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American University Community Liaison Committee

September 5, 2023



Agenda:

- **Introductions and Opening Remarks**
- **Standing Reports:**
 - **Off-Campus Student Conduct**
 - **Community Relations Update**
 - **Construction Update**
 - **Transportation and Parking**
- **New Business and Neighborhood Items**
- **Good of the Order**



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**



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Off-Campus Student Conduct

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For the period of February 2, 2023 – September 1, 2023, the Office of the Dean of Students has received 20 reports of disruptive off-campus behavior.

15 reports from single family homes:

AU Park – 5

Friendship Heights – 3

Glover Park – 1

Palisades – 3

Spring Valley – 2

Van Ness/Tenleytown – 1

5 reports regarding apartment/condo communities

Avalon – 2

The Berkshires – 1

McLean Gardens – 2

16 reports involved complaints of noise/parties/gatherings

2 reports involved concerns about the physical environment of the property

2 reports involved concerns about parking

During the same period last year, there were 14 reports

Actions Taken:

13 reports were referred to Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP) (formerly Office of Student Conduct)

2 reports were resolved through a meeting with the Dean of Students (DOS)

2 reports were resolved through meeting with Fraternity/Sorority Life (FLS) Leadership. Follow-up conducted by DOS

2 reports were resolved by AUPD

1 report did not involve any AU students



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Community Relations Update

September 5, 2023

Updates:

- New Director for Community Relations, Gwendolyn Coleman
- American University NextDoor Account Creation
- AU in the Neighborhood Newsletter Refreshed Look and Design
- AU Neighborhood Partnership Orientation
 - Monday, September 18 from 6 pm – 7:15 pm
 - Wednesday, September 27 from 6 pm – 7:15 pm
 - Monday, October 2 from 6 pm – 7:15 pm
- Upcoming Community Programs
 - Fall Moonlight Arboretum Tours
 - Community Movie Night
- Campus Plan Commitments
 - Community Postcards mailed to residents living in 20008 and 20016 (approximately 25,000 households)
 - Apartment Community visits
 - Off-Campus Student Orientation



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Construction Updates

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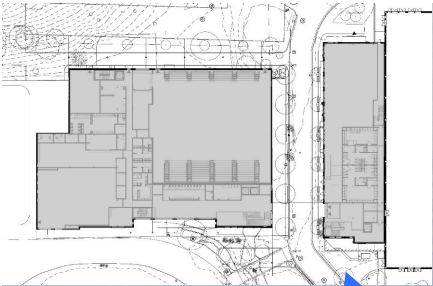


Meltzer Center/SCAN Updates

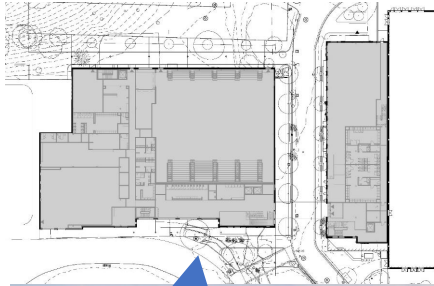
Updates:

- Zoning Commission hearing held on July 6, 2023
- Received unanimous support from Zoning
- Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law filed on July 27, 2023
- Awaiting Zoning Order

Meltzer Center/SCAN – View from Plaza



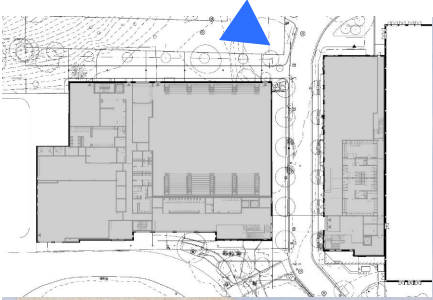
Meltzer Center/SCAN – View from Reeves Field



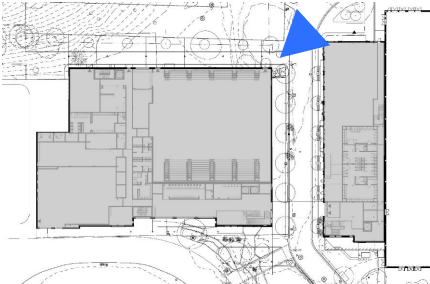
Meltzer Center/SCAN –View from Health and Wellness Court



