



# American University Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024



- **Call to Order and Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Review Agenda**
- **Steering Committee Co-Chair Transition**
- **Working Group Report Outs:**
  - **Facilities Planning Working Group**
  - **Student Life and Safety Working Group**
  - **Transportation and Parking Working Group**
  - **Engagement and Communications Working Group**
- **AU Neighborhood Partnership Outreach**
- **Appreciation of Seth Grossman**
- **Closing Comments and Adjourn**

## Ground Rules:

- Respect the Process
- Be present and Engaged
- Follow the Facilitators' Directions
- Allow Every Voice to Be Heard
- Speak Courteously and Respectfully to Others
- Maintain Zero Tolerance for Any Comment (Written or Verbal) that is Meant to Attack or Intimidate Another Person or is Obscene



# Steering Committee Co-Chair Transition

Seth Grossman and Matt Bennett



# Working Group Report: Facilities Planning

Jonathan McCann, William Clarkson

## Completed Barrier





## Landscape Plantings



## **Next Steps: Testing and Assessment**

1. Shall test the actual mitigating effects after barrier is constructed using a science-based assessment developed by the University's acoustical engineers.
2. Shall evaluate all likely and reasonably anticipated sources of noise and other measures that could further reduce objectionable noise.
3. Shall share results with the Commission and 4710 owners before conditions on field usage and noise are modified and before any material changes to the design or usage of Jacobs Field that would increase noise are undertaken.





# Meltzer Center Construction Update

## Updates

- The main civil permit has not yet been received.
- The geothermal well field drilling permit has been received and work is nearing completion.
- The permit for constructing the new connector pathway in Bender Arena has been received and work is underway.
- The permit for demolition of SCAN has been received and work is planned to begin mid-to-late the week of April 15th.
- Civil and site construction activities hopefully will begin as soon as possible.\*

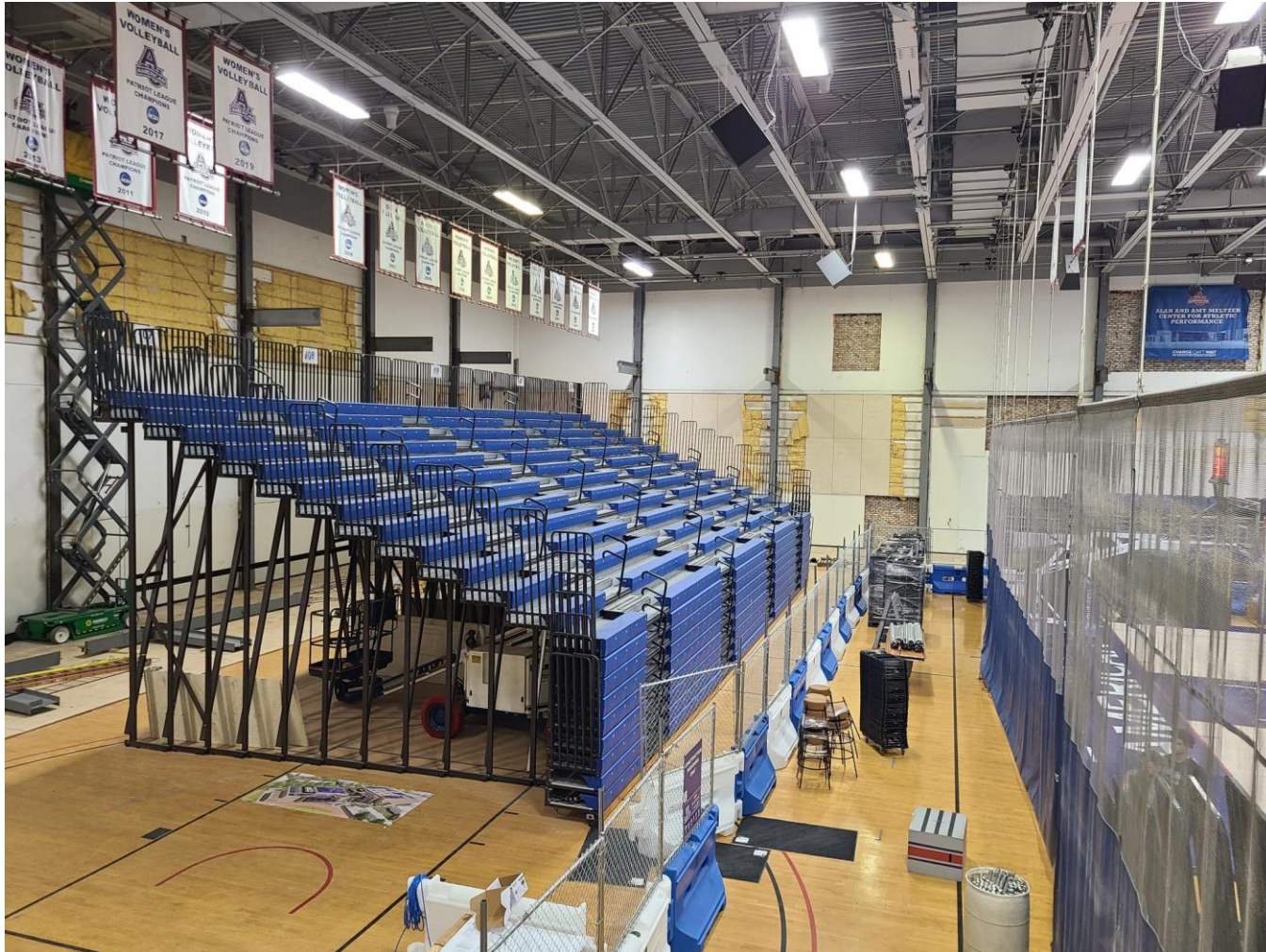
\*Final dates TBD and pending release of required permits

