

Building Committee
Minutes December 17, 2014

Attending: Dean Vang, Sr. Warden Claverie, Jr. Warden Miller, M. Withington, G. Boyd, M Parobeck.
Absent excused: G. Delbridge. Guests: Jack Waite, Shannon Brown, and David Weirick, JGWA.

Minutes of December 2 were read and accepted for the record.

The architects presented a new layout for parking, about 30 spaces underneath the NPH, plus about ten spaces at grade. A ramp from Washington Street, along the west boundary, would access the garage, while the spaces at grade would be on the south boundary and require access through the Brause property (subject to negotiation/easement, etc. The parking plan was well received.

Boyd reported on the visit from Gifford Engineers on December 15, to make test borings and confirm the depth to bedrock necessary to have the garage. DigSafe markings were on the wrong (north) side of Washington Street, so Gifford will have to return December 22-23. Once depth to bedrock is confirmed, the parking plan will or will not become a reality, and other plans can proceed.

The architects presented preliminary sketches of plans for five floors in addition to the basement/garage.

Basement/garage would include parking for 30 cars, plus space for choir director's office, choir rehearsal, music library, stairways and elevator. In concept, spaces assigned to offices above would be M-F, with parish availability on weekends.

Ground floor is conceived to include space for a retail shop/café, clergy office and reception, a Great Hall and kitchen, a Library and a Chapel. These elements would surround a courtyard adjacent to the church building, thereby allowing sunlight clearance and a more attractive integration. The buildings would connect on the Washington Street side via a cloister at ground level, and on the south end below grade from Choir room to sacristy below the existing sanctuary.

Second floor programs include child care facilities for both Church school and rental to prospective tenants such as Head Start, a teen lounge and rental office space.

Third floor programming is presently targeted for office rental.

Fourth and fifth floors would be office and/or residential rental.

Boyd reported on pending expressions of interest from organizations seeking to rent space for offices or other uses. He also informed the committee of meetings scheduled December 19 with Charles Wait (Jr. Warden Miller attended), and the same date with the Endowment Committee. Both meetings were to brief the parties on the planning and outlook for mission—connected tenancies, and financial outlook for the project.

Next meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday January 6, 2015.

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