

Meeting Minutes
Community – Campus Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 @6:30PM
VAN NESS CAMPUS, BLDG 44, RM. A-03

Taskforce Members:

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Introduction of Task Force Members and University Administration

Murch Elementary School Swing Space

Update provided on the University's role in the leasing of the soccer athletic field to Murch Elementary School. The University is serving as the landlord for this use. All details regarding provisions required to lease the University space to Murch have been fulfilled. UDC is working closely with Murch to facilitate their space needs during this transition. Specific current use details are best answered by Murch and their representatives. The school will place trailers on the field to house the students, faculty and staff while Murch is renovated. The population is expected to be approximately 550 students.

Discussion and Questions:

Q. What is the impact of putting trailers over the geothermal wells?

A. The University performed an independent engineering analysis and found that there is no impact.

Q. Question regarding the nature and comprehensiveness of the transportation plans for Murch Elementary.

A. Murch has provided this information in their community presentations. At this point UDC expects drop-off and pick-up to occur within the leased space area and on public space. DCPS and DGS may work with DDOT to expand the drop off area by removing some metered parking.

Q. Concerns were raised about the University's response to compliance with the zoning order.

A. All zoning requirements have been fulfilled.

Student Housing Update

The University determined the need to maintain some housing going into the Fall semester and the University will continue to house all University students (including student athletes) at 3003 Van Ness and AVA Van Ness. There will be about a 10% reduction in housing. The University

will retain 28 units at 3003 Van Ness housing 96 students and 4 staff members and 11 units at AVA Van Ness housing 45 students and 2 staff members.

Discussion and Questions:

Q. There was an expectation that the housing program was to be eliminated.

A. The review of the housing program indicated an acute need by sufficient students for housing. The University is actively seeking housing options that would minimize the need to rent.

Q. Request for a better written and oral relationship with the University and questions regarding the functioning and operation of the hotline. The lack of timeliness on reports mandated by the zoning order and the public safety report was also raised. Noise and related issues were raised.

A. A follow-up meeting will be held regarding the current University plans for housing. The hotline is operational and working and should be used for complaints. Reporting schedules will be developed by the task force.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

Sidewalk // UDC VAN NESS STREET

Q. Repairs are needed to sidewalk.

A. The sidewalks are under DC Government jurisdiction, not UDC. DDOT surveyed the property and are reviewing needed actions.

Q. Construction trucks drive on sidewalk/curb cut and on UDC property.

A. UDC will examine and correct.

Q. How can ANC-3F address this issue?

A. Utilize the ANC platform.

DISCUSSION

Keep Community- Campus Task Force as a unique body?

Van Ness Main Street should be included on Task Force.

UDC is working with Van Ness Main Street.

UDC is looking at 4250 Connecticut Ave for future use including the potential for student housing.

University should showcase UDC artists and musicians at Student Center.

UDC is working on communications strategy campus-wide.

Need to communicate better regarding ALL that is UDC.

Courses need to be offered citywide.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm