

Future Visioning Meeting #5 - June 6, 2023

Future Visioning Meeting Leaders: Pr Anna, Jan Satterthwaite
18 Attendees (mostly church members)

MEETING ACTIVITIES

1. Reviewed past input meetings.
2. Reviewed the criteria process + 2 minute reflection of what we can imagine.
3. Visioning Exercise (all attendees)

Attendees were given post-it notes to write their thoughts about:

‘What is Your Vision for This Property, the Neighborhood and the worshipping community?’

Attendees attached their post-it notes to one of four large pages on the wall according to where their vision might be categorized: 1) Sell the property and move worship community elsewhere, 2) Develop the property into a new building, 3) Remodel the property, or 4) Other

4. Group Discussion

- Category #1: Sell the Property
 - sell to the Salish nation/Duwamish people
 - merge SJU with another church
 - pros are a quick fix to cash flow
 - cons are less continuity for worshipping community, how would the Duwamish be able to finance a purchase, and a high bid developer may buy and disrupt stakeholders and the worship community, renting worship space elsewhere may not be stable (location + rent pricing increases)
- Category #2: Develop the Property
 - multi-use or other uses besides a church (meeting space, coffee shop, work space, community garden)
 - new building starts fresh with less maintenance problems
 - ¼ of land for growing food, ¼ of land for worship building, ¼ of land for housing, and ¼ of land for other leases
 - pros are a better (less costly maintenance) building, self-sustaining revenue, green build opportunities, familiar location,
 - cons are the need for a transition space, longer time frame to completion, best done in partnership
- Category #3: Remodel the Property
 - develop partnership(s) or merge with another entity to share with maintenance of property
 - expand use of building for community events (both religious and secular events)
 - create a worshipping space on the upper section of building and housing on the lower section of the building
 - create additional event spaces, such as coffee shop, concert venue, saturday market, job training center and recording venue (aka Bastyr)

-pros are continuity with worship meeting space, provides more leverage of how the property gets used, intentional thoughts about who to partner with, and flexibility in building design to welcome more within the community, adding new usages will draw more of the community into the space, flexibility in building design and less carbon emissions from adaptive re-use.

-cons are needing to find partnerships with a similar vision, disruption during construction.

Category #4: Other

- how will a renovation or rebuild be financed both short term and long term?

- create a multi-service center with low-income and market rate housing.

-need to focus on community and others and not on member survival.

-host mobile health clinic and create space for mental, physical and spiritual healing.

-rent parking to zoo visitors

-building should be a center for community life and care: social, spiritual, health, food and shelter.

5. Exit Tickets

'After hearing other vision ideas, do you have second or new thoughts for the future vision of the property and community?'