

American University
2011 Campus Plan Community Task Force
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Flip Chart Notes

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- Why were buildings removed from plan? Community request or University need?
 - Both:
 - AU: East Quad / LA Pavilion
 - Community: South Campus and Clark
- How much bigger is WCL getting?
 - 1770 - 2000 students
- How much square footage was demolished?
- Law students are included in the DC/MD/VA graphs but not in the page #9 graphs
 - Suggesting a decrease in housing regulation
 - Yes: from 65% to 55-60%
- 2011 Capacity:
 - Actual: 4176
 - Design: 4126
 - Difference is tripling
- Currently all Washington SEM students are on campus and 65% of undergraduate students are on campus?
 - Yes
- Why is AU changing housing goal?
 - Because after looking at data of where our students live, most undergraduates are living in apartments (2 apartment buildings: Berkshire and Avalon)
 - So, does not make sense to build as many buildings and take them out of apartment buildings
 - Also, we (the community) have opposed a lot of housing options, so AU has shaved a couple of the buildings off the plan
- POB site is a great site for housing and does not affect any of the neighbors
 - Think about this SERIOUSLY
 - Dennis Paul agrees as long as POB is well protected
- The list on page 15 is an abbreviated list; many things left out, such as:
 - Parking Issue - needs to be on all issues lists
 - Egress / Entrance from East Campus on Massachusetts Avenue
 - Minimal traffic refers to that
 - A build-up / wall from sidewalk at Nebraska Hall (can we do that?)
 - We can talk about landscaping BUT we must remember that the 40' is Park Service owns; so we must work with them

- We are not taking out any mature trees on East Campus
- Who should we contact in landscaping?
 - Email Jorge - they are part of his department
- How tall is first building after buffer?
 - 14: 1st floor
 - 18: upper floor
- What is going in retail space? (10,000 square feet of retail)
 - Eatery
 - Maybe we move the ban there?
 - Still have not looked into this in detail
- The drawings are only to show the buildings
 - Do not include landscaping fences, berm
- Why is AU moving away from all-white stone materials that we use on Quad?
 - Because brick enriches quality of residential buildings
 - Because they are often big buildings
 - Similar to Nebraska Hall
- Drawing of 5 floor and 2 floor buildings make them look like same height. Why?
 - 5-story buildings are 54'; definitely higher
 - 2-story buildings are 35'; but yes, higher from floor to floor
- Plans for solar panels, etc.?
 - We have not gotten that far
 - But we can reach LEED goals without solar panels
- When will we see FULL set of drawings?
 - Before March filing
 - Will try to get them done by February ANC meetings
- 2 Perspectives:
 - Street Level
 - 3rd floor of townhouses
- What will we do with lost parking spaces during construction?
 - We have spaces on campus to accommodate the 900 spaces of Nebraska Lot
- Will AU continue to charge students for parking under the new housing buildings?
 - Yes: AU's policy is to charge market rate
- Will AU consider proposal of including parking fee in "tuition" so students required to pay (kids need to opt out)?
 - Don't feel that is a good model for AU, but we will keep looking at options
- Drawings are not accurate:
 - Alley not included

- View is from "middle" of one of the townhouses without windows (too far back from wall)
- Have we worked with Yuma and Warren Street neighbors' architect?
 - Yes: twice, and have received suggestions
 - But cannot speak for their architect as to agreement
- Why is AU razing Dunblane?
- Traffic on Yuma and behind Janey Elementary:
 - How can we manage traffic flow - don't see it on this form
 - Lots of kids walking to school
 - Getting cars in and out of garage is definitely of interest to AU; still need to look into it with Gorove/Slade
 - Take a good hard look at how it will affect Nebraska Avenue
- Most would park underground; only 30-50 above-ground parking
 - 2000 students & 400 staff/faculty: Law
 - 500 students & 100 staff/faculty: current
- Maybe get rid of surface parking lot to increase green space
- Parking garage: in and out of Nebraska Avenue only
- If you leave Dunblane, gives neighbors idea that AU won't build there at next campus plan (makes them happy)
 - Since AU isn't planning on building anything there yet
- Maybe build less parking spaces to encourage people to take more public transport
 - More parking spaces leads to more traffic
- Tunnel under Nebraska Avenue at Nebraska - New Mexico crosswalk
- Commercial space on Tenley?
 - No plans
- Any Housing on Tenley?
 - No