



Location Team (BOF/BO) – Sept. 14, 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, Gail Bishop, Dave Pesch, Kim Reid, Erika Fetterman, Barb Foss

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Presentation on work of Inventory Team.** Barb Foss presented on the work of an Inventory Team that she has been leading, showing a spreadsheet and other documents. Her team is a subteam of the Location Team and has been inventorying all of the church's belongings at Walden Lane since July. The list is organized to show the location (room) of each item and whether the team's recommendation is to "Keep, Don't Keep, TBD, or Stays With the Building." The team thanked Barb for her team's work and asked that Barb come up with a short list of items that could be offered at the upcoming church auction. Barb also asked that as her team's work continues the team involves members of the old Design Team, which gained consensus from the Location Team. Many items in the list were TBD; George noted that we are closer to knowing the total square footage of the new building, including square footage available for storage. Knowing that would help determine how much stuff from the current church we can bring and store. Also knowing how much we raise in a fund drive will inform how much of current furnishings must be kept and moved versus how many new furnishings we would buy.
3. **Update on interest in Walden Lane property from women's shelter.** Kim said that the women's shelter has declined to pursue purchase of our Walden Lane property. George said that he spoke this morning with Realtor Dan Groteboer and that there is still much interest on the part of him and a construction contractor in the possibility of buying the Walden Lane property and converting into a 55+ facility. George suggested a future meet-and-greet meeting.
4. **Update on any recent communications with Centurion HOA.** Kim said she has not heard back from the Centurion HOA regarding our last note to them, which addresses their request about alternative access to the Viola property.
5. **Walden Lane property survey.** John said that Widseth has done the survey of the Walden Lane property and is preparing a survey document for us. Kim suggested that Greg appear at the Sept. 20 board meeting to talk about the easement issue and that the board would consider a resolution authorizing our team approaching our neighbors, the Jehovah's Witnesses, about settling the easement issue.
6. **Transportation subjects.** Dave went through a slide deck focusing on five issues related to the Viola Road site that he suggested members of the Location Team discuss with leaders of Olmsted County Public Works: (1) Temporary construction access to the site – if it could be granted and whether from Viola Road or East Circle Drive; (2) Specifying the county land adjacent to the Viola Road site that the county is requesting be annexed and tied to our own annexation request to the city; (3) Traffic flow/stripping options for intersection of Centurion Court

and Viola Road; (4) Early look at the requirements for a possible eventual right-in/right-out property access from East Circle Drive; and (5) Response to Centurion HOA regarding their request that we seek permanent right-in/right-out access to the Viola Road property from Viola Road. Dave suggested that a meeting be held soon with County Public Works and that it would be good if another person from our team besides Dave and John attended the meeting. John will work to set up the meeting.

7. Memorial Garden internment. Erika said the Memorial Garden group met last week to settle on plans for removing remains from the Memorial Garden. The plan is to un-inter the remains, storing them in containers from Macken Funeral Home. The containers would be stored in a locked cabinet in the worship closet until the remains are transferred to the Viola site.

8. Next meeting: Sept. 25

9. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)