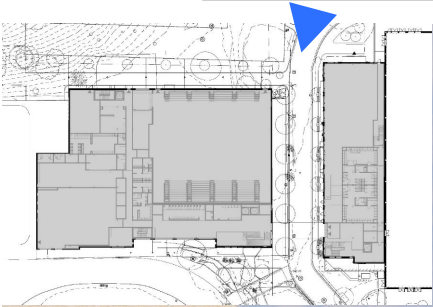
Meltzer Center/SCAN –View from Service Alley



Meltzer Center/SCAN –View from SCAN



Meltzer Center/SCAN –View from Service Road



Proposed Conditions:

Project

1. The Alan and Amy Meltzer Center for Athletic Performance (“Meltzer Center”) and the Sports Center Annex building (collectively, the “Project”) shall be constructed in accordance with the plans prepared by Perkins Eastman, dated April 4, 2023, and included in the record as Exhibit 2K1 and 2K2 as supplemented by Exhibit 14B-14E.
2. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Project, AU shall provide the Zoning Administrator with evidence that the Project has or will achieve the requisite number of prerequisites and points necessary to secure LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. AU, and its general contractor and all subcontractors, will comply with the terms of the Construction Management Plan included in the record as Exhibit 2K.
3. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Project, AU shall complete the relocation of the existing community garden on the campus to a similarly-sized area adjacent to the Katzen Center or other location to be determined by the University in consultation with the AU Neighborhood Partnership.

Proposed Conditions:

Construction Management

4. The General Contractor, and all subcontractors, for the Project will follow DDOT truck routes based on the December 2020 DDOT Truck Map brochure.

5. AU, and its general contractor and all subcontractors, will comply with the terms of the Construction Management Plan included in the record as Exhibit 2K.

Lighting

6. All exterior lighting for the Project will be consistent with the Lighting Study prepared by Perkins Eastman, dated April 4, 2023, and included in the record as Exhibit 2E.

7. All windows on the side of the Meltzer Center facing University Avenue will have automatic shades and all rooms with windows in the Meltzer Center located on the side of the building that faces University Avenue will have occupancy sensors to ensure lights are turned off when unoccupied.

8. Only lighting that is required for safety and security shall be provided at the Health and Wellness Court, adjacent to the Meltzer Center.

Proposed Conditions:

Noise

9. Sound levels generated by mechanical equipment associated with the Project shall not exceed sustained levels of 50 dBA at the residences along University Avenue as detailed in the Noise Study included in the record as Exhibit 2F.

10. To mitigate objectionable noise resulting from activities occurring inside the building, construction of the building shall comply with the STC ratings shown in the record as Exhibit 2F.

11. No amplified sound shall be permitted at the Health and Wellness Court, adjacent to the Meltzer Center.

Landscape Buffer

12. AU will maintain and enhance the vegetative buffer along University Avenue in accordance with the plans included in the record as part of Exhibit 2K1.

Proposed Conditions:

Building Operations

13. The Meltzer Center and SCAN buildings will be accessible Monday through Sunday, from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. After-hours access will be restricted to those with AU card access (expected to be AU Student Athletes, Athletics staff, and custodial staff) only.

14. The Health and Wellness Court, adjacent to the Meltzer Center, will only be accessible during daylight hours.

15. The Health and Wellness Court, adjacent to the Meltzer Center, may be used by members of the adjacent community when it is not scheduled for use by AU students and personnel.

Proposed Conditions:

Bicycle Parking

16. The existing long-term bicycle parking storage room and showers/lockers at Cassell Hall will be made available to any of the staff or employees that work at Bender Arena, Meltzer Center, or Sports Center Annex Building. AU will actively promote the availability of these amenities to eligible staff and employees.

17. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Project, AU will install 50 short-term bicycle spaces (25 inverted U-racks), adjacent to the Meltzer Center.

18. Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the Project, AU shall provide written evidence to the Zoning Administrator that it has made a financial contribution to the District Department of Transportation to pay for all costs associated with the expansion of two existing Capital BikeShare stations and the installation of a new 19-dock Capital BikeShare station, as required by Condition 47 of Z.C. Order No. 20-31

Term and Validity

19. The Application approved by this Commission shall be valid for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order. Within such time, an application for a building permit must be filed as specified in 11-Z-DCMR § 702.2. Construction must begin within three years after the effective date of this Order. (11-Z-DCMR § 702.3.)

