



Location Team (BOF/BO) – Aug. 17, 2023

Our mission: To be a compassionate, welcoming community that nurtures spiritual growth and practices justice.

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Greg Turosak (team lead), Gail Bishop, John Helmers, George Huston, Dave Pesch, Kim Reid, Erika Fetterman

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Interest in Walden Lane property from women's shelter.** Gail said that a representative of the women's shelter met at the church this past Tuesday (Aug. 15) with herself, Kim, Ann, George and Rev. Luke. They have considerable interest in our current building and are looking at other properties as well. They would be willing to pay in the \$3.5 million to \$4 million range, and they could receive a grant of up to \$10 million. They need to know if our property would work for them by mid-September. They were to meet with their board to consider further. Consensus at the Location Team meeting was that this would be a good fit if it works. Kim arrived later in today's meeting and said she had just received a response from the women's shelter representative indicating that she would reach out if she needs more information.
3. **Meeting with Centurion Ridge HOA/possible temporary construction access from Viola Road.** Dave said the discussion started with talk about whether temporary access from Viola Road could be granted for discussion. The HOA ideally would want a second access from Viola Road as well, George said. George described the meeting as a meet-and-greet, and added that the HOA representatives were glad that their new neighbors would be a church rather than a commercial development. Kim and John said they thought permanent access other than from Centurion Court will not be permitted but that we could pursue temporary access from Viola Road or East Circle Drive during construction. Kim also said that we have invited HOA representatives to attend the Sept. 17 dedication of the new church property.
4. **Availability of used pews.** Considerable discussion took place regarding whether we should pursue purchase of used pews for the new church. We may be able to get them for a reasonable price, George said. Discussion also covered how we would store them and whether they would work in a sanctuary with a slightly sloped floor. Consensus finally was that we're rushing such a decision now, and that we should pass on considering used pews until a later time, and that it's more of a matter for the Design Team rather than the Location Team.
5. **Survey of Walden Lane property.** John said he has talked with Widseth about doing a survey of our current Walden Lane property. This would likely need to be done anyway before a property sale and is relevant now as we are considering relinquishing our ownership of a 20-foot easement on the east side of our property, which has been under easement to our neighbors, the Jehovah's Witnesses, for many years. We need to deal with the easement issue in order to clear title to our

property before sale, our bank has determined. Consensus of the Location Team was to spend \$1,500 for the survey.

6. **Rebates from RPU.** Dave said he has heard from Rochester Public Utilities about possible discounts for certain energy-efficient steps, such as certain lights and certain HVAC. John suggested consideration of these items should go to the sub-team that will consider energy issues.
7. **Status of trails in development agreement.** Dave said that based on recent communications with city planners that it appears there will be no mention in our Development Agreement with the city regarding a financial obligation to fund a pedestrian trail; instead, the DA will show that we are obligated to provide a future permanent easement for a trail along East Circle Drive if such a trail is ever built.
8. **Update on inventorying contents of our current building.** Greg said that a sub-team led by Barb Foss is continuing to make good progress. He suggested that Barb be invited to a Location Team meeting in September to review her team's progress.
9. **Update/reminder: Property Day this Saturday, Aug. 19, beginning at 9 a.m. at Viola property.** The purpose of this work day is to build a dirt ramp to connect the upper and lower pads of the Viola Property in preparation for the Sept. 17 dedication ceremony and to provide better access to congregants to the lower pad as more people visit the new property and do work such as trail development and Memorial Garden scoping.
10. **Other.** Greg said he will soon send out for comment a list of suggested Location Team meeting dates for the remainder of the year.
11. **Next meeting: Aug. 31**
12. **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)