

American University-Neighborhood Liaison Committee Meeting
7:00 pm, Monday, March 9, 2009
Bender Library Archives Conference Room
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

AU Representatives:

- Jorge Abud, Assistant VP, Facilities & Administrative Services
- Jerry Gager, University Architect
- Hisham Khalid, Associate General Counsel
- Walter Labitzky, Director of Facilities, Washington College of Law
- Lindsay Madeira, Sustainability Coordinator
- Michael McNair, Director of Public Safety
- Anthony Newman, Director of Risk Management and Transportation Services
- Penny Pagano, Director, Community and Local Government Relations
- Maria Pahigiannis, Projects Coordinator, Office of the President
- David Taylor, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
- Sara Waldron, Associate Dean of Students

Neighborhood & Community Representatives:

- Mary Ellen Fehrmann
- Chuck Hamilton
- Dennis Paul
- Alan Pollock
- Sarah Shapley
- Tom Smith

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Old Business
 - The university's endowment was approximately at \$400 million in July 2008 and now stands in the \$200s.
2. Facilities
 - January 12, 2009 the Kogod Expansion opened for classes. Landscaping should be complete by May.
 - The new SIS building is coming along and should be completed by May 2010.
 - The Mary Graydon Center covered bridge has also been completed
 - The 4545 42nd St. garage was completed in mid-January along with some nice landscaping too.
 - The Kreeger building will be renovated by fall 2009 for use as faculty offices. The idea is to move the faculty presently in Roper Hall to Kreeger so that Roper can be converted back to student housing. The plan is to have Roper complete by August 2010 and to house about 60

students with Clark and Gray Buildings also slated to be renovated and converted into housing, adding a total of 200 more beds on campus.

- AU was one of the auction bidders for 4600 Wisconsin Ave (the old “Babes” location) but was unsuccessful.
- Responding to Alan Pollock’s question, adding to the Kay Spiritual Life Center is a possibility for the future.

3. Student Issues

- The number of judicial cases on campus are down, and AU has been notified of only one off-campus complaint for which the students have already been identified.
- Mary Ellen Fehrmann informed the committee that for two weekends in a row, there have been incidents of young, apparently drunk students walking on 47th St. They overturned trash cans, knocked down mail boxes and signs. There was also a scuffle between two kids. Similar groups have also been seen on 4300 Massachusetts Ave. The MPD has been made aware of these incidents and promised to patrol those areas more on the weekend nights.
- Sara Waldron said that she would also investigate these incidents further as the groups could possibly be fraternities.
- The neighbors also shared a number of positive notes regarding the students:
 - possible community service partnerships with some of the students
 - students participating in the upcoming Spring Valley Triangle Park planting
 - all the students living in the Sedgwick St. house are delightful and courteous.

4. New Business

Sustainability Presentation (by Lindsay Madeira)

- Please see attached PowerPoint presentation

Campus Planning Preparation

- As the strategic planning and budget processes have been completed, the university will turn its focus to the campus plan (see attached timeline provided by Jorge Abud). In the summer months, the university administration will begin to plan and examine what is possible and practical.
- The current plan expires in 2011.
- A survey of space needs and possibilities will be conducted and a campus committee formed.
- At our next meeting we can:
 - Determine what we have accomplished from the last plan.
 - The results of the transportation study will be completed.
- We want to ensure that all key groups are represented at campus planning meetings, so we are asking our neighbors to help identify these groups and individuals.
- Tom Smith asked that we provide a timeline that specifies when certain parts of the plan will be available to the neighbors to look at so that they can provide their input before the plan is finalized.
- Jorge Abud stressed that the campus planning process is an iterative one, so time will be set aside to review, revise and improve on the various parts of the plan with input from the neighbors. A specific timeline with hard dates, however, may not be possible at this time.

- Dennis Paul suggested the University look at its long-term growth. Homeland Security, for instance, will be moving out of the Nebraska Ave location in about 7-8 years. Perhaps, AU should look at acquiring that property.

