

## Location Team (BOF/BO) – Nov. 21, 2023

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

### Meeting Minutes

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

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Final preparation for meeting with Centurion HOA at 4 p.m.** Kim said she views our upcoming meeting with the HOA as a fairly casual conversation.
3. **Update on prep for Dec. 7 meeting with Widseth.** John said that he met yesterday with Logan Tjossem of Widseth civil engineering and came up with a spreadsheet that Logan is populating with all the items that will need our attention with site development. It will be a detailed list of activities that have to happen and in what order, what permits are needed, items that are dependent upon one another. This document will be one of the items that this team will go over at the Dec. 7 meeting with Widseth. John said a copy of the spreadsheet would be sent around to our group prior to the Dec. 7 meeting.
4. **Update on 20-foot strip (ROW) on Walden Lane.** Greg said there's nothing new to report on identifying representatives of the neighboring Jehovah's Witnesses with whom we can meet.
5. **Other.** Kim brought up the subject of the latest architecture designs from Locus, and discussion ensued. Conclusion was that Ann said she would contact Locus with some top issues that we would like Locus to address in their next iteration.
6. **Meeting with representatives of Centurion HOA.** Three representatives of the HOA arrived to engage in discussions: Wayne Thimijam, developer and homeowner; Paul Espeset, homeowner; and Mark Ostrom, homeowner and county attorney. Kim suggested all around the room introduce themselves. Kim said we hope to have a groundbreaking in the fall of 2024 or the spring of 2025. She said our group has had discussions with officials about site entrances – permanent and during construction. Dave presented some slides regarding a bike/pedestrian trail along Viola Road and access to the site. John said the county is not prepared to grant right-in/right-out access from East Circle Drive now or in the foreseeable future. John said we'd like construction access from East Circle Drive and would appreciate any help the HOA could provide in persuading the county. Dave said we'd like to avoid taking heavy construction equipment over Centurion Court and Centurion Lane. Paul asked about access from Viola Road. John said the county staff has said no to full access and construction access from Viola Road. Dave said our main focus now is to get temporary construction access. Paul said there will be plenty of other construction traffic besides the big equipment. Mark said the HOA is looking forward to having First UU as their neighbors. He said he needs to be careful about acting as a homeowner and not as county attorney, but that he believes there may be a way to get agreement to provide access, during construction and permanently, off of Viola Road. The HOA wants to be there to help out the church, he said. He suggested exploring an access off of Viola Road just to the west of the containment pond. Paul presented several slides showing various intersections and access issues around Rochester that are similar to the situation along Viola Road. He believes that

highlighting these other locations with county staff may demonstrate to them that what we'd be asking with access off of Viola Road is not inconsistent with what is already occurring at other locations in Rochester. John said he would try to set up another meeting with county staff to go over the matter; Mark said he would be happy to be at such a meeting.

**Next meeting:** 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)