



Location Team (BOF/BO) – Feb. 8, 2024

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, Kim Reid, Erika Fetterman

Guests: Barb Foss, Walt Rothwell

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Update on inventory of church property.** Walt said that he and Barb met recently with members of the history committee to give them an update and a chance to update some of the notes on the inventory list. There was some discussion in the Location Team meeting of additional items that we do or may want to add to the list of items to be excluded from the sale of our Walden Lane property. The suggestion was that Kim be notified of any items to be added to the exclusion list. Barb noted that about one-third of the items on the inventory list are flagged as “not sure” whether we will take them with us to the new building or dispose of them. A lot depends on the budget we have to work with once we know the cost of the new building. Barb said another next step is to see what items can be cleared out of the boiler room. By this fall, she said she hopes there are items in the building that can be flagged for sale at the church rummage sale.
3. **Update on matters related to the city.** John said there’s nothing new with the annexation process; our application has been submitted to the city.
4. **Update on matters related to the county.** Greg recounted that after the latest meeting with county staff, BOF team members reviewed an old plat map produced by Dave that appears to show that we do have access from East Circle Drive, unless some later document overrides that. A review by Widseth staff did not uncover any such documentation. John said that even if we do have access, we would need an access permit from the county across their East Circle Drive right of way onto our Viola site. He said the next step would likely be for us to apply for that access as if we do have a legal right to that opening. He also said we should hold off on making that request because if the county did grant access we would have only so much time to construct the access. Another next step would be to go back to the county to ask if the access is gone, why is it gone – with the bottom line being either provide us access or compensate us. A parallel approach is to show that during some events, we do have enough traffic to justify access. Recent examples would be large memorial services at the Walden Lane site, each of which resulted in about 210-220 vehicles parking in or near the site. Such traffic data would be part of case to show that we meet the county’s threshold, at least at some times.
5. **Update on Walden Lane property going on the market.** Kim said the Walden Lane property has been listed on the market, and photos of the property are included with the listing. An error regarding the acreage has been corrected.
6. **Update on 20-foot easement on Walden Land property.** Greg said we heard back from the Jehovah’s Witnesses. They agree we own the property but are asking that we deed the 20-foot strip over to them. We have countered with a suggestion that each party owns part of the 20 feet,

with JW paying for costs of settling the issue. John has said he believes we should receive some sort of payment for the portion of the strip that we relinquish. Greg to send a follow-up note to the JWs next week.

7. **Other.** Kim asked about a timeline for all the upcoming activities that need to take place with the city and the county. John said he would post the spreadsheet that Logan Tjossem of Widseth created to the drive.

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)

Other upcoming Location Team meetings: March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 2, May 16