

**Community Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**  
**Meeting was Held Virtually On Zoom**  
**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Introductions & Opening Remarks**

The meeting of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was opened by Don Edwards, from Justice and Sustainability Associates, at 6:30 p.m. Vice President of People and External Relations Seth Grossman, who convenes and leads the meetings for American University, welcomed representatives of neighborhood organizations and local Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs).

**Standing Reports**

*Student Conduct Off-Campus since March 2021; Office Campus Conduct Presentation*

Jeff Brown, Dean of Students, provided information on the Student Code of Conduct as relevant to off-campus student conduct from December 2021 through March 1st, 2022. There were 7 reports of disruptive off-camping behavior, all 7 reports from single-family homes. There were 2 in Spring Valley, 2 in Foxhall Village, and 1 each in Tenleytown, Georgetown, and Wesley Heights. 5 Reports involved complaints of noise, large gatherings, and alcohol, one report involved drug use on a public sidewalk, and one report for noise, alcohol and an illegal fire pit and hot-tub.

*Capital Projects Update;*

Tony Cortes, Director of Capital Program Management, provided information on AU's renovation of 3244 Nebraska Ave, as well as the planned installation of the Marabar Art exhibit.

**New Business and Neighborhood Issues**

Ed Fisher, VP of Community and Government Relations, gave an update on American University's Enrollment and Housing Numbers for the Spring Semester. He also spoke to AU's position on Wesley's proposed Campus Plan.

Tim Talley, a Wesley Heights resident, asked that the Zoning Commission order be posted on the CLC website once it is complete so that neighbors can take a look at the final order.

Ed replied that could be arranged.

William Clarkson, of the Spring Valley Neighborhood Association, emphasized the importance of the Facilities Planning Working Group for neighbors who may want to be more involved in community issues around AU.

Shelly Repp, of Tenleytown Neighbors Association, thanked AU for providing their enrollment numbers for the Spring. He asked where AU is on getting approval to move the bus stop near Spring Valley.

Ed replied that the application is under review with DDOT currently. AU is anticipating that move to be finalized in the next couple of months.

Jared Sax, a Tenleytown resident, brought up some concerns around an AU student who died in the house next door to him last year. He added that the kind of behavior that has existed at this house has gone on for several years without resolution. He stated that there has been a pattern of reckless behavior with this house and he and his neighbors have found it disturbing. He asked what more could be done to prevent these issues.

Ed Fisher responded that AU has done a lot of work with their Student Life and Safety working group to ensure better communication to students about what is to be expected of them. He offered to continue the conversation with Jared on how AU can best address their students and their behavior.

Jeff Brown, Dean of Students, added that if someone is witnessing reckless behavior reach out to MPD immediately to get the quickest response. Jeff added the majority of student behavior incidents AU deals with have to do with noise, gatherings, and alcohol. Jeff added he had worked very closely with Phil Morse, AU's Chief of Police, on coordinating with MPD Officers on issues like this.

Tony Ciccone, of the Fort Gaines Citizens Association, asked how people can report incidents such as these.

Ed replied that AU's Community Relations page had a place to submit feedback for neighbors to the University.

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Other Upcoming CLC Meeting Dates:

June 28, 2022 (President's Town Hall)

September 13, 2022

December 6, 2022

Don Edwards thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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### **Attendees**

#### *Community:*

Myra Barron, resident

Mary Buckles, resident

Anthony Ciccone, Fort Gaines Citizens Association

William Clarkson, Spring Valley Neighborhood Association

Jeremy Del Moral, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D

Diane Dragaud, Fort Gaines Citizens Association

Chuck Elkins, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D

Alma Gates, Neighbors for a Livable Community

Tony Long, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
Elizabeth Pemmerl, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D  
Shelly Repp, Tenleytown Neighbors Association  
Jean Saunders, Westover Place Homeowners Association  
Douglas Saunders, Westover Place Homeowners Association  
Jared Sax, Tenleytown Resident  
Larry Seftor, Wesley Heights resident  
Bob Scholz, resident  
Josie Scholz, resident  
Timothy Talley, Wesley Heights resident  
Carols Wells, Westover Place Homeowners Association  
Betsy White, Wesley Heights resident

*American University Staff:*

Sharon Alston, VP for Undergraduate Enrollment  
Maria Barry, Director of Community Relations  
Matt Bennett, VP and Chief Communications Officer  
Jeff Brown, Dean of Students  
Tony Cortes, Director of Capital Program Management  
Ed Fisher, AVP of Community and Government Relations  
Phillip Morse, AU Chief of Police  
Dan Nichols, VP of Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs

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