Follow up: Construction Management Plan

1. Work Hours

- a. The normal construction work week will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Work may also be conducted on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., as needed to maintain the project schedule. No construction activity will occur on Sundays.
- b. AU will make good faith efforts to limit noisiest and most disruptive work to between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

2. Traffic Management and Parking

- a. All access to the Meltzer/SCAN construction site will occur from AU property, with the limited exception that vehicles associated with planting activities within the vegetative buffer along the campus boundary with University Avenue may, if necessary, access the site from University Avenue.
- b. Construction vehicle access will occur primarily using the Massachusetts Avenue campus access point (Glover Gate).
- c. Queuing of construction related vehicles will not occur at any time on adjacent neighborhood streets.
- d. All deliveries of project-related materials, construction or otherwise, will occur only during the Work Hours specified in Section 1.
- e. Designated contractor and construction worker parking areas will be provided on the AU campus. Consistent with AU's Good Neighbor Parking Policy and Condition 46(b) of the 2021 Campus Plan, construction employees, contractors, and subcontractors shall by contract be prohibited from parking on residential streets, subject to contractual penalties of termination.

Follow up: Construction Management Plan

3. Site Management

- a. AU will erect and maintain temporary fencing and barricades in order to secure the construction site and will maintain temporary storm water management systems throughout the period of construction until such time as the permanent facilities are constructed, approved, and operational to prevent adverse water impacts on the adjacent neighborhood.
- b. All construction materials and equipment will be stored on campus at the construction site.
- c. A minimum amount of lighting, directed away from residential properties, will be provided at the construction site. These lights will be sufficient to provide necessary security and to comply with District of Columbia and OSHA safety standards.
- d. AU will remove rubbish and construction debris as needed during the construction period during the normal construction workday.
- e. Vehicular and pedestrian directional and safety signage will be provided. Site access points will be clearly marked, and a permit board including jobsite safety protocols and contact information will also be provided onsite.

Follow up: Construction Management Plan

4. Contractors and Subcontractors

- a. AU will require that all contractors and subcontractors be contractually required to follow the terms of, and comply with, the policies set forth in this Plan.
- b. AU will require all contractors and subcontractors to abide by the University's Tobacco and Smoke-Free Policy.
- c. Jobsite trailer(s), designated contractor break/eating areas, and portable restrooms will be located within the construction site.
- d. Contractors will bring their own food or may purchase food from University food retail stores located on campus. Contractors will eat meals and take breaks at the designated areas within the construction site and will not be permitted to gather outside of the campus in a manner that would be disruptive to the neighborhood.

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5. Communications

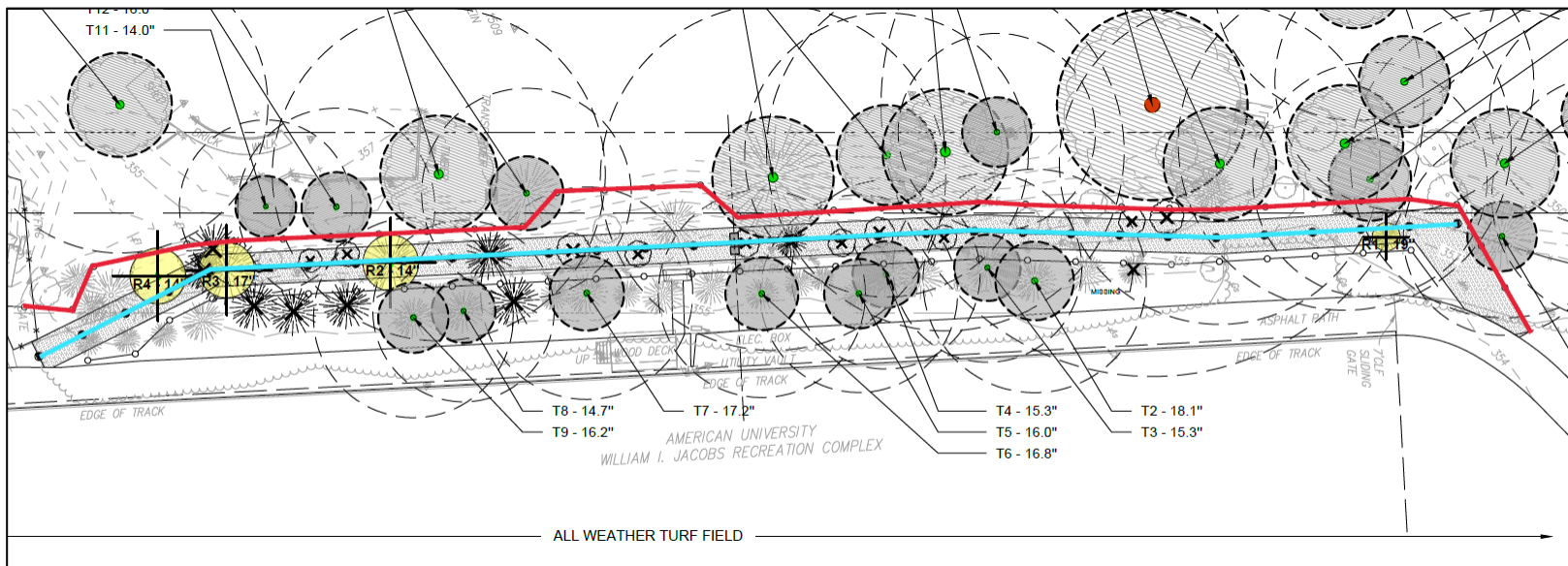
- a. AU shall designate a representative to be the key point of contact during the period of construction (“Representative”). Any time construction activity associated with the Meltzer/SCAN project is occurring, The Representative or his/her designee shall be available on-site, by telephone, or by e-mail to receive communications from the residents of the surrounding community. Prior to the start of construction, contact information for the Representative or his/her appointed designee shall be provided to members the community, posted onsite, and included on the Meltzer/SCAN project website. In addition, the University shall also provide a telephone number to contact in case of emergency during hours in which no construction activity is occurring. The Representative and emergency contact(s) shall document and promptly respond to all communications received from members of the community.
- b. AU shall provide regular construction updates to the AU Neighborhood Partnership and quarterly reports to the Community Liaison Committee (CLC).



