

## **American University Neighborhood Partnership Facilities Planning Working Group Summary**

December 9, 2019

Key Discussion Points:

- Facility Opportunities
- Weinmann Property
- 2020 Timeline

Summary: Perkins Eastman was brought in to identify key traits about American University's current campus and identify further opportunities sites. One key takeaway from the study was AU has developed incrementally over many years leading to a lack of cohesion. AU would like to improve the North-South connector behind Mary Gradydon and Bender Arena. AU is also dealing with the legacy of auto-dependent planning and a varied landscape palette on campus. Student feedback has centered on buildings and services that improve on-campus student life. The opportunity sites presented could be built functioning on an *if-then* paradigm, for example if AU needs to respond to a new academic initiative then they could build a new academic building on this site.

AU also announced that it had been given the Weinmann Property on 3244 Nebraska Ave, it is the likely location for the next President's residence. The previous owner has signed a conservation easement with the Potomac Conservatory, this will keep much of the area's greenspace intact. Looking ahead to 2020, the Partnership will work via the Steering Committee and Working Groups to review and refine the draft term sheet which will detail the content of the campus plan.