus-plan/2021-campus-plan-framework-drafts.cfm>.

Potential Development Sites and Campus Character

Matt Bell, of Perkins Eastman DC, presented the Potential Development Sites and Campus Character for AU's 2021 Campus Plan, the presentation can be found at <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/clc/upload/clc-april-2020-campus-plan-sessions.pdf>.

Enrollment

Ed Fisher, presented an overview of AU's Enrollment numbers, the presentation can be found at <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/clc/upload/clc-april-2020-campus-plan-sessions.pdf>.

Virtual Breakout Room 1

Facilitated by Don Edwards, Justice and Sustainability Associates
Session on Enrollment

Participants: Matt Bennett, Taylor Berlin, William Clarkson, Matthew Frumin, Seth Grossman, Teresa Guzman, Hunt LaCascia, Dan Nichols, Shelly Repp, Sherry Rutherford, Thomas Smith

Don Edwards welcomed participants to the breakout room session and opened the floor to questions and comments on the enrollment aspect of the Potential Development Sites & Campus Character Enrollment presentation.

Shelly Repp, of Neighbors for Responsible Development, asked how AU is factoring the Free College Movement and COVID-19 into the current campus plan.

Don thanked Shelly for his questions and noted that they were captured by the note-taker.

William Clarkson, of the Spring Valley Neighborhood Association, inquired to what extent AU is required to address projected financial and enrollment issues related to COVID-19 in the campus plan.

Sherry Rutherford, of Requity Real Estate, responded that there is no regulatory requirement to address COVID-19 and that the 10-year campus plan is still planning for the future.

Tom Smith, of the Spring Valley Wesley Heights Citizens Association, commented that the Potential Development Sites & Campus Character Enrollment presentation gave no justification for an increase in AU's enrollment cap.

Don replied that the comment was captured and noted.

William asked about the Zoning Commission's specific requirements for raising enrollment.

Sherry replied that the addition of properties would suggest an increase in the enrollment cap.

Shelly commented that the campus plan should reflect the "future normal." He asked who comprises the 780 students who were not previously counted in the 2011 Campus Plan.

Sherry replied that the definition of "student" encompasses two components: their year and location. She responded that subtitle Z of the new campus plan gives a clear definition of an AU student.

Shelly asked how Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) students are counted.

Sherry responded that OLLI students are not counted since they are not AU students.

Tom requested more detailed enrollment information to justify an increase in the cap.

Don replied that the comment was captured and noted.

Taylor Berlin, of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, asked how the AU acceptance rate will remain low with an increased enrollment cap.

Sherry replied that someone from the Provost office should be able to answer the question.

Don replied that the question was noted and will be answered in future documentation.

Shelly commented that enrollment should drive the conversation surrounding facilities. He also highlighted this conversation as helpful and constructive.

Session on Potential Development Sites

Participants: Matt Bell, Matt Bennett, Taylor Berlin, William Clarkson, Matthew Frumin, Seth Grossman, Teresa Guzman, Hunt LaCascia, Dan Nichols, Shelly Repp, Thomas Smith

Don welcomed new participants to the breakout room session and opened the floor to questions and comments about potential development sites.

Tom commented that the potential development sites portion of the presentation was quick and unclear as certain facilities were difficult to see on the shared screen.

Don replied that the comment was noted.

Shelly asked about AU's plans for development around Wisconsin Ave, Connecticut Ave, and Spring Valley.

Seth replied that there are several possibilities over the course of 10 years.

Shelly asked if the School of Education would be moving to the Spring Valley building and how many students are enrolled in the School of Education.

Seth responded that the School of Education has a mix of online and in-person programs. He stated that he did not have the exact enrollment numbers.

Don affirmed that the question would be answered in future documentation.

Taylor asked how the Mary Graydon Center will be repurposed for students.

Matt Bell replied that the building presents a big opportunity for student use and will be addressed in the campus plan. He added that AU is considering a type of student union building.

William asked if AU must justify the number of potential building sites to the Zoning Commission based on enrollment.

Matt Bell replied that the university must state its vision for the future and articulate how the campus plan relates to the context around it.

William asked how increased enrollment increases the potential for impact on the surrounding communities.

Matt Bell replied that the question is best for AU enrollment experts, Sherry Rutherford and Ed Fisher.

Don replied that the question will receive an appropriate response from AU.

Tom commented that Mary Graydon was approved to be upgraded 10 years ago, but renovations never occurred. He asked if AU plans to require students to live on campus and what anticipated changes are expected at Tenleytown.

Matt Bell replied that AU Housing and Residence Life would be best suited to answer the first question.

Tom requested a response from Seth.

Seth responded that the new campus plan does not require students to live on campus. He further stated that, in Tenleytown, AU is proposing physical changes to the Dunblane building and is considering use of other academic programs in the building.

Tom asked what types of programs (i.e. undergraduate or graduate) are being considered for the move to the Dunblane building.

Seth replied that graduate programs are currently being considered, but no decisions have been made.

Matt Bell asked Tom about his specific concern for Tenleytown.

Tom replied that he does not have a specific concern but is requesting a general understanding of the plan. He asked how moving non-law school students to the Tenleytown campus will affect the law school enrollment cap.

Matt Bell replied that an answer will be provided, and that Sherry Rutherford is most equipped to answer.

Shelly asked how the campus plan addresses off-campus housing under master leases.

Matt replied that an answer will be provided, and that Housing and Residence Life is likely best suited to answer.

William asked if the 11-07 order and respective court ruling had an effect on AU's decision to not require students to live on campus.

Matt responded that he is unsure.

Don affirmed that there would be a follow-up on the question.

Tom responded to William's question by saying there was never any requirement. He asked if AU would make a commitment to eliminate master leasing in the new campus plan.

Seth responded that AU expects to add some form of master leasing as part of the plan.

Public Chat from Breakout Room 1:

To Note: There was no public chat in breakout room 1.

Virtual Breakout Room 2

Facilitated by Laura Gramling, of Justice & Sustainability Associates

Session on Enrollment

Participants: Sharon Alston, Stacie Burgess, Chuck Elkins, Ed Fisher, Jerry Gallucci, Susan Kimmel, Jeffery Kraskin, Denise Liebowitz, Elizabeth Pemmerl, Dennis Williams, Betsy White

Laura Gramling, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, reviewed ground rules and explained that the primary purpose of AU representatives is to listen to and understand community members' feedback.

Denise Liebowitz, of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), expressed appreciation for the OLLI program and its positive relationship with the university and its senior administrators. She further expressed satisfaction with the leasing experience and hoped the university would continue to accommodate OLLI in the Spring Valley building.

Betsy White, of Wesley Heights, stated she stated that residents used to have many issues with parking in the neighborhood. She noted that she did expect enrollment to be a challenge given the projections AU provided but will be monitoring the situation closely.

Dennis Williams, of Tenleytown Neighborhood Association, explained his confusion with the enrollment presentation, especially the university's position to maintain one-third of students off-campus and two-thirds of students on-campus. He suggested bringing more students on campus given AU is 2,000 students below its enrollment cap.

Ed thanked Dennis for his comment and responded that AU is aiming to bring students back to campus by building an additional set of beds on campus in a style of dorm that current and future students want to live in.

Dennis Williams responded that AU is still showing the goal of 67% of students on campus. He asked if AU would consider increasing the percentage of students on campus since AU is under its current cap and building more.

Ed clarified the question and explained that the "67%" number is from the Zoning Commission. He added that AU can study this number with the Zoning Commission.

Dennis Williams asked why this issue requires going to the Zoning Commission. He expressed concern that AU has an enrollment cap and a separate cap for people living off campus.

Ed responded that AU is required by the Zoning Commission to house, at minimum, 67% of the undergraduate population.

