

American University Neighborhood Partnership Orientation

Night Two – Introducing the AU Neighborhood Partnership

Please note this meeting will be recorded.



Tonight's Agenda

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Introduction to the AU Neighborhood Partnership
- III. Draft 2023-2024 Partnership Meeting Dates
- IV. Questions and Comments
- V. Preview of Session Three Agenda
- VI. Adjourn

American University Neighborhood Partnership Organizational Members



[Westover Place Homes Corporation](#)



Fort Gaines Citizens Association





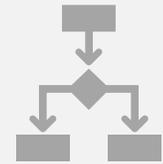
HISTORY OF THE AU NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

- The American University Neighborhood Partnership (“The Partnership”) is a shared forum connecting AU and leaders in the surrounding communities.
- Created in 2018, the Partnership’s mission is to strengthen university and neighborhood relations through facilitated discussions, information sharing, and consensus-based collaboration on issues involving campus planning and university activities affecting adjacent neighborhoods.

The AU Neighborhood Partnership Theory of Change



Having the right stakeholders around the table who will forthrightly represent the interests of their neighborhood.



Representatives will agree that the best decisions result from collaboration within the group and consensus-based decision making .



The principal products of the AU Neighborhood Partnership are constructive collaborative processes and consensus-based agreements.

Highlights from the AUNP Terms of Reference

The mission of the American University Neighborhood Partnership (also referenced as the AU Neighborhood Partnership or the Partnership) is to:

- Create a consensus-based framework to adopt a co-signed 2021 campus plan as well as to support the subsequent implementation.
- Improve the interactions and develop a cooperative and beneficial dialogue and shared analysis between the university and the community on issues related to university operations.
- The Partnership is not intended to be a substitute for established University engagement mechanisms for dealing with campus impact issues.

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Highlights from the AUNP Terms of Reference: Working Group Responsibilities

- **Membership**
- **Term of Service**
- **Group Size**
- **Commitment**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Outside Communications**
- **Decisions by Consensus**

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Examples of the AU Neighborhood Partnership Ground Rules



1. The Partnership members (defined as Steering Committee members and Working Group members) will engage in facilitated discussion, which allows for the voicing of different opinions and holds everyone in the room responsible for a successful collaborative process to the maximum extent possible.



2. The Partnership members participate as representatives of their organization or neighborhood. Members will take care to delineate their personal views from organizational interests in The Partnership deliberations.

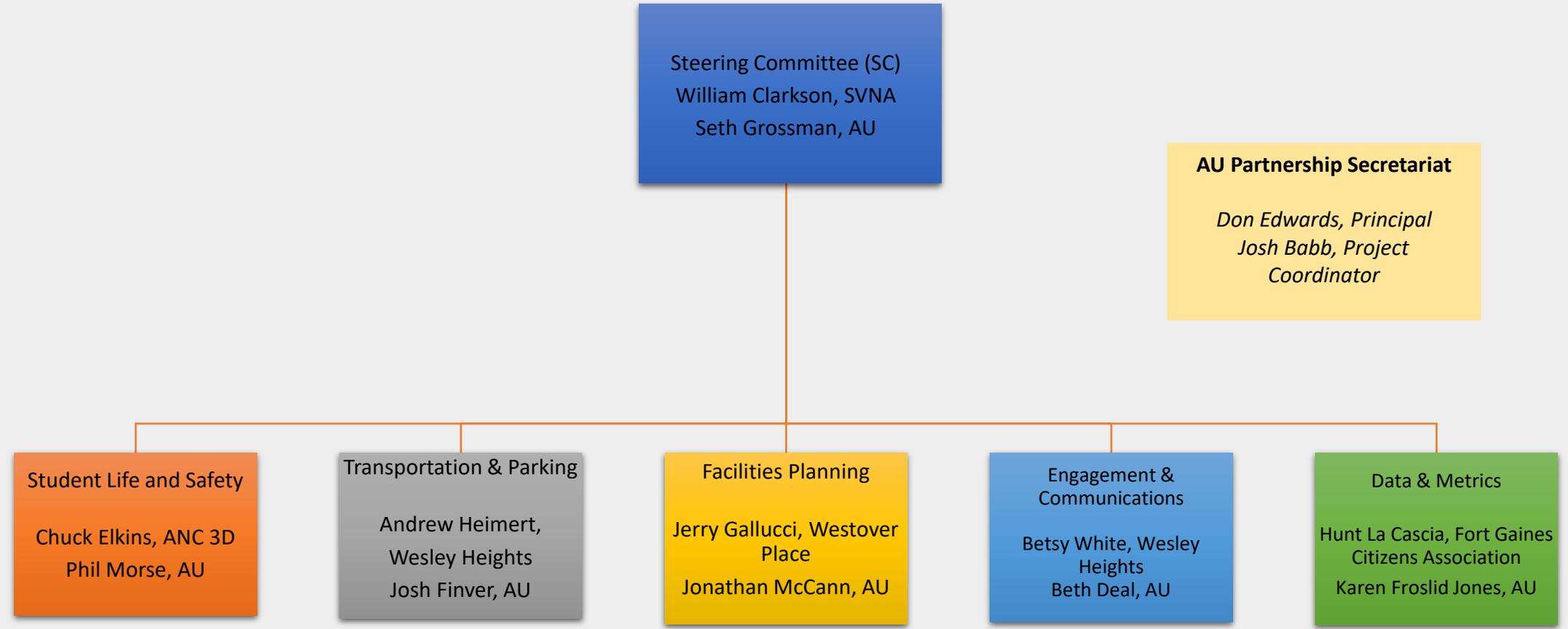


3. When speaking with others outside the Partnership (such as the media), Partnership members should indicate that they are not speaking on behalf of the Partnership and present only the views of their organizations or their personal views.