Jacobs Field Sound Barrier Updates

Updates

- Zoning Order effective on May 12, 2023
- Building permit application submitted May 12, 2023
- Permit is still pending, and construction schedule is dependent on timing of permit
- New sound monitoring protocol and process now in place



Quarterly Sound Monitoring Report

- 20-31A, Condition 4(g)
- Report covers July – August 2023
- <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/neighborhood-partnership/neighborhood-partnership-documents.cfm>



Summer Project Updates

Leonard Hall Renovation



Eagle Express and Campus Store



Subway and Starbucks



Panera (Mary Graydon Center)





AU House

Landscaping Follow-Up





Army Corps of Engineers

Public Safety Building

- Start of Field Team mobilization is currently planned for Tuesday September 5.
- Retaining wall work is scheduled to start on Monday, September 18.
- Excavation & Backfill work is scheduled to start in late September 2023 and continue through May 2024. Team will take Holiday breaks.
- Next Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) will be in October.
- Army Corp of Engineers contact: Dan Noble,
Dan.G.Noble@usace.army.mil Office phone: (443) 986-3450



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Transportation and Parking

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Tickets Issued August 23, 2022 – August 22, 2023

Main Campus, WCL, Spring Valley	
Street/Neighborhood	Tickets Issued
Rockwood Parkway - Spring Valley	240 (61)
45th Street - Wesley Heights	80 (6)
Warren Street - AU Park	8 (23)
Yuma Street - AU Park	4 (7)
Nebraska Avenue - Bordering campus	1 (3)
42nd Street - AU Park	0 (1)
46th Street	0 (0)
University Avenue - Spring Valley	0 (0)
Methodist Church	0 (1)
40th Street - AU Park	0 (0)
All Other *	34 (34)
Total	367 (136)

***Other:**

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| 39 th Street | Massachusetts Avenue |
| 40 th Street | Macomb Street |
| 41 st Street | Newark Street |
| 43 rd Street | New Mexico Avenue |
| 44 th Street | Sedgwick Street |
| 47 th Street | Springdale Street |
| 48 th Street | Tilden Street |
| 49 th Street | Upton Street |
| Albermarle Street | Van Ness Street |
| Cathedral Avenue | Verplanck Street |
| Fordham Road | Veazey Street |
| Glenbrook Road | Wesley Seminary |
| Klinge Street | Windom Place |
| Lowell Street | Yuma Street |
| Loughboro Road | |

← (Previous Year) statistics from August 27, 2021 – August 22, 2022



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New Business and Neighborhood Items

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Future CLC Dates:

- November 28, 2023
- March 5, 2024
- June 3, 2024

CLC Website: <https://www.american.edu/communityrelations/clc/>