Dennis responded AU can increase this percentage without going to the zoning commission. He asked why AU does not increase the 67% cap instead of building more space.

Laura stated to Dennis that this is the kind of feedback AU wants to hear tonight.

Elizabeth Pemmerl, Spring Valley neighbor, identified a need to address the livability of these students – especially from a financial perspective. She stated she was happy to hear about housing capacity on campus.

Jeffery Kraskin, of the Spring Valley Citizens Association, disagreed and considered the statement inaccurate that the 67% student housing requirement was from the Zoning Commission. He expressed discomfort at its description as a “requirement” of the Zoning Commission.

Susan Kimmel, of Ward 3 Vision, commented that she is glad to hear AU is optimistic in terms of recruiting more students. She stated she was interested in the breakdown in terms of undergraduate and graduate student populations. She was also curious about the cost of housing.

Ed responded that AU has 4,152 beds in its inventory now for undergraduates, including the 200 beds at the Frequency. He added that AU dormitories have varying price points. He further stated that AU wants students to desire to live on campus for its community and recreational activities.

Susan thanked Ed for answering her questions.

Chuck Elkins, of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, requested that AU determine how many students actually live on campus and noted that the cost of university housing matters. He highlighted that a focal community concern, especially in high-rise buildings, is off-campus student behavior, generally referring to activities by a few students that disturb neighbors. He pointed to the work of the Student Life & Safety Working Group in the AU Neighborhood Partnership in trying to address adverse effects. He suggested ideas such as establishing a pub on campus or, once the bed count is raised by 500, having 750 new undergrads and 250 live off campus.

Jerry Gallucci, of Westover Place Homeowners Association, appreciated this session as an opportunity to speak. He noted that some of the buildings on campus remind him of “Soviet blocks.” He continued that COVID is going to be a difficult economic barrier and expects AU will not be doing the fundraising the university originally planned. He stated that he was no longer concerned about whether AU adds 189 students to the enrollment cap since he wants AU to have maximum flexibility and be economically viable as an institution.

Session on Potential Development Sites

Participants: Stacie Burgess, David Dower, Chuck Elkins, Karen Froslid Jones, Jerry Gallucci, Susan Kimmel, Jeffery Kraskin, Denise Liebowitz, Elizabeth Pemmerl, Dennis Williams, Betsy White

Denise appreciated what she saw in the presentation and asked if there are any planned changes for the Spring Valley building.

Laura stated that this question cannot be addressed now.

Betsy said she had looked at the potential development site maps and thinks these are all great ideas. She expressed a concern of buildings 7 and 11 removing the greenery and lovely landscape. She stated the space in building 11 is a place she would put at the bottom of a priority list.

Dennis highlighted the importance of AU maintaining as many green spaces as possible but understood the need to trade off with AU's capacity on campus. He questioned if AU wants to house graduate students who may want to live on-campus.

Elizabeth stated she would also like to preserve green space for her family and the community. She emphasized that the proposed residential community is in the corner of campus (i.e. near the planned CAP and existing residential buildings), not a central hub of campus.

Matt Bell proposed that building 2, 3, 4 and 5 could be a new hub for student activity.

Elizabeth stated that currently that area is utilized by neighbors

Jeffery stated that in order to deal with facilities, AU must deal with numbers. He expressed shock at an idea to reduce this AU arboretum; but also added that, in creating a village of dormitories, there is potential property on the east of campus to complete a village feel.

David Dower, Assistant Vice President of Planning & Project Management, responded that the site is not green space, but actually an area for tennis courts and basketball courts. He clarified that the site is where a garden currently exists.

Jeff Kraskin responded that AU is losing a garden and yet talks about being an arboretum.

Susan stated that, in this numbers game, the idea of converting Beeghly to housing is a very good idea, since the building is next door to the new science hall and keeps academics concentrated. She praised a village of housing and an open quad as a very nice configuration. She suggested that having three different concentrations of housing would be enough for the entire campus instead of spreading the buildings out.

