

American University Neighborhood Liaison Committee Meeting
Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Recital Hall
6:30 p.m. Monday, December 7, 2009

MEETING NOTES

ATTENDANCE

Neighborhood & Community Representatives:

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| 1. Mike Bilecky | Ft. Gaines |
| 2. David Fehrmann | Westover Place |
| 3. Mary Ellen Fehrmann | Westover Place |
| 4. Maria Kress | Westover Place |
| 5. Lee Minichiello | ANC3D |
| 6. Dennis Paul | Spring Valley |
| 7. Alan Pollock | Ft. Gaines |
| 8. Sarah Shapley | Spring Valley |
| 9. Beverly Sklover | ANC3E |

AU Representatives:

1. Jorge Abud, Assistant VP, Facilities & Administrative Services
 2. Jerry Gager, University Architect
 3. Walter Labitzky, Director of Facilities, Washington College of Law
 4. Michael McNair, Director of Public Safety
 5. Penny Pagano, Director, Community and Local Government Relations
 6. Maria Pahigiannis, Projects Coordinator, Office of the President
 7. David Taylor, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
 8. Sara Waldron, Associate Dean of Students
1. Introductions
 2. Handouts – President Kerwin’s End of Semester Update (December 4, 2009) was distributed
 3. Old Business
 - The Katzen gates are operating properly and the neighbors appreciate that the cameras were moved closer in
 - Response time on parking complaints has slowed down a bit
 4. Facilities
 - SIS Building – still on schedule to be completed by May 2010
 - Kreeger – is about 50% finished. It will be used to house those currently in Roper and Clark (economics and physics departments) so that Roper and Clark can then be renovated.
 - Roper and Clark should be renovated by the fall and will have 118 beds.
 - Real Estate: AU is planning to sign a lease with Epicurean Restaurant & Market for the old Balducci’s space. In response to neighbors’ needs, Epicurean will try to emulate Balducci’s

model, creating a larger market section than their stores normally have. There are still a few contingencies, but the hope is to have a lease signed by the end of the year.

- Epicurean would like to include a bar and would need to acquire a liquor license.
- The neighbors expressed their opposition to a bar at this location and noted that they would have to go before the ANC to acquire a license.
- 3201 New Mexico Ave – construction on the outside of the building will begin in February 2010 and should be completed by May 2010. They will be fixing the sidewalk and driveway areas.

5. Army Corps

- 4825 Glenbrook Rd – They are back at work as the containment structure is in place. After they finish in that area, they will begin on some spots in the front yard. They decided no shelter-in-place is needed
- Public Safety Building – they continue to find glassware but it is low probability
- Radio Tower & Reeves Field– in the late spring, they will come back to the Radio Tower and to Reeves athletic field to do some trenching similar to what they did in the Nebraska Lot.

6. Student Issues

- Classes ended on Friday, December 3 and are now in exam period.
- Three houses this semester became issues, but two have been resolved. One continues to have ongoing issues:
 - 4812 Ellicott St: The weekend of December 4, MPD responded to a noise complaint at the house. They asked the students to reduce the noise and no further action was taken.

7. Parking

- AU continues to ticket and enforce the parking policy.
- Public Safety is working with MPD on parking and student issues and has asked them to patrol the areas that AU is not allowed to patrol.
- Commissioner Sklover suggested AU create options to incentivize students to park on campus. More specifically, she suggested AU automatically include the cost of a parking permit in tuition and allow students to opt out after attesting that they do not have a car. Falsely attesting would be a breach of the honor code and could result in expulsion.
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) requested that Ft. Gaines try to change the street parking to allow them to park longer. Ft. Gaines did not make the change as they did not want to encourage students and DHS employees to also park in their neighborhood. Since then, there appears to be an increase of OLLI participants parking in Ft. Gaines. It has not become a problem yet, but they will continue to monitor it.
 - Penny Pagano has also worked with OLLI to find them alternative parking in the Katzen garage. Unfortunately, it is a bit further away and some of the OLLI participants cannot walk long distances.
- OLLI participants also noticed that DHS employees were parking on Nebraska Ave. for over two hours without being ticketed. They were going to contact MPD about that.

8. Other Business

- DHS location: The Federal Government intends to use the current DHS site for other agencies once DHS moves out. They may also expand the site.
- Westover residents had a couple minor complaints:
 - The Nebraska lot was plowed at 4:00am. They realize, however, that many were plowing at that time, including the DC government.
 - There was a lot of dumpster noise coming from the Nebraska Lot – the reason for this was that the dumpster was broken and they were fixing it.

Note: The Community Holiday Reception followed the Neighborhood Liaison Committee (NLC) meeting

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