



# AU Neighborhood Partnership Engagement and Communications Working Group

September 5th, 2023



- **Call to Order**
- **Welcome, Introductions and Review Agenda**
- **Overview of AUNP Orientation**
- **Discussion of Enhanced Engagement Opportunities for the Working Group**
- **Discussion of Potential Speakers Series moving forward**
- **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 (Verbal or Written) that is Meant to Attack or Intimidate Another Person, or is Obscene**



# AUNP Orientation Overview

**Three sessions that will be recorded via Zoom for any current or potential AU Neighborhood Partnership members.**

**These sessions touch on the basics of Zoning and Campus Planning in DC. It will also review the ground rules and Terms of Reference for joining the Partnership and take a look at American University in the larger context of Ward 3 and the District.**

**Dates:**

- **Monday, September 18th from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**
- **Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**
- **Monday, October 2nd from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**

## **Draft Agenda Outline (Session One):**

- **Welcome from the Steering Committee Co-Chairs**
- **Introductions**
- **Review Agenda**
- **Overview of Zoning in Washington DC**
- **AU and its Surrounding Neighborhoods**
- **Current State of AU Neighbor Relations**
- **Overview of the AU 2021 Campus Plan**
- **Next Steps**
- **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

## **Draft Agenda Outline (Session Two):**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review Agenda**
- **Community Partnership Principles and Design**
- **AU Neighborhood Partnership Principles, Values, Ground Rules and Structure**
- **Membership Qualifications**
- **2023 Meeting Dates**
- **Next Steps**
- **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

## **Draft Agenda Outline (Session Three):**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Review Agenda**
- **Washington DC, 2021-2031**
- **Ward 3 2023-2027**
- **Next Steps**
- **Closing Comments and Adjourn**





# List of Enhanced Engagement Activities

- Tour of Science Lab, especially for neighborhood kids
- Singing groups come to neighborhood events, meetings
- Arboretum gives more meaningful tours of the gardens (midnight tours are not that great)
- Arboretum teaches neighbors how to care for mature trees
- Open more classes to neighbors wanting to audit the class –maybe also expand beyond just the two zip codes
- Invite neighbors via Zoom to important speakers (e.g. Dr. Fauci)
- New tennis courts on the South campus
- More favorable rates for gym and swimming pool
- Neighborhood meetings at the new Presidents home
- More visible/accessible Community relations pages on website (hard to find). Community relations may be one of the “pillars” of the AU strategy, but one would never know it from the website.

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- Establish volunteer opportunities for neighbors: mentoring dinners, holiday hosting, work with international students, etc
- Seminar on AI for neighbors; assistance to neighbors with computer problems
- Special neighborhood shows/events at Katzen
- Invitations to recitals by musicians, etc
- Some sports training/event for kids
- Invitation to plays
- Include SPA and other special mailings for events in the neighborhood newsletter to extent not already done.
- Some special connection/event etc for Westover neighbors who are AU's “closest” neighbors
- Beef up the buffer at Westover
- Quiet the air conditioner on East Campus out of consideration for Westover



# Discussion of Potential Speakers Series Moving Forward



# Closing Comments and Adjourn