Chuck added that, as the campus builds out, AU could build closer to the edges of campus. He asserted that, since this build out has potential to impact the neighborhood, everything should be done to mitigate those impacts.

Jerry stated that in 2010, when Westover was dealing with putting a building on a former parking lot, Westover did not get a lot of support from neighboring communities. He criticized the presence of NIMBY-ism occurring with this new plan (i.e. no one wants anything built next to them). He commended the AU Neighborhood Partnership as working much better than the last campus plan process. He disagreed with the claim that the corner on Nebraska Ave is a green space and further named it a good spot for a building that causes the Westover community no problems. He urged neighbors to keep in mind that AU is a useful, positive element in the community and to be mindful of what AU needs to do to maintain themselves.

Public Chat from Breakout Room 2:

To Note: There was no public chat in breakout room 2.

Virtual Breakout Room 3

Facilitated by Kayla Elson, Justice and Sustainability Associates

Session on Potential Development Sites:

Participants: Myra Barron, Maria Barry, Jeff Brown, Diane Dragaud, David Dower, Jonathan McHugh, Michael Putzel, Tim Talley, Benjamin Tessler, John Wheeler

Myra Barron, of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), asked how much control AU has over site 1, and if development referred to just the building or included any additional areas around it.

Jonathan McHugh, of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E, stated that he is overall comfortable with the adjustments AU has made.

Diane Dragaud, of the Fort Gaines Citizens Association, stated that the members of the Facilities Planning Working Group reached consensus on what was presented. She further noted that the areas of sites 6 and 7 contain a lot of space and that Fort Gaines supports the university's efforts to return students to campus and build more beds on campus to reduce students off campus.

Kayla Elson, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, provided context of the Facilities Planning Working Group in the AU Neighborhood Partnership. She explained that the development sites presented remain in draft form and under continued discussion with community members.

John Wheeler, of Ward 3 Vision, praised the efforts of the Facilities Planning Working Group b, and stated that a lot of the changes to AU's plan reflected the work of that working group.

Tim Talley, of Wesley Heights, responded that he disagrees that the Facilities Planning Working Group reached a consensus. He expressed concerns of the size and scope of sites 6 and 7, he stated this will create issues with having so many students on that side of the campus. The proportion of the new building to the current building creates a tremendous amount of bulk, and also bleeds onto the neighborhoods. He further noted that there are ongoing issues with parking in the neighborhood and having more students in site 6 will exacerbate these parking issues. Lastly, he stated that he thinks the plan needs further work to address these issues, and that he would like to see an inspection by the Army Corps of Engineers and a written assessment on potential issues on sites 6 and 7.

Ben Tessler, of Westover Place Homeowners Association, stated he was present to listen and had no comment.

Michael Putzel shared that he found the presentation to be confusing to follow. He further noted that there are better ways to present the information for neighbors to understand it.

Tim recommended that AU, when planning the residence halls, consider the impact of COVID-19 by limiting the scope of the residence halls as a protective measure against the transmission of diseases. He also recommended making larger dorm rooms as a more attractive option for students.

Jonathan stated that the goal is to try to get students on campus. He added that the purpose of most of these buildings is getting students on campus and not into the neighborhoods.

Tim responded by clarifying that he is in favor of housing more students on campus but suggested a responsible approach that does not concentrate students in just one area.

Diane responded saying Fort Gaines supports AU moving more students to campus. However, she expressed community concerns that attempts to reduce the number of proposed dorm rooms risk putting AU in a situation where they cannot meet that goal. She further noted that the space on that side of campus is very generous and she does not see the proposed buildings creating negative impacts.

John Wheeler stated that a survey of people in the community would show the main complaints to be about the conduct of off-campus students. He further noted that it is an added benefit and a welcoming experience to see AU proposing to house more students on campus.

