

Bethel Council Meeting 06/21/15

After the Sunday service.

Council members present: Pastor Ode, Marlys Pickrell, Susan Logen, Carol Hovick, Beth Sundquist, Joe Himple, Elia Smith. Visitor Judy Goulet.

Opened with Prayer in Pastor Ode's office.

Pastor has had good conversation with a developer called Intercorr they may be submitting a formal offer this week for 4.7 mil. The sale would be contingent on rezone.

Salvage rights would be built into the contract. We would also work on payment plan.

Have also been in touch with Grenwald the people who put the big widow in and they are interested in salvaging the whole window & moving it.

Once we have access to both buildings do we move everything to the new building or keep some here and some there? Need to look at the tax advantages if we need to have a church worshipping at the current site maybe Bethel Ethiopian could stay until the sale closing happens. Question on how much that would cost in utilities.

Having the closing on the current building possibly not happen until October 2016 means that Bruce & Marsha can stay in the parsonage and watch over the building until it closes.

We moved to the chapel to meet with a group about possibly hosting a tent city called "United We Stand" Bill Bear president of Shoreline Community Cares brought the possibility to us. The group split from Tent City 3 last year but are still associated with Greater Seattle Cares. They are currently at Richmond Beach community Church but need to move since Shoreline only allows them to stay at a site for 90 days.

Introductions were made. There was one person from Richmond Beach Community Church who spoke very positively about their experience with the group. Bill Bear also attended and two people from Greater Seattle Cares attended. 5 residents of United We Stand came as well 4 male & one female.

One of the men recorded the meeting on his cell phone, he said he was a former Marine.

They get funding grants from organizations and individuals. Most residents work and have places they can take showers each day. They rely on the camp to be able to leave their belongings at the camp while they go to work & as a place to sleep. They have also started having all members give \$30 a month towards the camp.

They normally have 3 Honey Buckets (porta potties) and they have garbage and compost bins. They do need water & a place to dispose of the used water. They also need electric they have power cords.

We need to make sure that access to the parking lot is not blocked at the groups that use down stairs rooms will have full access. United We Stand will need to take up some of the parking spots for the bins and honey buckets around the grass area they will have their tents in.

Pastor asked about the possibility of them exchanging custodial work around Bethel and they were very willing to do that as part of their stay.

They handed out copies of their value statement, code of conduct, governing structure & their monthly cost for running the camp. They are also insured.

They have to move soon from Richmond Beach so we need to get back to them as soon as possible.

The meeting with the visitors ended with Prayer by Pastor Ode.

The council members moved back to Pastor's office. Joe Himple & Judy had left during the meeting with the group.

We discussed what we thought. Susan suggested talking to the neighborhood association to get their input. Pastor is meeting with Patty on Tuesday so he will talk to her then. Some concern was voiced about how much stress the congregation is already under with the sale of our building and the relocation. Concern about United We Stand needing the access the building at night and that we don't want to leave the building unlocked. Even if we allow them access to the building during the day to use the restrooms they will need to have at least one Honey Bucket to use at night & what would that look like in the parking lot. Also the garbage & compost bins.

Bruce and Marsha may be concerned about the Tent city being right by the parsonage as well.

Need to look at the constitution to see if this is a council decision or a congregational decision.

We would like to get the full council together on Thursday 6/25/15 to discuss this.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Logen