Review of the Consensus- Building Process

- Consensus-based decision-making is **one method** for reaching a decisions. There are others, e.g. "50+1", "most votes", "blackball", etc. Consensus-based decision-making processes produce solutions that are **broadly acceptable**. However, no participant is 100% satisfied. The decision is **actionable**.
- Consensus-based decisions prioritize "**a meeting of the minds**" as the most desired outcome. It also places a higher value on the members of the group **staying in the process** and also helping **implement the decision**.
- Consensus decision-making is thus concerned with the process of **deliberating** and finalizing a decision, as well as the **social and political effects** of using that decision-making process.

American University Neighborhood Partnership Co-Chair Organizational Chart



Student Life & Safety

- Addresses neighborhood quality-of-life issues including off-campus student conduct, noise and trash management matters, student safety in the community, and on-campus student life.

Facilities Planning

- Collaborates on issues related to physical campus facilities including existing and proposed development and renovation projects.

Transportation & Parking

- Addresses issues concerning travel to, from, and around the campus and provides input on efforts to mitigate the impacts of university-related traffic on the community.

Engagement & Communications

- Ensures that neighbors are aware of and are encouraged to participate in campus events and activities and promotes opportunities for engagement and the benefits associated with having the university as a neighbor.

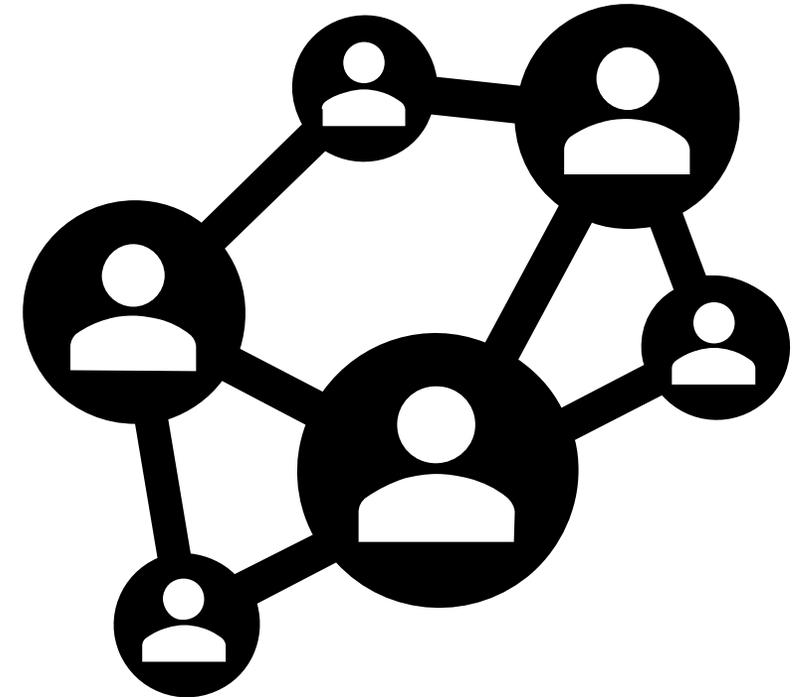
Data & Metrics

- Provides guidance on the development and review of metrics for compliance and assessment associated with various components of the Campus Plan.

Membership Qualifications

- The Working Groups will consist of American University staff and recognized community leaders in neighborhoods whose residents are impacted by the university and its operations.
- All members of the Working Groups, regardless of origin or affiliation, agree to be bound by the Partnership Terms of Reference and Ground Rules.
- After reaching consensus with their AU Co-Chair counterpart, the neighborhood Co-Chair of the relevant Working Group may invite an individual to attend a particular Working Group session to present his/her concerns.

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2023-24 Draft AU Neighborhood Partnership Meeting Dates

Steering Committee: September 26th, January 23rd, April 16th

Facilities Planning: September 19th, November 1st, January 10th, March 6th, and May 1st

Student Life and Safety: September 13th, November 6th, January 15th, and March 11th

Engagement and Communications: September 5th, November 7th, January 9th, March 5th, and May 7th

Transportation and Parking: October 24th, December 12th, February 27th, and April 9th

Data and Metrics: October 18th, January 17th, and May 15th

Questions & Answers

...Or any comments, thoughts, or ideas

Next Steps

Orientation Session Three: Monday,
October 2nd, 6:00-7:15 pm

- “The AU Neighborhood Partnership and the Future of Ward 3”
 - This meeting will feature Erkin Ozberk, Senior Neighborhood Planner, Wards 3 and 4, DC Office of Planning.
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