Virtual Breakout Room 3

Session on Enrollment:

Participants: Sharon Alston, Myra Barron, Maria Barry, Diane Dragaud, Ed Fisher, Jonathan McHugh, Michael Putzel, Tim Talley, Benjamin Tessler, John Wheeler

Myra asked what student enrollment is for the 4801 Wisconsin Ave building and if OLLI, which has a lease on the building, is also encountering growth. She requested figures or plans on enrollment for that building and asked if AU's growth in the building will impact OLLI's future.

Ed Fisher replied that OLLI participants are not included in the enrollment number and that AU is currently looking at their space usage all across campus. He stated that no determinations on moving programs have been made yet and will be determined later in this process.

Tim stated his agreement that the university should continue to grow and attract students. He further noted that he read that a government entity had requested universities to drop "non-compete" in their codes of ethics in order to attract student enrollment. He asked if AU could confirm this information.

Sharon Alston, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Enrollment, responded that the information referenced is the Department of Justice action against the National Association for College Admission Counseling. She mentioned that all affiliated universities had a common May 1st candidate reply date, but that is no longer the case. She also stated that under current guidelines, a university can continue recruiting students well past May 1st to help meet enrollment targets. She further noted that most AU departments consider the May 1st deadline appropriate and intend to stick with that date.

Tim asked if students applying to other universities can change their minds, since universities are now offering incentives to come to their school or switch schools.

Sharon responded that under the current guidelines, schools can continue to recruit students even if those students have committed to other institutions.

Public Chat from Breakout Room 3:

To Note: There was no public chat in breakout room 3.

Virtual Breakout Room 4

Facilitated by Malene Bell, Justice and Sustainability Associates

Session on Potential Development Sites:

Participants: Natalie Ambrose, Matt Bell, Troy Kravitz, Tony Long, Phil Morse, Dennis Paul, Doug Sanders, Chris Silva

Tony Long, of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), stated that OLLI is located in the Spring Valley building, but has not heard anything specific about changes to the Spring Valley building. He stated he was in awe of the amount of work put into this campus plan.

Matt Bell thanked him for the comment.

Natalie Ambrose, of Wesley Heights, shared that many of the concerns she had about building sites have been addressed. She stated she thinks Matt Bell and the working group have done a good job of listening to the feedback. She also loves the idea of the Locust Walk.

Matt Bell thanked her for the comment.

Troy Kravitz, of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D, pointed out how the traffic circulation concepts shift people's behavior with cutting through campus, and thanked AU for the idea.

Doug Saunders, of Westover Place Homeowners Association, asked how close AU is to being final on the Campus Plan Framework.

Matt Bell replied he thinks they are getting close to something that both meets AU's needs and will enhance the University's relationship with the community.

Doug asked if there were any events in the last week that shifted the timeline around.

Matt Bell responded that no one truly knows yet how COVID-19 Crisis will affect things long-term.

Troy drew Dennis Paul's attention to the potential repurposing of Beeghly, in reference to taking building site 1 off the table.

Dennis Paul, of Neighbors for a Liveable Community, stated that AU has a lot of student residential buildings on their side, he would prefer neither Beeghly nor site 1.

Troy asked if Dennis had to pick one over the other, acknowledging that Dennis liked neither option.

Dennis replied that he liked neither, but he really does not like Beeghly.

Malene Bell, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, asked if there were any other questions AU would like to gather while taking input from this process.

Matt Bell asked for reactions to the development sites, and how they can be improved going forward.

Troy acknowledged some flashpoints in the process, such as the redesigns of sites 6 and 7.

Natalie said she would be affected by Sites 6 and 7 since her residence is at the intersection of Nebraska Ave. and Rockwood Parkway. She stated frankly that the neighbors do not want a dorm but acknowledge that AU has listened to feedback. She expressed concern given the three large dormitories near her residence, building sites 6 would add more students.

Troy asked if Natalie would prefer Beeghly to Site 1.

Natalie stated that she would prefer Beeghly and likes the fact that AU reduced the amounts of floors and beds in site 6. She stated she had discussed in other meetings possible congestion issues if building 6 went ahead. Natalie also likes the changes to site 7 but is wary of a possible underground parking garage and the total square footage of site 7 in comparison to the School of International Service building.

Troy asked if placing the entrance for underground parking through the New Mexico Ave./Nebraska Ave. intersection would alleviate some concerns.

Natalie stated that parking via New Mexico Ave. would help, but also wants to make sure the land is clear before any digging.

Virtual Breakout Room 4 **Session on Enrollment**

Participants: Natalie Ambrose, Troy Kravitz, Tony Long, Phil Morse, Dennis Paul, Sherry Rutherford, Doug Sanders, Chris Silva

Tony stated he had noticed the Spring Valley building is being used more by AU, which can create a little bit of a parking issue.

Natalie stated that AU has done a good job of explaining the enrollment numbers and understands the importance of having flexibility. She was curious about the impacts of bringing off-campus students back on-campus and if the dormitory renovation process can affect that.

Troy restated the difference in how AU is counting their student enrollment numbers in relation to the 2016 Zoning Commission rule changes. He emphasized key points, including AU increasing enrollment by 6.61% not the 780 students' number, the difference is 119 students, and AU currently being 1,800 students below their cap.

Malene asked for Troy's perspective on enrollment.

Troy stated that the neighbors were supportive of increasing it by 780 students rather than 6.61%. He did note that Jerry Gallucci, of the Westover Place Homeowners Association, was supportive of the 6.61%. He then noted that, while the neighbors prefer the 780 number, he understands AU's position.

Doug Saunders stated that AU being 1,800 students under the existing cap supports the issues from neighbors regarding student retention.

Dennis Paul stated he had no comment.

Natalie asked what the enrollment cap was for 2011.

Sherry Rutherford stated the 2011 cap and explained how that cap changed in 2016 via the new Zoning Commission regulations.

Malene asked if Phil Morse, Sherry Rutherford or Chris Silva had any specific questions for neighbors.

Sherry Rutherford, of Requity Real Estate, emphasized that this campus plan looks at the impacts behind the number and tries to mitigate adverse impacts in the neighborhood, which is unique in the campus planning process.

Natalie asked what AU envisions for the tunnel under Bender Arena.

Malene noted that Matt Bell might be better to answer this question.

Natalie also inquired about plans for AU's possible downtown campus.

Troy asked how a possible downtown campus would be integrated into this 2021 Campus Plan,

Sherry stated that AU is interested in having a stronger presence in downtown DC, as a way to keep AU's programmatic strengths intact. She added that if a campus was created downtown, students would not be counted towards the enrollment count in this campus plan.

Troy asked Natalie, Doug and Dennis what they think of the proposed enrollment cap.

Doug stated that keeping enrollment on the lower side would be preferable.

Natalie agreed with Doug's statement. She asked whether students studying at the downtown campus would still be living on AU main campus.

Sherry stated that living on the main campus would be unlikely, but that such housing would be addressed at the time development plans went forward.

Dennis Paul stated he had no comment.

Public Chat from Breakout Room 4:

To Note: There was no public chat in breakout room 4.

Public Chat Comments:

From Thomas Smith: 6:58pm: When you say here, it is not possible to know what you are referring to.

From Michael Putzel: 7:00pm: Very difficult to understand your focus when we cannot see what you're proposing.

From Thomas Smith 7:02pm: I agree with Mike.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:02pm: Currently talking about Building 6.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:02pm: Now onto Building 7.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:03pm: Talking about 12.

From Dr. Jeffrey Kraskin: 7:04pm : Yes Troy - the problem is when using the word "here" earlier in the presentation.