## Geothermal Well Field Construction



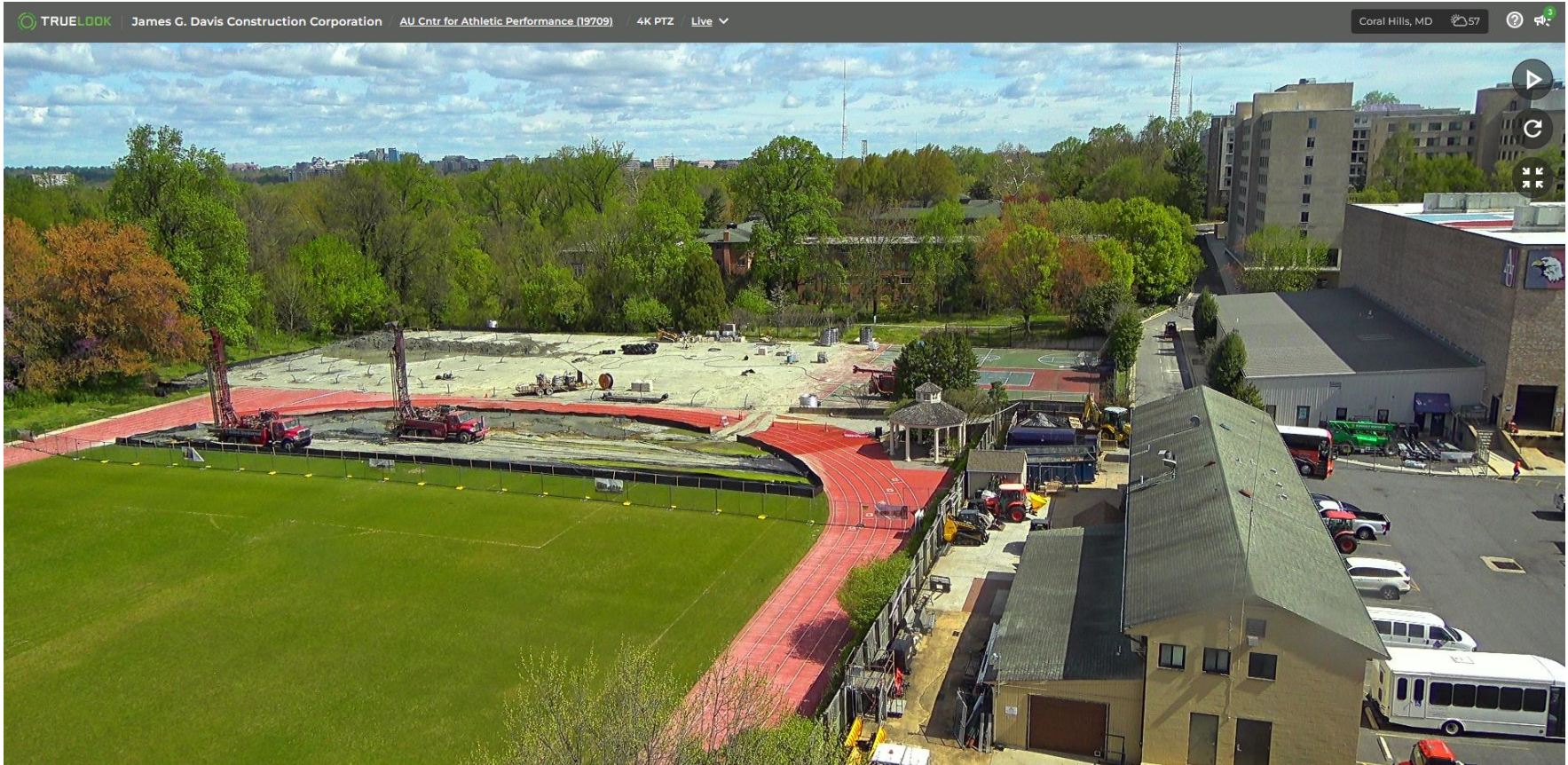


## Bender Arena Connector Construction





## \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Construction Camera





## Construction Updates and Camera

To Sign-Up for  
Construction Updates



Or go to

<http://tinyurl.com/MOutreach>

To Access  
Construction Camera



Or go to

[https://app.truelook.cloud/dashboard/  
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# Reeves Field Maintenance Project

## Updates



- Reeves Field and the track will be unavailable for use in part or in entirety during the work.
- Permitting is currently underway.

