

Building Committee Minutes April 24, 2018, 7:15 p.m.

Attending: G. Boyd, A. Bullock, F. Horne, D. Miller, J. Piraino, J. Vander Veer, M. Withington, Dean Vang.

Boyd reported on correspondence from Bethesda to Shelters of Saratoga (SOS), from SOS to Bethesda, from S. Bonacio to Boyd, from Boyd to Bonacio. Discussion centered on identifying housing and shelter needs that might need to be met in the community, the organizational channels to identify them, the management models to operate them, and the potential funding sources, both capital/philanthropic and operating.

Among the groups identified, and follow-up contacts desired are: SOS (Housing First model, Miller) Affordable Housing Group (Bullock), Four Winds and Conifer Park (Horne), Backstretch Employees Services Team (Boyd), Hospice (Horne/Boyd via B. Glaser). The committee discussed the potential need for "halfway house" versus transitional housing, substance recovery mission, families during the racing season. Miller raised and the committee discussed the potential of Bethesda establishing its own nonprofit 501-c-3 organization, hiring an expert and experienced manager, and operating the housing capacity via the nonprofit organization.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE VESTRY: On motion of John Vander Veer, seconded by Darren Miller, the committee unanimously recommended to the Vestry that the parish apply to the City of Saratoga Springs for an amendment to our Special Use Permit so that we are allowed to develop overnight accommodations within the New Parish House. Number of units/capacity, and purpose as to whom they would serve are to be determined.

Boyd summarized the status of the parish's relationships with John G. Waite Associates Architects and Bonacio Construction. Meetings and substantive disagreements were recounted, and contractual status was described. Bonacio's contract is paid in full. Boyd will contact Mr. Novik at Bonacio to ask if the Rector, Miller and Warden Berheide can meet with Bonacio to determine if there is any future to the relationship or not.

Follow up on stained glass window improvements was authorized at Miller's urging. Money was collected last year at the summer gala, but no commitment has been made to take on another window or more for reinforcing, ventilation and protective glazing. Boyd will follow up with Lamb Studios to determine availability.

Consideration of building in a glass front door facing Washington Street was received with approval. Shannon Brown will be contacted by Boyd to determine if such a front door can be installed and fully replace the existing wooden doors, or whether glass and wood can coexist.

Meeting adjourned at about 8:25 p.m.