

American University Neighborhood Partnership Facilities Planning Working Group Summary

March 16, 19, and 26, 2020

Key Discussion Points:

March 16:

- Review Potential Development Sites Under Consideration
- Comments and Discussion

March 19:

- East Campus (Sites 11 and 12)
- Sites Not Under Consideration
- Circle Back to Sites 6 & 7
- Housing Discussion

March 26:

- Sites 6 & 7

To Note: This series of March Facilities Planning meetings was moved to virtual meeting space to continue work through the COVID-19 Crisis.

Summary: After a round of welcome and introductions, the Facilities Planning Working Group looked at several updates to the potential development sites for the 2021 Campus Plan. Many of the potential development sites discussed here were revised based on neighbor feedback from previous Working Group sessions. There was an extended discussion on Sites 6 and 7 and the impacts those buildings could have on the larger community if built.

There was a follow-up Working Group session two days later to pick on where the previous meeting left off. The group took a deeper look at possible development sites on East Campus, as well as previously identified sites now not under consideration during this window of the Campus Planning process. This session of the Facilities Planning Working Group closed out with more discussion about Sites 6 and 7 and the scheduling of another meeting date.

The final Working Group discussion in March focused again on Sites 6 and 7. The meeting included a neighbor's written statement on Sites 6 and 7 and the group discussed the objectionable impacts those buildings could have on the community at length. Questions were also raised about AU's plans for a "South Campus" development, which would likely take place beyond this Campus Planning timeline. The Working Group wrapped up by looking forward towards the next Facilities Planning date in April.