

Building Committee Minutes July 12, 2017

Attending: G. Boyd, M. Anspach, C. Berheide, D. Miller, M. Withington, Dean Vang. Absent: M. Claverie, F. Horne, M. Parobeck, F. Zarro, Architects: S. Brown of JGWA.

Boyd reported on progress and difficulties involved in the NYS grant application. The deadline is approaching, and a number of documents and narratives must be created to fill out the requirements. The committee reviewed the scope of restoration work developed by JGWA, with cost figures. The total estimates add up to between \$1.3 and \$1.7MM, covering about three dozen measures.

Burke Funeral Home has discussed with Dean Vang making a donation to restore the front door of the church. S. Brown has sketched an image showing the door swing reversed to outward, with the installation of a glass door so that passersby can look in to the high altar during the daytime hours. Estimates are not developed yet providing for the cost of this work, but the committee was approving of the general idea.

Boyd reported that the new owners of the Rip Van Dam have agreed to the letter providing for cost-sharing of storm sewer work under Washington Street. Adelphi owners are yet to agree.

Boyd reviewed occupancy prospects, including day care, Head Start and others. Boyd and Miller led a discussion of the tax status of the property even with non-profit occupants. The city assessor has taken the position that the building would be taxable for any renters not specifically part of Bethesda.

Boyd reviewed the financial outlook, and the remaining funding gap under various scenarios. Further discussions with Bonacio Construction will ensue in the coming days to give more focus to the funding needs of the project.

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