

ST. PIUS X PARISH TOWN HALL MEETINGS

TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2008
AND
SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2008



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ST. PIUS X PARISH — BACKGROUND & HISTORY

BACKGROUND

From our earliest days with 200 families and a single building used as both a church and school, St. Pius X Parish created facilities to support our mission to worship, to serve, and to educate.

Over the past fifty years, the parish has grown from 200 families and that single building (now used as our Youth Center) on six acres to 2850 households and an eleven-acre campus that includes our church, community center, school and gym. We are indebted to our pioneer parishioners who had the foresight, willingness to sacrifice, and generosity to provide our current facilities.

RECENT HISTORY

Around the turn of the new millennium 2000, a plan was developed to expand the school building to address the immediate needs of St. Pius X School, our Faith Formation and ESL programs. Then the stock market went south, impending bankruptcy made finances uncertain, and the decision was made to suspend building plans.

In 2005, the parish hired Fr. Tom Sweetser and Sr. Peg Bishop from the Parish Assessment and Renewal Project (PAR) to help us develop a strategic plan. They discovered that some parishioners were still disappointed with the decision to end that 2002 capital campaign. They recommended that when we start planning for capital improvements again, we publish a clear decision-making process and time line so everyone in the parish can participate.

The summary of the PAR survey on June 15, 2006 prioritized our parish needs. Among them were updating parish facilities and school expansion. In the fall of 2006, the Pastoral Council authorized the formation of a Capital Improvements Team (CIT) to start another planning process to ask parishioners what facilities we need to accomplish our parish mission. The CIT began

meeting on October 30, 2006. John Rickman and Kim Jacobson agreed to be the co-chairs.

The role of the Capital Improvements Team (CIT) was to organize the process for getting proposals, prioritizing them, and recommending a Master Plan for the Pastoral Council to authorize. Included in the CIT's mandate was insuring that the planning process was transparent and the time-line for participation was well publicized. CIT reports to the Pastoral Council through the Administration Commission. The Pastoral Council reviews the CIT recommendations and makes the final decisions.

CIT MEMBERS:

Kim Jacobson and John Rickman, co-chairs; Steve Beaird, Fr. Craig, Bob Buxman, Ellen Colwell, Steve Franey, John Kennedy, Jr., Michael O'Halloran, Mike Pfluger, Molly Washburn.
Consultant: Henry Fitzgibbons AIA.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

In April 2007, the parish was invited to fill out a "Capital Improvement Request" form. Everyone was asked to dream about possible capital improvements to enhance our mission. The idea was to get broad participation in the dreaming process and not worry about cost during the dreaming.

Once we gathered all the wishes and dreams, we reviewed them along with the PAR survey. We developed an initial prioritization of the dreams as well as a "vision" of capital improvements to present to parishioners in consultation in town halls and surveys.

In December 2007, the CIT organized all the dreams into three groups and published them in the bulletin. It is now time for the CIT to give us an initial recommendation for a parish vision for a Master Plan.

CIT's proposed time line is ambitious but realistic. The benefit of a disciplined time line is that construction costs continue to climb. The sooner we can translate our vision into a Master Plan, the faster we can meet our urgent space needs.

PROPOSED TIME LINE:

-- **January 2008** town hall meetings; begin Archdiocesan approval process.

-- **February 2008** pew survey

-- **March 2008** CIT recommends needs to Pastoral Council to include in a Master Plan and Pastoral Council authorizes needs to include in first phase

-- **April and May 2008** architects create plans to respond to needs

-- **June 2008** Pastoral Council authorizes major donor team to begin silent phase of major donors and grants in June through August

-- **September third week to November third week 2008** public phase asking multi-year pledges

-- **December 2008** Pastoral Council asks Archdiocese for permission to proceed and authorizes architects to obtain licenses and permits

-- **Spring 2009** begin groundbreaking

-- **December 2009** initial phase construction completed.

INITIAL RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing our current needs and the proposals submitted in the dreaming process, the CIT recommends implementing a Master Plan in three phases:

(1) **Initial phase** addresses the immediate needs of our youth and our education-related ministries that have inadequate space.

-- Youth Center needs updating and revamping. Our vibrant middle school and teen programs need age-appropriate space. The widening of Saltzman Road may impact the building. Our Knights of Columbus want to partner with our Youth Center renovation to see if sharing the building is possible.

-- St. Pius X School cannot meet current demand for enrollment. Our Faith Formation programs are limited by available space. We need enhanced childcare either through more use of our nursery, or creation of a Day Care Center or Nursery School.

(2) **Subsequent phase** addresses suggested changes to the church to enhance liturgical environment, vestibule baptistery, audibility, and more seating with better sightlines to the altar. Also included are storage and multi-use additions to the Community Center. These improvements would enhance the work of a variety of ministries. These buildings are not as constraining to their users as are the school and Youth Center.

(3) **Final phase** includes creation of housing for seniors on campus and re-claiming the campus from black-top through underground parking.

The CIT recommends that several items listed as improvements be included in the parish operational budget. Examples for immediate attention are updating the school's heating system, painting the St. Vincent de Paul house, installing bike racks, the S. Pius X stained glass, and audio-visual aids in the church sanctuary.

After CIT receives your response to this initial recommendation, CIT will review the input and revise the draft "vision" as appropriate. CIT will then communicate the updated draft plan and seek additional consultation from the parish – through a pew survey in church. Our goal is to formulate a proposed Master Plan that captures our collective dreams for the future of our parish.

CIT TEAMS

Another function of the CIT is to serve as the Steering Team for the other teams that accomplish the actual work of a capital improvements project. The four teams for any project are: **Building** (architects and contractors); **Development** (fund raising in silent and public phases); **Finance** (accountants to track pledges and cash flow); **Communications/Marketing** (specialists in newsletters, websites, bulletin articles and emails to answer questions and keep everyone informed of time lines and progress). If you have expertise in any of these areas, please volunteer your services. Contact John Rickman john_rickman@comcast.net or Kim Jacobson kimbloise@comcast.net.