

**ADTF
10/18/2015 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting attended by:	Diane Cassidy, Chris Davis, Bob Miller, Ginger Powers, Don Wakefield Lamar Hicks & Jane Wilson (Steering Committee Co-Chairs)
Absent from meeting:	Tom Everitt, Bonnie Postlewaite, Amy Robertson, Phyllis Westover
Date:	October 18, 2015
Time:	1:00PM-2:00PM

ITEM 1: Parking and Access

1. The ADTF met to discuss potential solutions to solve the parking problems currently experienced by the church.
2. It has been reported to the task force that some older members of the congregation do not attend on Sunday morning due to lack of parking that is close to the building.
3. GastingerWalker is exploring design solutions to help solve the parking and access problems at the site. These include a drop off lane(s) and re-stripping the existing lot to try and get greater efficiency out of the existing parking area.
4. However as we are an urban church with limited available land, the ADTF is attempting to develop alternative operational solutions in parallel with design solutions being developed by the architect.
5. Jane noted that adding more parking, which has negative environmental impacts to water quality and urban heat island effect, is not fully aligned with our mission. This adds value to the idea of finding operational solutions to the problem.
6. Chris noted that it would be helpful to think of the problem as an aspect of barrier removal which is a prime objective of the project. The number of physical parking spaces adjacent to the church may be a difficult problem to solve due to our limited land area. And ultimately the problem that is trying to be solved is better and easier access.
7. Building up was discussed. However, elevated parking decks generally cost approx. \$15,000 - \$20,000 per space to construct. To add 56 additional spaces (doubling our current parking lot count) as a parking deck would cost upwards of \$1,000,000. Surface parking cost is in the range of \$2,000 - \$3,000 per space to construct.
8. The only land available for surface parking is the playground (which currently provides needed program space) and the Simpson House lot.
9. At the most extreme, a solution to increase the parking count on property (tearing down Simpson House to construct surface parking), is speculated to increase our current parking count by approx. 50% from 56 spaces to 84 spaces. This conclusion was drawn as a rough order of magnitude from looking at our current site plan.
10. Anecdotally, it was thought that 84 total spaces may still not provide for the needed parking count on site.
11. Jane noted a relevant example from a recent workshop on being a 'Welcoming Congregation'. Another UU congregation in a similar situation devoted its parking lot to visitors and the less mobile in the congregation. The remainder of the congregation was asked to find street parking and reserve the parking lot spaces for others. Crossing guards were stationed outside of the church on Sunday mornings to help those who found remote parking cross the street.
12. Engaging in formal agreements with adjacent property owners to supplement street parking was also

discussed. In the past the church has had informal verbal agreements with the Marriott Hotel (multi-level parking garage) and also the Art Institute for use of their lots.

13. There has been no agreement with the Marriott since it transitioned to being managed by an independent parking operator.
14. Three lots were identified as possible targets for shared parking agreements (see attached):
 - The Marriott Hotel parking garage
 - The Art Institute Circle Drive lot
 - The Kemper Art Museum North Lot
15. The Community Christian Church parking lot to the south of ASUUC is considered off the table as they are currently attempting to sell that property.
16. It was noted that any agreements may require a fee to be paid by ASUUC for use of adjacent parking lots.

Action Items:

1. Dianne will contact the Marriott regarding a possible agreement for use of their parking.
2. Lamar and Jane will work to identify the correct person(s) to contact the Art Institute and the Kemper.

ITEM 2: November 22 GW Presentation to the Congregation

1. Planning for the November 22 presentation by GastingerWalker to the congregation was discussed.
2. It would be desirable to utilize a portion of the 11/22 service to unveil the new design concept. This would likely have the best potential to capture the greatest number of congregants.
3. The ADF should engage Kendyl and the Worship Committee soon to begin planning this presentation.
4. The weeks leading up to the 11/22 presentation are seen to be as follows:
 - 11/8 – Final presentation by GastingerWalker to the ADF & Steering Committee. Final comments are gathered and incorporated.
 - 11/15 – Presentation by GastingerWalker to the Board of Trustees. Final comments are gathered and incorporated.
 - 11/22 Presentation by GastingerWalker to the ASUUC Congregation

Action Items:

1. Chris will bring up the 11/22 presentation at Monday's Committee on Ministry meeting and begin to engage Kendyl in that discussion.

End of Notes



POTENTIAL SHARED PARKING CANDIDATES - ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS