



AU Neighborhood Partnership

Transportation and Parking Working Group

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

September 17th, 2024

Meeting Held Virtually on Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Andrew Heimert and Josh Finver

Attendees: Carol Wells, Tony Long, Laura Marks, 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 ● Proposed CaBi Station Update ● High Campus-Activity Dates ● Scooter Partnership and Safety ● OLLI Updates ● What is of interest to you? ● Oct 22nd Meeting and Future Dates ● Closing Comments and Adjourn
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Josh will follow up with DDOT on the timeline for the sidewalk widening project near the Rockwood Parkway bike station. ● Josh will check with Capital Bikeshare to get usage data and metrics around the AU bike stations. ● Josh will continue communications with Spin to ensure they reinstate the scooter corrals that were impacted by the Bird-Spin merger. ● Tony will monitor the parking and traffic for OLLI around the Spring Valley building.

Discussion Recap

Proposed CaBi Station Update

- New location, on Rockwood parkway by Fletcher Gate. This is part of the Meltzer Construction Project. Cleared DDOT Urban Forestry review.
 - Andrew: How long does the process for getting the funding take?
 - Josh: This is integrated with Meltzer for I am not sure; Jonathan McCann would have a better answer. The Spring Valley Location is being prioritized.
 - Andrew: Is the widening of the sidewalk between New Mexico and Ward Circle part of this project and has that gotten approval?
 - Josh: I will have to check on the status, but I will get this answer to you.
 - Andrew: It might be worth reaching out to DDOT, my impression was that part of the delay was to make sure they could work with AU about the slope in the area and that it may be good to do it at the same time.
 - Josh: I will check on this, I need to get the sense of the timing.
 - Andrew: Do you know how many dock spaces this one will have?
 - Josh: I am not 100% sure, at least 15.
- Spring Valley: 15 docking stations, cleared this with Urban Forestry, they are targeting spring installation.
 - Andrew: Do you know if there is a curb cut there for cyclists to not have to lift the bikes over the curb?
 - Josh: There is a driveway, we will check on the curb cut.
- Carol: We talked about how the bikes were being ridden down Mass Ave., and not bringing them back. Has this been addressed?
 - Josh: We are keeping an eye on this; we will keep this on the agenda. The company knows this and is working to keep the station loaded.
 - Andrew: Highlights the challenge to the number of bikes right.
 - Carol: Does AU or the company keep track of the usage?
 - Josh: the company does, we can request it
 - Andrew: you can request this information from the company and see transportation trends on popular routes. Getting the sense for demand and supply trends.
 - Laura: they keep a comprehensive data set of rideship information. The bike share usage keeps breaking new records.
 - Andrew: Do students still get free memberships?
 - Josh: Students get a \$25 annual membership which is 30 free rides.
 - Andrew: Any sense in the uptake in students/ percentage of them opt for the annual membership?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Josh: It is not a high percentage, but it is increasing. We try to make people aware of the program during orientation.
High Campus-Activity Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates should not impact traffic around campus, unless it is raining. Sports center garage is allocated for events ● Family weekend is next weekend, not a huge impact and should not spill over into the neighborhood. ● Dec 15th is commencement.
Scooter Partnership and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Part of the Bird Merger, they changed software and created issues with the scooter corrals. This is a major factor for new scooters appearing on campus. ● The Spin partnership is ongoing ● Scooter safety was brought up in the Steering Committee meeting and usage on the sidewalks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hammering the scooter safety point home in the transportation newsletter that went out last week to students. ● Seeing more Lyft scooters on campus, reaching out to Lyft to ensure they know campus regulations. Lyft is trending down.
OLLI Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tony: Laura, Josh and I met with neighbors in the Spring Valley Neighborhood, and Tony met with neighbors again last week. Start of the OLLI Semester on Sept 23rd. Focus on making more public awareness announcements of the Good Neighbor Policy. Requiring part of registration to acknowledge they have read the policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building is being locked 24/7 now, code is needed to access the garage and building ○ Tony is working to keep the doors open during his class time to mitigate issues. ○ Andrew: Any pushback from students about signing the Good Neighbor Policy? ○ Tony: Some. People have been overall receptive to this. ○ Tony: Spring Valley building is being used at full capacity now ○ Laura: Josh and I will stay in touch to make sure things go smoothly. With the construction next door, conditions may change with access and sidewalk closures.
What is of interest to you?	<p>What is this working group interested in, within the realm of Transportation and Parking?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laura: We are not in the middle of a campus plan or building a new facility, there is an opportunity to consider new topics. If there is no urgent need to

	<p>meet about business, there may be topics that we can discuss and tap into the access we have in DC and the number of experts in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew: Laura, have you heard anything about Better Bus? • Laura: There have been meetings over the summer about this by council members. WMATA is considering how they want to respond to the feedback they receive. A lot of this is in flux as they try to align funding and operations with feedback. WMATA structural deficit is part of the larger picture. • Laura: Better Bus does a lot of community meetings, and we could request them to come talk to us if there is some interest. • Andrew: What would we do with this information beyond becoming more knowledgeable? How can we take what we learn and make our neighborhood and the AUNP better? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Laura: Part of this is being responsive to what people are interested in and bringing more people in who are interested in this work. creating some proactive content.
<p>Oct 22nd Meeting and Future Dates</p>	<p>The full membership meeting on Oct 22nd is an opportunity for working groups to highlight what they talk about.</p>
<p>Closing Comments and Adjourn</p>	<p>Josh: We will continue to work on scooter stuff and keep the neighborhood partnership updated.</p> <p>Andrew: Thank you, Tony, for joining us and keeping us updated.</p>