

## BAT Meeting Minutes - 2-16-2021

### Attendees

- Amanda Kieffer
- Greg Graf
- Liz Russell
- Craig Klausing
- Ken Crea
- Tom Valois
- Lori Tierney

### Affordable Housing

- Request for Information (RFI) Proposal Review

Amanda says Michelle contacted Beacon and PPL and neither responded because of our low MN Housing Community Profile.

Craig talked to CommonBond and Aeon. They thought we were asking for a lot of information that would take a lot of work on their part, especially considering our lukewarm support for the project. CommonBond says we are asking for details that are usually worked out together with the owners. Aeon also mentioned our low site score. That would make it a little more difficult to get low income tax credit, but it's not a huge hurdle. Craig says Aeon did the project at Snelling and 36 that's in the same profile.

Tom asked if we didn't have to scale back our RFI in order to get developers to respond? Craig says CommonBond and Aeon would rather come out to talk to us.

Amanda says the only response we got was from JO Companies, and they are so new. This might explain why they had time to put together such a detailed RFI response. Perhaps we should take a step back and have CommonBond or Aeon in to talk to us (BAT) first, then talk to the entire parish?

Greg says the more he talks to Fr. Michael, the more Fr. is reluctant to move forward until he gets a better feel for the direction of the parish. Fr. is afraid we are going to go through a lot of work only to get shot down.

Liz agreed with this assessment. Fr. says he just doesn't have time to devote to this now. He asked us in December to pause this for a year.

Amanda feels having a parish-wide discussion would help move this along.

Liz: Because of COVID, we can't all get together for a town hall meeting. But, BAT + Parish Council + Finance Council can do long-term visioning.

Tom says we have been talking about low income housing for a long time. We should continue gathering information. If we pause, he would like a Day 0 (when we can get together as a group) so we can work backwards to get a vision together. Tom has been through this several times, and the parish supports this.

Amanda feels a one-hour meeting with a developer could get Fr. caught up. Craig agrees and says we could work around Father's schedule.

Greg says Fr. Michael wants to know if this is the best use of our land? What else can we use it for?

Liz says we could have a BAT and Parish Council presentation now and full town hall later.

Lori says the Social Justice Committee has held meetings on affordable housing in the past. The town hall in December on Zoom had 90 attendees. Amanda asked if we couldn't partner with SJ? Lori will discuss this with Deanne.

#### Future Steps

Amanda will reach out to Fr. Michael to see if he would be interested in a developer meeting. She will also call JO Companies and put them on hold.

Tom would still like a timeline.

Tom offered to put on a demonstration of electric vehicles in our parking lot. He also thought we should install an EV charger.

Ken said the Boy Scout who was going to develop a hosta garden outside the Adoration Chapel as an Eagle Scout project let him down. Liz said Fr. Michael has plans to turn that area into an outside adoration space complete with a waterfall.

#### Major Building Improvements

- Roof Repairs  
Amanda says Vince is still planning to finish roof drawings by the end of the month.
- Parish Center  
Greg and brother Tim evaluated converting the Parish Center to living space for Fr. Michael. They estimated it would cost \$75,000-150,000 to make it liveable, and then there is no guarantee the roof wouldn't start leaking and ruin everything.
- On Hold till decisions on our Affordable Housing Initiatives are made.
  - Parish Center
  - Parking Lot

#### Action Items

- Amanda to Respond to JO Companies
- Amanda will reach out to Fr. Michael to see if he would be interested in a developer meeting.
- Vince will finish roof drawings.
- Greg will research longevity of roof restoration vs. replacement

Next meeting: TBA

Respectively submitted,

Ken Crea

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