



Location Team (BOF/BO) – Feb. 22, 2024

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

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Greg Turosak (team lead), Ann Hutton, George Huston, Kim Reid, Gail Bishop, Erika Fetterman

1. **Call to order/reading/chalice lighting.** Greg called the meeting to order and provided a reading. The chalice was lit.
2. **Update on annexation, other matters with city.** Greg reported that the annexation process is moving forward and that the city now says that a public meeting (Neighborhood Information Meeting, formally) will need to be held. Several people from the team expressed interest in attending the NIM. Greg agreed to contact Widseth to ask Widseth to contact the city and explore possible meeting dates (Mondays and Tuesdays, not Wednesdays) in April and May and let us know those dates.
3. **Update on Viola site access, other matters with county.** Dave Pesch is out of state and unable to attend this meeting, but Dave and Greg have been in contact and Dave has been doing some legwork. In Dave's absence, Greg gave an update. Dave has talked with Jennifer McCoy, a traffic engineering person with Bolton Menk in Des Moines. Dave explained to her our situation with wanting additional access to the Viola site from East Circle Drive. She will put together a cost proposal for a two-part traffic study which would, if done, be paired with data the county has already collected in the vicinity of the Viola site. Once we have her cost proposal, we can discuss further how to move forward. Dave also connected with someone from Widseth who confirmed what Logan Tjossem of Widseth had previously stated regarding that an old plat appears to show that the Viola site has two access points from East Circle Drive. We would still need access granted across county rights-of-way to access the site from Circle Drive. Additionally, Dave is exploring whether legally, based on the plat, our access cannot be denied.
4. **Update on Walden Lane site going on the market.** Kim said she hasn't heard anything new. George said he understands from Realtor Dan Groteboer that there is another interested party – no details. He suggested we should check back with Dan in mid-March. Kim said she sent out another feeler with the Women's Shelter but has not heard back.
5. **Update on 20-foot easement.** Greg said that the Jehovah's Witnesses emailed their latest proposal to Greg and Kim earlier this week (Feb. 20). We had earlier proposed to them considering splitting the 20-foot easement so that each party controlled the surface title to where their improvements are. JW came back with a more far-reaching option that does not sit well with us. John pointed out that whatever happens with the title issue, the city will still require a 20-foot easement to service JW's water line. We had proposed JW assuming costs of settling; JW now proposes splitting the cost of a survey. Kim suggested not replying further to JW until we have information from Widseth about the cost of a survey.
6. **Changing date of second Location Team meeting in March.** There was agreement with Greg's suggestion to change the date of the second Location Team meeting in March to Monday, March 18. Greg will be out of town on Thursday, March 21.

Next meeting: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Greg Turosak (team lead)

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