

St. Thomas More New Construction Committee
Kick-Off Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Attendees : Fr. Mike Ratajczak, Phil Goscienski, Pat Goscienski, Ron Briseno, Todd Cadieux, Brian Leahey (chair), Tom Dean, Jim Treat, George Gritt, Mike Jocelyn, Michael Yambrach, Doug Crimaldi

The Physical Building Layout and Permits

Conditions of Use permit issued 1/25/07, current plan and elevations available for review, should anyone wish to review them. Conformance review has been completed with the city. Flags on the lawn indicate actual intended church location.

In terms of design, the footprint and setbacks must remain, however, the actual interior design of the church will be overseen by the interior design committee.

Intend to use radiant heat and natural breeze effects (with open air movement) to allow for a much natural heating and cooling as possible.

Financing

Regarding the Diocese, parish leadership is working with the Diocese to follow all the diocesan policies regarding the construction of our church.

Presently, we have diocesan permission to hire an architect, a liturgical consultant, create the construction documents, and obtain all of the necessary permits. This process should take approximately 18 – 24 months.

After this is completed we will seek to obtain the construction loan and break ground.

Architect Selection Sub-Committee

Fr. Mike and Brian are currently looking for 7 volunteers to assist with the selection of the architect for the church. This subcommittee will report into the main committee, and have responsibility for setting up appointments, interviews, and provide a recommendation to the main committee. The better the plans from the architect the fewer change orders we will have to instigate, thus decreasing the cost to the overall project.

As such, we will look to the architect to provide contacts or subs for the following functions : structural engineer, mechanical, plumbing and other subs. We would prefer to choose an architect who has these elements as well as experience with the liturgical elements of the church and/or interior design experience. Pat and Phil will provide

information regarding A preferred liturgical consultant to Fr. Mike to ensure that the preferred Liturgical Consultant will work with the chosen architect. It is important that the architect, engineers, and liturgical consultants work well together to ensure that we get the best from all groups.

List of volunteers : Michael Yambrach, George Gritt, Pat Goscienski, Phil Goscienski, Catherine Wilson, Doug Crimaldi, Brian Leahey

Larger Committee Functions

No formal meetings at this point, monthly report to be sent out indicating the status of each group and goals for the month/quarter.

Questions/Discussion

1. Estimate on initial phase: What should we anticipate spending for this phase? This is generally part of the negotiation of the fees for the project.
2. Solar Energy – tax benefit not available to the church, so not really cost effective for us at this time. This may change throughout the design process so may be re-evaluated at a later time.
3. Sound and dust as potential deterrents to open air heating/cooling.
4. When can we expect to break ground? 18 – 24 months for final plans, before we move to get the approvals for ground breaking.

Other Information

Tuesday, February 19th, tour of St. Margaret's 10-12 am. Please join if you can.