5. Other Business

- The Rodman Street gate is open – it is not springing back down.
- In the next few weeks, there will be a telephone survey – conducted by Simpson Scarborough – on the image of the University. Some of our neighbors will be contacted and we would appreciate your participation. Results of the survey will be available on a rolling basis and will hopefully be completed by late May.
- AU will be hosting the Patriot League basketball finals. At 2:30 pm there will be a party at the tunnel and the game start time will be at 4:45pm. Penny Pagano has a few tickets for community members interested in attending.
- Commencement and related activities will take place from May 8-10, 2009. This year each school has its own ceremony, so we expect the volume of parking and traffic to be less of an issue.
- The Juvenile Diabetes Games will be on campus this year on Thursday, June 11, 2009. They will use Reeves Field.
- The woman's lacrosse season is underway, so we are monitoring sound before the game, during halftime and in the second half.



AU Sustainability Initiatives



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From student Activism to Formal Institutional Commitment

Talloires Declaration



- Signed by over 350 university presidents and chancellors in over 40 Countries
- Focus on creating a “culture of sustainability” by integrating sustainability across the curriculum

ACUPCC



- Presidents signing the Commitment are pledging to eliminate their campuses’ greenhouse gas emissions over time

LEED

- AU is one of seven colleges & universities in a pilot portfolio program
- New School for International Service (SIS) will be LEED NC
- 30 of Existing Buildings are registered LEED EB



STARS

- STARS is a voluntary, self-reporting framework for gauging relative progress toward sustainability for colleges and universities (*credit system: 177 possible points, 3 credit areas- operations, edu/research, finance/admin*)

American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)

Signed: April 21, 2008

Purpose: Attain Carbon Neutrality



1. Create a Sustainability Team

- Environmental Issues Project Team (EIPT)

2. Complete a Greenhouse Gas Inventory

- Measure Greenhouse Gases with the Cool Air Clean Planet (CACP) calculator

3. Develop a Climate Action Plan

- A written plan of sustainability programs, actions, timetables, targets

4. On-going Tracking/Reporting to AASHE:

- Monitoring & Evaluation: Required annual reporting of all data published to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) website



From Institutional Commitment to Operational Practice

- But how do we *do* sustainability?
- What does sustainability mean in *practice*?
- What does it mean operationally to be *in compliance* with these formal institutional policies?

Energy Management/Conservation

- PEPCO Rebates – Performance Contract
- Lighting retrofit- From T12 to T8's (energy savings around 40%)
- Chiller Loops
- Boiler Controls
- Energy Management System- Building Automation System (BAS)- computer-based monitoring system that coordinates, organize, and optimizes building control subsystems, including lighting, heating, cooling, ventilation, equipment scheduling, and alarm reporting
- Commissioning (Capital Project, Retro) – ensures that we have a building operating plan (on new and old projects) to identify building operating requirements, tests and testing procedures, to determine whether building systems are operating optimally and in accord with the operating plan
- Demand Management
- Sub-meters

Energy Management/ Conservation



- Motion sensors- enables lighting conservation
- Classroom temperature monitoring- defined range of temp set points
- Night temperature set backs- reduce loads at night
- Energy Star's Portfolio Manager tool- provides target energy, demand and cost indices for buildings with similar characteristics; provides comparative data to benchmark against other buildings and provides baseline data for our own assessment



- Preventative maintenance program- e.g. routinely scheduled inspection, cleaning, and repair to keep equip. at optimal operation

Water Conservation

- Low –flow shower heads
- Faucet restrictors
- Dual flush valves
- Computerized irrigation system- moisture control
- Rapid leak response protocol



Transportation

- Electric Vehicles
- Bio-diesel
- Hybrid pickup trucks
- T3 Motion transporters
- Bicycle Patrols
- Zip Cars
- Bike share program



On-site Campus Recycling

- Paper
- White Ledger
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Plastic
- Computers
- Batteries
- Glasses
- Printer cartridges
- On and off site separation
- RecycleMania?



Waste Management

- Mercury lamps
- Kitchen oil & grease
- Kitchen waste
- Organic waste
- Scrap metal
- Clothes
- Construction debris
- Waste oil & antifreeze



Sustainable Landscape

- Pallets into Mulch
- Yard Waste into Mulch
- IPM
- Native plant materials
- Green roofs
- Arboretum



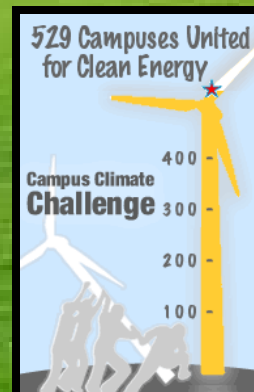
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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY 2011 Campus Plan

