

Building Committee Minutes March 8, 2017

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

The minutes of February 22, 2017 were accepted for the record.

National Grid easement: Boyd reported that it is signed, but still on hold pending Brause acceptance of a duplicate easement. Bonacio is coordinating Brause review.

Hearing loop: Installation is complete. Feedback from one member reported variable sound volume and quality whenever the person moved, stood, turned, sat. Headphones will be more prominently available from the ushers, and the committee awaits more members reporting on their experiences.

Bonacio timetable: Review of the Bonacio milestone timetable was conducted. Discussion ensued on the position of the local banks on the project. Boyd reported that Saratoga National Bank has been informed that we are re-testing the market for financing to make sure we are getting the best deal for the parish. Bonacio's manager, Larry Novik is canvassing the banks to determine interest and elicit term sheets. Further negotiations will ensue from that point. Zarro said the parish would want to look carefully at any "gap financing" note that would accompany a bank commitment, if available capital is not sufficient by itself to secure the desirable mortgage terms.

Miller and Boyd agreed to communicate with the city's Department of Public Works to elicit cooperation on the storm sewer replacement to which Bethesda is committed.

Diocesan approval: The Standing Committee must approve any lien on parish property, such as a mortgage. Therefore, we must have a mortgage commitment letter in front of the Standing Committee for its approval at our earliest opportunity. May 1 is suggested the earliest date available, and the BC resolved to aim for that. Dean Vang committed to inquiring of the Standing Committee whether a briefing would be desirable at their April 3 meeting, a month prior to making the final approval.

Tenant update: Boyd reported on development of Letters of Intent for Head Start and Skidmore/In Our Name. Also, a meeting is set with Belmont Child Care Association leadership for April 3.

Capital Campaign: Miller has convened a meeting of Capital Campaign forces for Saturday March 11 to review precise status of Endowment funds and Capital Campaign pledges and fulfillment.

Communications: Berheide led a discussion emphasizing the need for complete communication with the Congregation, both through the bulletin, website, Facebook, and personal contact, such as a regular coffee following each monthly Vestry meeting. Anspach's volunteered to have the site sign amended to 2018 from 2017, and possible other changes to highlight Bonacio's involvement.

Preservation Foundation House Tour: A planning meeting for the Preservation House Tour will be held at 7 p.m. March 13 in the Parish House. The Saturday May 13 tour will include Bethesda. The Foundation has also asked if a lunch talk could be held inside the church to brief all interested on the church's history and restoration plans. Miller suggested the aisle candles be installed for the occasion.

SUGGESTED NEXT MEETINGS, please let me know of any objections or necessary absences
Next meetings: 12:45 p.m. Sunday March 19; 7:00 p.m. Wednesday April 5; 12:45 p.m. Sunday April 23; 12:45 p.m. Sunday April 30 (Day before Diocesan Standing Committee).