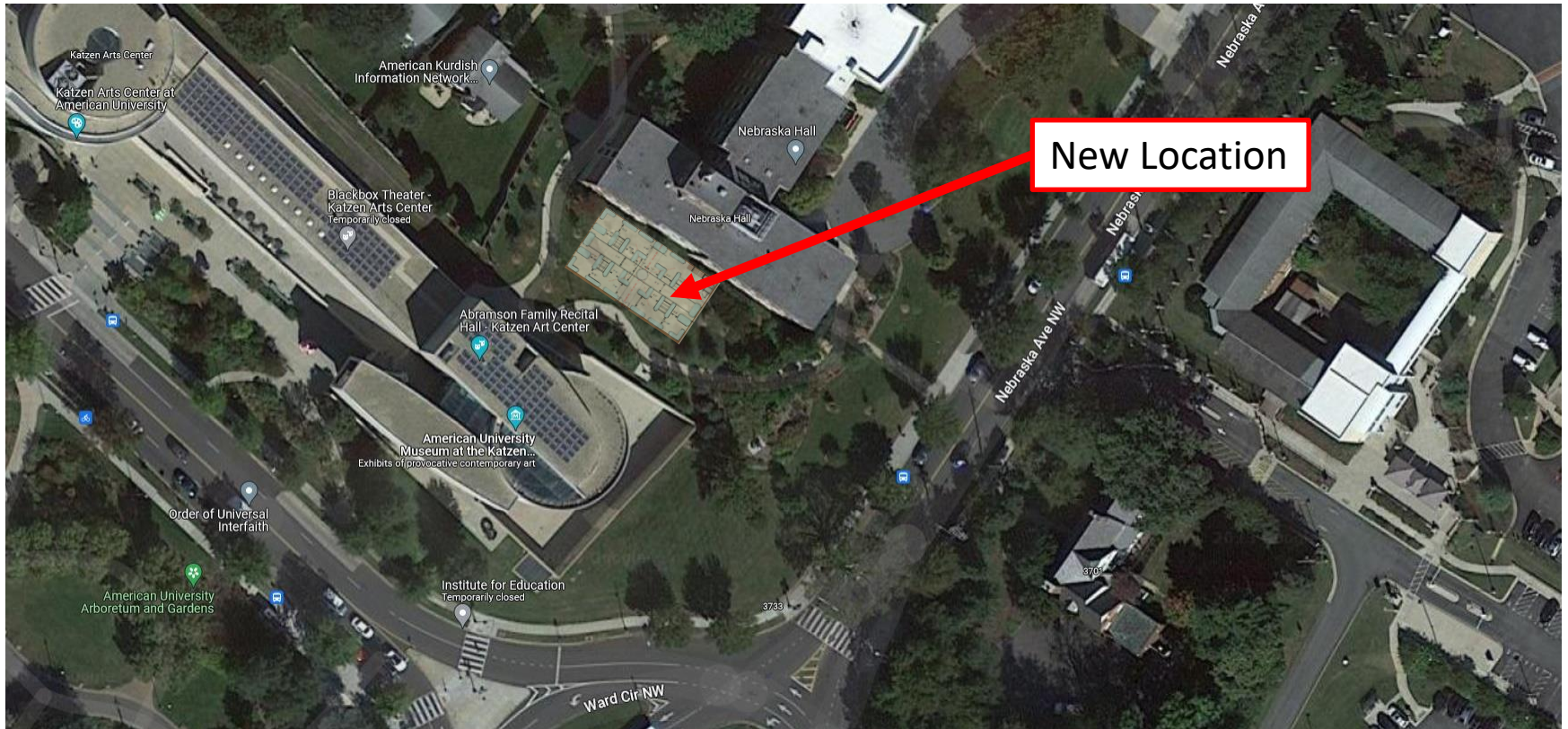
*Note: Closure of Reeves Field was already expected because of the Meltzer Center/SCAN project.*



# Community Garden Update



## Location





## Completed Garden





# Working Group Report: Student Life and Safety

Chuck Elkins, Phil Morse



# Working Group Report: Transportation and Parking

Andrew Heimert, Josh Finver



# Working Group Report: Engagement and Communications

Laura Marks, Betsy White

## AU Community Communications Plan

**Goals:** Grow AUNP membership, share information, and connect neighbors with the campus community.

**Audience:** Ward 3 residents, particularly those in the AU Park, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights, and Tenleytown neighborhoods

**Tools:** AU in the Neighborhood newsletter, AU Now newsletter, AUNP membership

- one community-focused AU Now article per month
- survey of neighbors to learn more about their interests and preferences with regard to AU communications, programs, and amenities





# AU Neighborhood Partnership Outreach

Laura Marks and Gwen Coleman

## **AU Community Engagement Plan**

### **AUNP Community Event Co-Sponsorships**

- External to AU Events (Spring In The Valley), Internal AU Events (AU Day at the Washington Nationals), Possible New AUNP Events (Summer Block Party)

### **Easier Access To Information About AU Amenities, Resources, & Opportunities; More Robust Offerings**

- Library, Shuttle, Gym/Pool/Fields, Performing Arts, Non-Credit Classes, Special Events, AU Athletics partnerships (clinics, lessons, Neighbor Nights)

### **Working Group Speaker Series**

- Invite AU and/or DC-based “experts” to speak at working group meetings related to their field (example: TaP guests could include transportation experts)

### **Student-Neighbor Engagement**

- “Family Dinners” with students, “Neighbor Experts” at AU Career Center, “Host Families” for students on campus during breaks, partnerships with local schools

### **Community Relations Office Hours**



# Appreciation of Seth Grossman

- **Transportation and Parking Working Group – Tuesday, April 30th**
- **Facilities Planning Working Group – Wednesday, May 1st**
- **Student Life and Safety Working Group – Thursday, May 2nd**
- **Engagement and Communications Working Group – Tuesday, May 7th**
- **AU Town Hall – Monday, June 3rd**



# Closing Comments





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