



AU Neighborhood Partnership

Facilities and Planning Working Group

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

September 16, 2024

Meeting Held Virtually on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: William Clarkson and Jonathan McCann

Attendees: Chuck Elkins, Jessica Herstein, Tim Talley, Jason Millison

JSA Attendee: Donzell Robinson and Olivia Hille

Next Meeting: TBD

Highlights	
Key Discussion Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcome and Review Agenda● Meltzer Center Construction Update and Bender Arena Construction● Important DC Work Holiday Dates● Jacobs Field Sound Barrier● What are you interested in?● Oct 22 Full Membership Meeting● Closing Comments and Adjourn
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jason to follow up on the status of the Army Corps of Engineers remediation project at the Rockwood Parkway site.● Jonathan to investigate the justification for using pink noise in the sound barrier testing methodology● Jonathan to involve the facilities working group in further discussions on the Jacobs Field sound barrier testing plans and potential future changes to field use that could be requested.

Discussion Recap

<p>Meltzer Center Construction Update</p>	<p>Jonathan McCann provided an update with visuals on the Meltzer Center and Bender Area updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one (1) complaint raised for noise to date
<p>Important DC Work Hours</p>	<p>Jonathan outlined dates to apply for holiday work hours and let the group know he will continue to update on new holidays the university requests for work hours.</p>
<p>Jacobs Field Sound Barrier</p>	<p>Jonathan reviewed zoning orders related to the sound barrier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis on the trigger for testing would be is if the university wants to change the use of the field. • Conversations with Miller Beam on what the draft testing methodology would be. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miller Beam looking for precedence for testing methodology. ○ Expected to involve “pink noise” testing and producing levels higher than what is usually produced through typical field activities • Chuck: There was data from noise activities from before the sound barrier, is this correct? Is there any pink noise data from this time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan to investigate data from before the sound barrier to see what the data contains to incorporate this into the testing that would be done now. ○ Chuck: does the pink noise have differing frequencies that will help represent a comprehensive variety of noises that comes from Jacobs Field? ○ Jonathan: I will validate this, AU only has one meter, and it is not the best location for this type of data collection, but we cannot move it per a separate zoning order. • Jessica Herzstein: Is AU seeking a material change to Jacobs Field? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan: If the commitment is made, it will be a significant investment of time for a lot of people, so AU is nowhere near a place to commit to a change until we come up with what makes the most sense. • Chuck: The order allows for the university to come back and ask for changes, what are the noise characteristics of the changes and what is the impact of those changes. What are the changes the university is thinking about, and can the university make sure that the study incorporates these types of activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan: The university needs to understand the different types of activities that can happen in Jacobs Field, and how we can most accurately incorporate this into the testing and scientifically ensure that the barrier can work with that. AU needs to figure out what it

	<p>wants to do and that there is a science-based approach with Miller Beam and demonstrate this with confidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck: What are the next steps and what can the work group expect to see as the timeline? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan: We don't have this planned out, the intent is to involve and discuss with this group. Timing is another question and there is a lot going on with competing priorities and knowing what the vision is for Jacobs is not planned out. Jonathan emphasized that he is committed to keeping the working group informed. <p>Reeves Field: The fence is being moved back for now and they want to make this available to the community. There will be times it will not be available for the community.</p>
<p>What are you interested in?</p>	<p>Starting the conversation about what is of interest to the group outside of traditional facilities and planning conversations.</p> <p>Jason introduces himself as the new Director of Community Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I want to ensure that this forum is a supportive space to bring up concerns and interests related to facilities and planning and topics coinciding to it. • Jason's email: jmillison@american.edu • Chuck: The AUNP Members have not been inside the new science building. There are lots of kids in the neighborhood, and they don't get enough science education. Suggesting a science fair where AU students explain projects to students in the area to benefit the community and AU students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jason: This is a great idea. I am focused on activating ideas like this. If you have a university as a neighbor, you should benefit from having the university as a neighbor.
<p>Oct 22nd Membership Meeting</p>	<p>Full Membership Meeting on Oct 22nd, looking to engage this ground between now and then to formalize the presentation of what has been talked about in this working group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim: Saw the site on Rockwood Parkway and it looks like there is no activity, is the project over? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan: I don't have any information. ○ Jason: I do not either, I will investigate this Laura may know but we will get information to you when we have it.
<p>Closing Comments</p>	<p>William Clarkson thanked Jonathan for informative presentation. I agree with Chuck about the science building and Meltzer center viewing. It is such a great opportunity and encouraging that AU is focused on this.</p>

	Jonathan McCann thanked everyone for coming out and participating.
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