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SEATTLE UNITY: New Building Timeline

update: 12/15/14

Spring 2012: Board forms Seattle Unity Visioning group [SUV] to help determine what might be possible to do with our building

2002-2012: Many changes in So. Lake Union; several approaches made by parties interested in purchasing our property

2000-2013: Increasing challenges of maintaining current building; sporadic attempts at visioning and planning for remodeling

2003: Sale of Seattle Unity property to LIHI on corner of 8th and Thomas

Oct. 2012: Congregational meetings on 4 options— stay/fix, stay/remodel; sell/move; stay/redevelop. Attendees' vote on the options:

- Stay/repair: 12.6%
- Stay/remodel: 30.2%
- Sell/move: 10.1%
- Stay/redevelop: 47.1%

Jan-June 2013: Awaiting final approval by city of zoning changes for SLU

Summer 2013: City approves new SLU zoning

Sept 2013: Board asks SUV to make recommendations by November on initial steps

Nov. 2013: SUV recommends to Board that we divide the property into 2 parcels and sell northernmost parcel to a developer to finance a new Seattle Unity facility on southernmost parcel [along John, facing Denny Park]

April 2014: Solicited bids and scope of work plans from 3 architectural firms.

Feb/March 2014: Worked with land use attorney and Hewitt and meet with City planners; initial response to our plans is positive, but no final decision as of this update

Feb 9, 2014: At Annual Meeting, members overwhelming approve proposal to divide the property, enabling Unity to sell or lease a portion of the property to fund rebuilding of the church facility

Dec 2013-Jan 2014: Hired Hewitt Architects to conduct feasibility study and prepare initial concepts for review at Annual Meeting.

Dec. 8, 2013: Meeting to update congregation on initial planning

Nov. 2013: Board approves proposal and will bring to vote at Annual meeting in Feb 2014.

Spring 2014: Engaged Hewitt as our building architect

Summer 2014-Winter 2015: Engaged with City regarding new SLU zoning codes and how they affect our building plans

Future timeline on hold until new zoning codes are clarified and issues between the City and the Church's plans are resolved

