

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

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

Excused, J. Piraino, J. Vander Veer. Conflicting commitment: A. Bullock. Special Guest: Landon Moore

The Minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were accepted for the record.

Regulatory:

Boyd reported that the Planning Board on July 19 approved an 18-month extension of our Site Plan Approval to March 2020.

Now, it will be timely for Bethesda to submit the "narrative" that is in process with Attorney Cox. The narrative will state the case that the parish's housing mission is an integral part of its activity as a religious institution in the T-6 Zone.

Information Surveys and Letters of Intent:

Boyd reported on the results of the July 12 breakfast at Saratoga National Bank, which was attended by staff leaders of BEST, Wellspring, Transitional Services, In Our Name and Veterans and Community Housing Coalition. Each of the groups has now responded to the Information Survey with particular suggestions for their relationship with Bethesda.

The committee reviewed the Draft Letters of Intent that Boyd had prepared based on the Information Surveys and conversations with the prospective partners. Withington suggested that provision be made for the eventuality that the parish expands and requires more space in the NPH, i.e. space currently allocated to one of the housing partners. Boyd said provision would be made in the lease agreements that would allow for that flexibility. Miller suggested editorial changes to the introductory paragraph, emphasizing Bethesda's mission.

Boyd also reported that the Saratoga Springs Adult & Senior Center has inquired about space, and he will meet with the group's director this coming Thursday July 26.

501-c-3: Attorney Cox is working on this.

Briefings for prospective donors:

A breakfast meeting will be scheduled for the Reading Room at a time of convenience to one or more of the prospective donors on our list.

Name of NPH

Boyd suggested that "Mercy House" be considered. Bethesda, translated from the Hebrew, is "House of Mercy."

Church door:

Discussion was held concerning the improvements and repairs to the main front doors. Direction of swing, installation of glass entry doors, etc. were discussed and evaluated with regard to cost, practicality, parish visibility and growth. No decision was reached.

Next meeting: August 21, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.

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