

UK Master Plan Update

Neighborhood s Group I Meeting Minutes

Location: King Alumni House

Date: September 17, 2012

Neighborhoods Represented: Aylesford Place, Columbia Heights, Hollywood- Mount Vernon, Montclair, Transylvania Park, Woodland Park

I. Introductions/Overview

Members of the Master Plan Team were introduced by Tom Harris. The Sasaki team and representatives from RossTarrant Architects were in attendance. Greg havens of Sasaki provided an overview of the master plan process including project goals, timeline and work completed to this point. Dall Clark provided an over of the status of the new housing plan.

II. Discussion of Neighborhood Needs and Concerns

Steve Kay facilitated a discussion of the residents' needs and their expectations for the plan. The following questions and concerns were highlighted regarding topics to be thought through during the Master Plan Update:

Housing

- What plans do you have for parking with the increase in beds and removal of surface parking for new housing construction?
- Some room layouts shown look similar to the new apartments along Angliana Rd. Will UK offer competitive rates to attract students?

Greek Park

- The plans shown leave many questions unanswered. Will streets be closed to implement the plan? Will Linden Walk be closed? Is the old plan null and void? Will the apartment buildings on Aylesford be torn down?
- I am opposed to closing any streets to implement this plan
- What about those fraternities that are in their infancy? Will the new plan encourage these younger and smaller fraternities to stay on campus? Currently there are two that moved in on Woodland Ave..
- It is imperative that UK give these intensive uses a place on campus. They are a huge detriment to the stability of the neighborhoods.
- This plan has a focus on a central 'courtyard' theme which leaves the rear of the buildings and parking facing Euclid.

Faculty/Staff

- What plan is being made to enhance the livability of neighborhoods for faculty and staff (F/S)? Has UK looked at the Duke model? We enjoy living near campus. There is a solid base of F/S adjacent to UK. They need to build upon this.
- Has UK entertained the idea of buying and rehabilitating houses adjacent to campus for resale to F/S?
- UK should start replacing rental homes and give F/S an incentive to purchase them.
- UK should subsidize F/S housing adjacent to campus. This would preserve the neighborhoods and raise faculty retention rates.

Rentals

- Is there a way to identify landlords that take advantage of students so that the students will know not to rent from these companies?
- There is incredible potential in the area along Stone Avenue and Hagerman Court. We would hate to see all of the property that is up for sale purchased with the intent of putting up something large. This would ruin the nature of the neighborhood.

Transition Zone

- Is there a hard boundary for the transition zone? We need to know if we can sell our homes. This has been going on for 20 years. We need to know where the boundary is going to be.
- Residents on the boundaries are fearful of what UK will do in these areas as they expand.

Parking

- Maybe more parking isn't what we need. Green space is more important. Less parking and a better transit system would be a better goal. UK has a responsibility towards the land and environment that it is planning. If you make it too hard to park and too easy to use transit, some problems would be solved.
- There is a tradeoff. Large parking structures diminish the landscape, but so do bumper to bumper cars in the neighborhoods.

Other

- Has the Mayor been included in these discussions?
- Has the LFUCG Historic Preservation Office been included?
- What value do we have as a group? As residents we offer no services to students. I believe that we offer a positive value by providing stability to the neighborhoods.
- Can UK put out a newsletter of events that are happening that impact the neighborhoods? This might include events that will impact traffic and noise in the area.
- I am appalled that UK is proud of the fact that they grew by 500 students when they don't even have a place to put them. UK is already too large.

III. Discussion of Overall Hopes and Expectations for This Planning Process

- That UK will not build anything new without plans for parking.
- My long-term expectation to keep the new housing maintained so that it lasts well into the future.
- The promise of a buffer that doesn't include large buildings or parking garages.

IV. Positive Feedback

- I am happy to see improved residence halls so that students will want to live there.

V. Closing

President Capilouto was in attendance. After listening to the discussions, he closed by stating that the University is committed to working with the neighborhoods throughout the master planning process.

Minutes prepared by Judy Needham.

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