



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
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RESOLUTION REGARDING AMERICAN UNIVERSITY'S PROPOSED CAMPUS PLAN

WHEREAS:

1. A proposed element of American University's Campus Plan that could have a significant impact in our ANC – the proposal to move the law school to the Tenley Campus -- lacks sufficient detail for ANC 3E to opine.
2. AU must reasonably resolve issues concerning design, traffic, parking, promotion of public transit usage, and enforceable neighborhood conservation protections, among others.
3. AU officials have failed timely to produce formal proposals to address important problems in such areas.
4. For instance, AU has promised for many months to submit a plan to the ANC to minimize student parking in neighborhoods surrounding the would-be law school; nevertheless, to date, AU has failed to do so.
5. Yet, hearings before the Zoning Commission are scheduled to begin on AU's proposed campus plan in less than a month, and ANC 3E has no regularly scheduled meetings after the one at which this resolution passed and before Zoning Commission hearings begin.
6. On the materially incomplete record before it, ANC 3E cannot support AU's proposed campus plan as it relates to the University's plans for a law school at its Tenley Campus.
7. Under the circumstances, ANC 3E members informally asked senior AU officials to postpone the hearing date.
8. The officials summarily refused.
9. In light of the foregoing, the current hearing schedule would materially prejudice ANC 3E and the community which it serves; by contrast, rescheduling the beginning of hearings until a date close to AU's anticipated completion of its further processing submissions for the law school would not reasonably prejudice AU, and would provide the University with the opportunity to cure the prejudice it would otherwise impose upon ANC 3E and the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3E respectfully asks the Zoning Commission to postpone the beginning of hearings on AU's proposed campus plan until no earlier than one month before the University represents that it will be ready to proceed to hearing on its further processing application for its law school. If such a postponement is secured, AU will have a powerful incentive to complete its planning for that site and ANC 3E and the community, as well as the Office of Planning and Zoning Commission, will be able realistically to evaluate the impact of AU proposed Campus Plan as a whole.
2. Should the Zoning Commission decide against postponing the beginning of hearings on AU's proposed campus plan consistent with ANC 3E's request in the foregoing paragraph, and given the plan as it stands today, ANC 3E must respectfully oppose the plan. Under such circumstances, ANC 3E's

Chairperson, in consultation with other ANC 3E commissioners, may designate commissioners to present ANC 3E's positions in more detail via testimony and otherwise to represent ANC 3E, consistent with Zoning Commission requirements.

3. ANC 3E's Chairperson may fill out any form the Zoning Commission requires for submissions of ANC reports, provided that this report is attached to and incorporated by reference in such report(s).

4. ANC 3E may amend this resolution in whole or in part at a subsequent properly-noticed meeting in light of new information received or for any other reason.

The resolution passed by a vote of 4-0-1 at a properly noticed meeting held on May 12, 2011, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Frumin, Quinn, Serebin, and Sklover in attendance.

ANC 3E

by Jonathan Bender
Chairperson