

## **UK Master Plan Update**

### Neighborhood s Group III Meeting Minutes

Location: King Alumni House  
Date: September 26, 2012

Neighborhoods Represented: South Hill, Prall Town, (a few from Mt. Vernon)

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#### **I. Introductions/Overview**

Members of the Master Plan Team were introduced by Tom Harris. Martha Tarrant from RossTarrant Architects provided an overview of the master plan process including project goals, timeline and work completed to this point. Dall Clark provided an overview of the status of the new housing plan. Steve Kay facilitated a discussion of the residents' needs and their expectations for the plan based upon five areas outlined in the presentation.

#### **II. Discussion of Overall Hopes and Expectations for This Planning Process**

- That the telephone poles will come down when new construction occurs. That the utility lines will be buried.
- That there will be a plan for pedestrian and motorized traffic that takes safety into account. Especially on Rose Street and near the new parking garage. You need to be able to move students throughout campus without interfering with traffic. Tunnels and pedways are a possible solution.
- That the fees for bicycles and scooters to park/be on campus will be eliminated. This discourages students from using alternative transportation. Should be replaced with incentives. Also need more places for scooters and bicycles to park.
- That alcohol policies will be addressed and that UK will allow students of age to drink on campus.
- That the police will have a more personal presence in the neighborhoods. They should talk with students more, offer them rides home and built relationships with them.
- That the staff would address the alcohol issue before the housing issue. They should be taking new alcohol policies to the Board of Trustees before they take new housing plans to them.

#### **III. Discussion of Potential Obstacles to Success for this Process**

- Not properly addressing the parking issues.
- The cost of living on campus. Will UK be able to compete price-wise to attract students to new housing?
- Building too much when the future of learning may be online. Are we looking at the big picture?

#### **IV. Discussion of Principal Issues and Opportunities Relative to These Themes**

##### **Issues**

- The railroad crossing over Broadway is being used by students from Angliana apartments as a pedway because it is the shortest distance to campus. The police get frequent complaints from RJ Corman.
- Cannot attend cultural events on campus because of parking.

- Destruction and vandalism in neighborhoods between downtown and campus as students make their way home from downtown bars.
- Vandalism by late-night students is due to drinking being pushed off campus, lack of lighting in neighborhoods and not enough housing on campus. Glad to see the University's plans for new housing.
- UK has washed its hands of student off-campus behavior issues.
- There are no African American sororities or fraternities on campus. Veterans are looking for space. Are we looking out for all groups in our plans?
- The smoking ban on campus just pushes the ring of smokers farther out. This is especially a problem in the area near the hospital.

#### **Opportunities**

- Re-route traffic by blocking off sections of campus to cars.
- Limit cars on campus like other universities.
- Permit parking only on neighborhood streets.

### **V. Discussion of Themes and Topics to be Included in the My Campus Survey**

- Include off-campus travel patterns.
- What would you like to see on campus? Where do you want to dine?
- Where do you park? Day/Night
- What do you perceive the traffic pinch points to be? Walking/Driving
- Part-time students should be another category. They have different needs. They have to park out at the stadium, yet they have to get back and forth to full-time jobs.
- Are there any records in place that show where students are living now that can provide additional information to go along with the survey.

### **VI. Discussion of What You Like Most About Your Neighborhood**

- Wonderful to have access to cultural activities the University provides.
- Good provider of jobs. Great place to work.
- Living around so many smart people increases the quality of life.
- The University brings vitality to Lexington as well as a cultural and international presence.
- I am anchored to the charm and physical space of my neighborhood.

### **VII. Other Needs and Concerns**

- There should be a separate meeting just to discuss parking issues.
- I hope that nothing will be done with the historical homes and gardens in the area of the new Law School before more discussion occurs.
- Need to know how far the University plans to expand. Don't know whether to remodel or not because I don't know if the University wants my property.
- I am happy that UK is opening these plans up to the community and is accepting input.
- I am happy to see the increase in on-campus housing.

Minutes prepared by Judy Needham.

These are intended to be a record of the general issues discussed and are not meant to be a quotation of any individual(s) attending the meeting.

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