From Jerry Gallucci: 7:04pm : Westover appreciates AU's compromise on plans for the East Campus and we have no issue with them.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:05pm : Jeff: I believe I'm able to follow all of the discussion, so feel free to ask questions and I can try to make sure your gaze is well-placed.

From Dr. Jeffrey Kraskin: 7:05pm : Thank you Troy. I think the speakers can do it.

From Troy Kravitz 7:06pm: (Site 1 is the CDC, L-shaped building in the middle of campus.)

From Thomas Smith: 7:06pm: Troy I am finding your comments to be distracting.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:06pm: I don't really care who is responsible; I just want to make sure we are as productive as possible.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:06pm: You can avoid reading them Tom, but thanks.

From Thomas Smith: 7:07pm: This presentation was not particularly helpful in understanding the overall objective.

From Susan Kimmel: 7:07pm: I thought it was a very thorough summary but went fairly quickly.

From Hunt LaCascia: 7:08pm: I find the presentation clear and thorough.

From Jerry Gallucci: 7:11pm : Speaking for myself — though neighbors have had concerns over the student cap numbers floated by AU (the blanket %), I have come to believe that given the COVID-related

economic headwinds that will hit private universities, AU should be allowed the number it believes it needs and the flexibility to use that as it believes will best serve the University's sustainability. We need an economically sound AU as our neighbor.

From Susan Kimmel: 7:14pm : What percentage of students must live on campus?

From Jerry Gallucci: 7:15pm : I share the concern about how the virus will affect AU's economic situation. It would not do for us to have a failing AU next to us.

From Michael Putzel: 7:16pm : I appreciate the difficulty of planning with this huge unknown of the long-term impact of the pandemic. However, it doesn't help to offer the university a blank check to adjust to the changes. We are all affected by the changes, whatever they may be.

From Jerry Gallucci: 7:17pm : It's not a blank check but a number that they should have the flexibility to use as sustains the economic viability of the University.

From Troy Kravitz: 7:17pm : "The University should carry out its proposal to transition the current off-campus undergraduate housing into on-campus housing and to construct new on-campus housing, so as to make housing available for at least 67% of the total undergraduate enrollment." (Zoning Order 11-07, page 13, Finding of Fact 38)

From Troy Kravitz: 7:18pm : (Susan: above is for you.)

From Susan Kimmel: 7:18pm: Thanks, Troy!

Good of the Order

Don thanked participants for following the meeting design and welcomed feedback on the process. He called attention to next CLC meetings, upcoming campus planning meetings, and the 2021 Campus Plan website. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

School year events/calendar updates:

Planning 101 Session: May 19th

Proposed 2020 CLC Meeting Dates: June 9, 2020; September 15, 2020; December 1, 2020

Attendees:

Community:

Natalie Ambrose, Wesley Heights Resident

Myra Barron, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Taylor Berlin, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D

William Clarkson, Spring Valley Neighborhood Association

Diane Dragaud, Fort Gaines Citizens Association

Chuck Elkins, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D
Matthew Frumin, Tenleytown Main Streets
Jerry Gallucci, Westover Place Homeowners Association
Teresa Guzman, Westover Place Homeowners Association
Jessica Herzstein, Spring Valley neighbor
Susan Kimmel, Ward 3 Vision
Jeffery Kraskin, Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association
Troy Kravitz, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D
Hunt LaCascia, Fort Gaines Citizens Association
Denise Liebowitz, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Tony Long, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Jonathan McHugh, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E
Dennis Paul, Neighbors for a Liveable Community
Elizabeth Pemmerl, Spring Valley neighbor
Michael Putzel, Neighbor
Shelly Repp, Neighbors for Responsible Development
Doug Saunders, Westover Place Homeowners Association
Thomas Smith, Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association
Tim Talley, Wesley Heights Citizen
Benjamin Tessler, Westover Place Homeowners Association
Dennis Williams, Tenleytown Neighborhood Association
John Wheeler, Ward 3 Vision
Betsy White, Wesley Heights Resident

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