

HOLY NAME

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And We're Off *Phase I is on*

The Building Committee approved a six-step plan, with construction to begin by this summer. Actually, Phase 1 is already one-third complete, with the demolition of the condemned houses and the renovation of Father Bob's house. Up next:

Demolition of the existing rectory;

Rebuilding of a Gathering Area and basement in the same location;

Paving the lane between 21st and 23rd avenues;

Building the parking lot.

"There's no turning back," co-chair Ken Cheryba told a Building Committee meeting, before approval of a \$4.9 million budget for Phase 1. "We've been working toward this for four or five years. Now, it's getting exciting."

Originally the church hall and offices were to be built in Phase 1. However, project manager Jean-Marie Vachon recommended a change in strategy, due in part to construction prices that skyrocketed during the time it took (18 months) to secure a development permit. Construction inflation was running 2% a month last year.

A big advantage of the revised plan is to leave the hall intact while the Gathering Area – also known as the Narthex – is being built. Call this turn of events the PBU: Pancake Breakfasts Uninterrupted! Once the Gathering Area is up and functioning, the current Hall can be demolished to make way for construction of the new Hall, in Phase 2. The Gathering Area will play host to the regular Hall activities during Phase 2.

Another advantage is to eliminate what Jean-Marie calls "construction complexity." Building the Hall first would have meant fitting the Gathering Area between two existing structures, a tricky proposition. This way, the Gathering Area will be added to the Church, then the Hall will be added to the Gathering Area in logical order. As well, costs will be reduced by using the existing boiler, and by having the electrics, sewer and water mains enter the Gathering Area in a common trench.

The blueprint calls for construction of Phase 1 to be finished by the winter of 2009.

How the committee will report to you

Parishioners have sent the Building Committee a consistent message in surveys, polls, emails and conversations: Keep us informed.

Now that the bulldozers cometh, co-chair Ken Cheryba intends to meet with the Construction Committee monthly.

Updates will be made in the Crusader 4-6 times annually, and the Crusader will be posted on the website. Regular blurbs will continue to be published in the weekly bulletin and when necessary, presentations will be made from the pulpit at Mass.

Conditions, we have a few

Holy Name received a development permit, with conditions, on Dec. 6, following the Subdivision and Planning appeal hearing. By the end of March, the parish expects to satisfy those conditions. They include: consolidating land, submitting revised architectural plans, receiving approval for the mechanical site services plan, and rendering cheque as a bond for work outside of Church property lines. Most significantly, Holy Name agreed to pave the laneway at the rear of the Church property. There are further conditions about the height of the fence around the parking lot, the types of trees to be planted, the height of the Gathering Area/Hall windows off the floor, and elimination of a planned loading bay.

Once these conditions are satisfied, Holy Name will apply for a Building Permit and request Bishop Henry's permission to go to tender.