

September 27, 2017

Mr. Sam Hubbard, Development Planner Planning & Community Development Village of Arlington Heights 33 South Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Re: St. James Parish Church Renovation and Addition Project Neighborhood Meeting

Mr. Hubbard:

On Sunday, September 24, Parish Representatives and members of the Design Team presented the above referenced project to the surrounding neighbors of St. James Parish. In anticipation of the upcoming Plan Commission Meeting, the Parish invited all neighbors within 250 feet of the campus. The goal of the presentation was to inform the neighbors of future on-site development being planned for the east side of the St James campus and to respond to any questions.

In general, the presentation, as well as the question and answer period, was positive and well received. Of the 150 households invited (which is more than the 120 households required), sixteen (16) persons were in attendance, representing ten (10) households. All aspects of the project itself (within the bounds of the property lines) were favorable to the attendees with no exceptions.

However, there were a few concerns voiced about some exiting conditions outside of the church property. There were as follows:

- With parking currently being allowed on both sides of North Pine Avenue (east of the Church), some suggested that Pine Ave. should be converted to a one-way street. As an alternative, some suggested that parking should only be allowed on one side of the street.
- With additional on-site parking being provided as a part of this project, some suggested that the parking along Arlington Heights Road should be discontinued.
- The resident just south of the proposed development (along Arlington Heights Road) was not pleased that the existing house to his north was being demolished as a part of this project. He believes this lowers his property value.



All questions and concerns were responded to in a positive manner and the Parish encouraged further discussion on the items above. Perhaps the Planning and Community Development Team can consider the concerns above in advance of the scheduled Plan Commission Meeting. We would expect these concerns to be raised at that meeting.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or Debbie Bolash with St. James Parish.

Sincerely,

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