

## Town hall meeting

### Construction update from Dean Lee

- We are entering into a relationship with a student housing Developer.
- Involve demolition of Carroll and Straughn hall summer of 2021 (mid June)
- NRH will remain unaffected.
- Students/families will be housed in the neighborhood.
- Project will take 5 years from today
- From 2021 2 years to build
- Occupancy 2023
- Ground lease with developer. Meaning the seminary is not selling any of the land, leasing the land to the builder for 75-80 years
- This plan was developed in part to buttress seminary financially from UMC fallout
- Cannot disclose financial terms.
- Moving was considered but study discovered Wesley current location is best option.
- In the next 6 months there will be more town meetings to discuss options.
- Student Life office is working on parking alternatives including leasing parking at AU Law and at Katzen with possible shuttle options
- Housing for students-local apartment buildings being approached to house students/families.
- Faculty offices- move from Straughn to Trott.
- Traffic management during project is being researched.
- President's house needs to be torn down. Research on new apts or offices being considered. This may happen before 2021.
- Parking after construction will have two stories of underground parking. Number of spaces we are losing to construction project will be replaced in the parking garage. 107 spots will be reserved.

### Open Convo

- Noise abatement for residents-but noise during class will be experienced.
- Scenario being explored to house ALL residents off campus
- Cost of housing during project may be offset by payments for land, but we don't have the numbers right now. Could continue at current rates or could be lower.
- Dust issues during demolition and during construction will be addressed
- Concern that AU will slowly take over available units-this is being addressed in agreement.
- Current trends in student housing is suite style living, spoke housing of shared common area with 2-5 bedroom/bathrooms. Efficiency apt and traditional apts mixed in including for families.

- Faculty will move to Trott permanently. Possible replacement of President's house will lean toward office more than apts. Other options on existing campus is being explored.
- AU shuttle stop for Wesley hasn't been discussed outside of conversation about parking garage use BUT there is an ongoing conversation about gate access between Wesley and AU.
- The property developer will do management of the building residents. Whereas Wesley is advocating to manage Wesley residents, on maybe a Wesley floor.
- Management company would run background checks on resident's
- There is an off campus resource page on Wesley website or feel free to reach out to Resident Manager.
- Moving assistance is being explored for year round housing residents.
- AU students may be a blend of graduate and undergraduate students, unclear at this moment. AU is supposed to house 60-70% undergrad students on campus.
- If it is undergraduate students the conversation has leaned toward upper level/older students.
- Protocol for residents with disabilities will be managed between Wesley and Property management
- In other projects the developer has enforced their own policies including codes of conduct. Wesley is seeking to have our campus guidelines apply in the new building this includes policy on pets, disability accommodation and alcohol.
- Developer believes the need for student housing is so great in DC that whether AU sends students or not, the building will fill. The developer assumes all risk.
- Wesley is already open to other students so the argument that Wesley can continue that policy on a larger scale is being made to DC city council.
- Core samples will be taken.

**Another town hall meeting will be held in the Spring**