

Congregational meeting January 13, 2016

Ralph Rowley opened the meeting with prayer.

Terry Jenkins gave opening remarks including a history of the project.

Mike Molzahn from HBA provided an overview and visual representation of the conceptual view of space allocations of each floor.

Questions and Comments from the Audience:

Is the urban ministry area replacing Potter's House?

Yes. Entrance is an operational issue to be decided, but it can be separated from the rest of the building if that's the congregation's desire.

Are there restrooms for Potter's House? Yes.

1. What is the current size of Potter's House? 4000 square feet. Concerns were shared about the reduction of size.
2. Today, with our current needs, do we need a formal parlor or can we give that to the Potter's House to share with the community? Could bride's room be changed into a multipurpose space? Those decisions will have to be determined. It's all up for discussion. There is concern about needs of space for families during funerals.
3. What thought has been given to use of dirt area outside current welcome center doors? We have looked at that as a playground. Not beneficial to enclose because of negative impact on sanctuary. One member shared he felt it should be enclosed.
4. Concerns that we have two congregations - traditional and contemporary. Can the sanctuary be connected to fellowship hall? Still have the problem of 3 entrances. Would be helpful to have them connected. Mike noted that we have looked at this but have tried to meet needs in a way that considers the budget. There are also new codes from Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act that will have to be considered.
5. Has it been decided that contemporary service will move to fellowship hall? No. We're trying to build facilities that will accommodate a number of services and changes for the future. That decision is not the purview of the Second Century Committee.
6. Question about Urban Ministries - this is the only area without a paid staff member. The church needs to consider that we need to consider not only the real estate but a staff member for urban ministries.
7. Regarding the playground - Currently have two areas. What is the square footage required? Current playground doesn't meet needs of Seaside School. The new one will replace the one out front. 1500 square feet.
8. As we look at a multipurpose room, the one we have is inadequate. Glad to see the new one is larger. What will it actually accommodate? Can it accommodate a basketball game? Will hold 500 chairs. Will accommodate approximately 325 at round tables. Will accommodate a full

court junior high/high school game. Roof will accommodate basketball or volleyball. Pretty large and pretty flexible.

9. What are regulations for having children and homeless in same building? The wall totally separates them. The Seaside School is on the third floor. Heidi shared that they can be "housed" in the same building but cannot have access to children. They need to have a separate entrance and cannot be given access to Seaside School.
10. What is the status of the multideck parking structure? Terry noted that parking continues to be a concern. As we watch what is happening around us, we are waiting to hear what the plans are.
11. What happens to Potter's House and the land? That's up to the trustees. Oral Lambert shared that the property there will continue to be used for parking. It should probably be destroyed based on the current condition. There is no firm proposal from Ellis Gibson about the developer of the 18th St, lot.
12. Has the SCC looked an alternate proposal for Potters, such as replacing the building? Terry noted we had looked at other property in the area. Jennifer noted that volunteers strongly prefer to be part of church campus. We briefly looked at rebuilding but ruled it out because of cost.
13. Are there security concerns about having one volunteer downstairs with staff upstairs? Terry noted that would have to be considered in near budget.
14. Could we combine our ministries with other churches, tied to new city facilities? Jennifer noted that new city program is for homeless, and we mainly work with the working poor. The new city building will not be able to house all. We do communicate with other churches on a daily basis and work with city nonprofits. There is not one joint program, but we work with many others, including Fresh Food Wednesdays at Scott Memorial.
15. Questions about the profitability of Seaside School? We can gather that information.
16. Early plans for south wing included an office for the ministry of music. This was put off because the fire marshall required a room that size to have two wheelchair ramps. This impact storage and administration space. A member shared concerns that plans need to consider fire marshall's requirements as we move forward. Mike noted that this is a complicated process in terms of building codes and we'll be meeting with the city and making sure that the details are worked out. We're not at a place to do that now.
17. We will be surrounded by intense challenge of noise with new development. Will this impact our plans in terms of cost for noise control? There is already a high standard by code. We aren't required to make changes to existing building but the congregation can determine if this needs to be done at a later time.
18. At what point will be talking about cost? Harry Davis noted this proposal is the best assembly of what people in the church have talked about. With all costs, this is estimated at over 7 million dollars.

19. How long is it expected to take? Congregation will work through this for a period, then have a fund raising period. Design phase will take 9 months. In all, 4-5 years until built.
20. What is current square footage of current north wing? 12,000 square feet currently, per Steve. New construction will be 23,000 square feet. Net gain 11,000. When we remove current spaces and take Potter's House into account, what is the gain? Remove 4,000 for Potter's House. Net gain is 7000.
21. Dave Moore recommends parlor be transferred to Urban Ministry, specifically for transportation ministry. He also recommends that we purchase corner lot on 18th that we do not own.
22. With new playground area in front of north wing, has consideration been given to using that for other purposes? There are exits there and electrical equipment. Could be used but may not give the most space. Heidi added that nursery rooms have codes requiring direct access to outside.
23. Do codes require ADA access to pit? Mike noted there are some exemptions based on size of space.
24. Is there possible to access space on the roof? Yes, but it is very expensive. Mike shared the committee's concerns to have a column free space for activities, but this makes the weight bearing without columns very expensive.
25. How does office space compare? Current is 3200. New space will be comparable. No additional space has been incorporated.
26. If we incorporate all of the adult Sunday School classes out of north wing and third floor and put them into the second floor, is there enough room? Yes. But if we start to reallocate, we could go down a bit. Ex. reallocating parlor takes away on Sunday School space. When we take one thing away, another thing is affected. Is there room for growth? Yes, in youth area and Fellowship hall. Congregation needs to determine if they want to meet at different times.
27. Concerns about moving children from third floor to first floor in a fire drill. Could we move the children off campus to a close by facility? Important to build Seaside School. Children bring members. Concerns that there isn't enough space for adequate playground.

Terry adjourned at 8:38. Closing prayer by Benson. Comment/feedback forms given as people exited the meeting.