



## Location Team (BOF/BO) – Aug. 31, 2023

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

### Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Greg Turosak (team lead), John Helmers, George Huston, Ann Hutton, Dave Pesch, Kim Reid, Erika Fetterman, Katherine Logan

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Update on interest in Walden Lane property from women's shelter.** Kim said that she sent an email on Tuesday to the representative from the women's shelter, looking for the latest, since Kim was preparing to provide an update to people at the church. Kim said she has received no response and that she assumes their interest is a "no go." Given the lack of response, Kim said an appraisal of our Walden Lane property is still on track for late September; it would have been done earlier if the people from the women's shelter had indicated strong interest.
3. **Update on survey of Walden Lane property.** John confirmed that Widseth, our civil engineering company, has completed a survey of our Walden Lane property. He did not know whether the corners had been staked and whether a map was yet available from Widseth. Greg noted that completion of the survey brings us closer to when we can approach our neighbors, the Jehovah's Witnesses, about our relinquishing any interest in the 20-foot easement strip along the east side of our property.
4. **Latest meeting with Widseth.** John said that the Aug. 23 meeting with Widseth went well. Some representatives of Locus also attended the meeting. One major topic was the decision to make the south-facing door our front door. Widseth said that instead of asking the city for a variance, the approach now is to explain that this will be our front door. That would satisfy the new city/UDC requirement that there not be a parking around between the building and the street that the building's front door faces. Widseth also said that we will need a pedestrian path along Viola Road and down the east side of the building. John said that Locus is assuming they can locate a turn-around on the east side of the building. As far as easy access to the sanctuary for bringing musical equipment in and out, Locus is suggesting that the north entrance would work well, with a clear line of sight to the sanctuary once inside the building. People using the office area would use the north door, and outside access to the kitchen could be from the east. The north door is the door that most people will use to come into the building. Regarding access to our church property from Viola Road, which is something that the Centurion Homeowners Association has asked that we look into, Kim said that based on what we have heard from the county and from Widseth, that isn't going to happen. Kim has sent an email to the HOA as follows: "Pat, Thanks for your response. We have investigated an access to our property directly off of Viola at both a pre-development meeting with county officials and with our civil engineers. We also want to note that Viola is not a city street, but a county road, thus a county decision. Thank you for your feedback. If anything changes, we will let you know. Kim" Kim said that we could still pursue temporary access to the Viola property via Viola Road during construction.

5. **Latest on recent communications with city planners.** John and Dave said there is nothing new to report.
6. **Transportation.** Dave said that he has a lengthy document covering a lot of transportation topics to show to the Location Team. It was agreed that John will do that at the Sept. 14 Location Team meeting. John will also go through Dave's document prior to the meeting for any suggestions.
7. **Other.** George said that he and Erika have arranged with Hathaway Tree Service to deliver 100 cubic yards of wood chips to the Viola property. Cost is \$500. Katherine confirmed that crews would be able to spread the wood chips during the next Viola property day, set for Sept. 9.
8. **Next meeting: Sept. 14**
9. **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)