

Report on the 4 Information Sessions hosted by the Parish Facility Infrastructure Council

1. Table #1: Start of the Project

Display: Seismic report of parish facilities & establishment of the FIC
Meetings and options reviewed & Parish Master Plan formulated

Comments: - good information presented
- some surprise at work already done

2. Table #2: Holy Cross Project

Display: Description of protected Heritage building declared by City of Surrey
Process of developing "Request for Proposal" & distribution of same
Acceptance of proposal from TCD Development Corp & process of same
Formal closure of church expected by end of year

Comments: - surprise at deal being made with developer
- makes sense to sell, but sad nonetheless

3. Table #3: Star of the Sea Project

Display: Seismic report and remediation costs presented
Explanation of "Request for Proposal" process
Catholic presence to be in dev. of site, as per Fr. Dion's letter
City of White Rock's new Official Community Plan by March 2017
Parish to take no action until the OCP is determined

Comments: - good to wait for the OCP by White Rock
- SoS attendees spoke as if they were a separate parish
- Question as to need for new parish center at GS site
- Concern for Seniors housing expressed

4. Table #4: Good Shepherd site for new Parish Center

Display: Large drawing of potential new center presented
Diocesan approval process set out

Comments: - much interest in details of plan
- Strong sense of need and expanded use by big parish
- Support for commercial capacity kitchen

5. Table #5: Child Care facility in the new Parish Center

Display: Large poster board of Survey results
Questions as to priority of programs that could be offered

Comments: - most visitors were young parents with strong support
- Many survey respondents asked to be kept informed & some volunteered to help develop program options

6. Table #6: Project Financing

Display: Sheet of proposed Costs and Revenue for Master Plan implementation
Reference to Project Advance, other capital costs, and Bldng fund
Financial statement for 2015

Comments: - need for ongoing communication with parish
- Better understanding of project's big picture
- Positive feedback about transparency of materials
- Felt need for future input and discussion

7. **Table #7: Possibility of new Catholic High School**

Display: Information re Holy Cross Regional High School
Sign-up sheet for interest in a new high school in South Surrey
Map and conversation re potential site and project needs

Comments: - majority gave enthusiastic support
- 110 names collected in support of idea

8. **Table #8: What's Next?**

Display: Sign-up sheets for various committees, ie
Parish Center Building & Fund-raising Committees
Child Care Program Team & High School Team

Comments: - 20 parishioners volunteered for Building and Fundraising committees
- Most happy with amount of information available
- Vocal group from SoS not in favor of most of the above

Each of the 4 sessions, held over a 3 week period, were 2 hours in length, with members of the Parish Infrastructure Council (FIC) and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) manning the tables. Approximately 235 individuals were in attendance. Each table engaged those who approached and then made their observations in both written and oral form to the FIC meeting held on Nov. 1st. The above is a collation of those reports, which are available also in the parish office and on our website.

The outcomes of the above suggest that it was a most worthwhile effort for the parish to put on, while at the same time, it was disappointing that more parishioners did not attend. A few clarifications need to be made for everyone's benefit, to wit, the following:

1. **The commitment to retain a Catholic presence in White Rock is definite.**
2. **The development of the Star of the Sea site is put on hold until the City of White Rock publishes its revised OCP (official community plan). Only when this is done will the parish then review its options for development of the site.**
3. **A detailed "Request for Proposal," as was done with the Holy-Cross site, will be provided to potential developers of the White Rock site so that all parties receive a fair and equitable hearing.**

Many thanks to those who gave of their time, energy, and expertise in hosting these Information Sessions. And to those who attended I hope the information was helpful in coming to appreciate the scope and intent of the Parish Master Plan. As we approach the end of this Year of Mercy, let us pray for the Lord's grace to be with us as we move forward into 2017 and the challenges that are before us.

Fr. Glenn Dion
Pastor

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