

**Goal # 3 - Land Development Committee**  
**7:20 – 9:20 PM May 17th, 2009**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Minutes**

1. Open fields' project review: Mac Blythe started the meeting by laying out the current plan and results of discussions he and Deacon McBride had with the city on Thursday May 14. The City of Niceville has agreed to conduct the majority of the labor including placing the verta-cuts (recommend early Spring 2010), and installation of the irrigation system (which must be in place before verta-cuts). They will put together a plan within the next 2 weeks and provide that to us. They will also provide us with a shopping list for the materials (ie. 64 heads, 12 valves a mile of PVC pipes) once they make that determination. We will probably need to drill a new pump to support irrigation. Additionally, they are looking into shifting the lights from Wolverine Park to these fields, providing the clay for the in-field, rakes, bases etc. in support of our efforts. They also said they will provide (and service) port-o-pots near the ball field. We still need to get the cost estimates from Jim (at the city) for the irrigation system. Vicki Ritchson suggested an outdoor area be set aside for a covered area (pavilion) to have picnics and what-not. She pointed to the area between Ruckle and Niceville HS as an example.
2. Discussed the wetlands briefly. Also discussed the digging of the new well and submission of the LDC budget. The question rose, when do we think we can break ground? This lead to a discussion of the money raised (1.4M for the FOG) and the Sharing the Vision campaign which stands at 550K with 68 families (of 673 total families) having given thus far. Thus far 55 of 150 families from the Major Gift phase have committed funds. Roughly 25 have said no. Based on this information this week (18-22 May) a budget plan will be developed and scheduled for presentation to the Bishop's Chief Financial Officer, Deacon John Guadluski (knowing 1.5M is available currently).
3. Discussed the rectory maintenance/improvement requirements. Mac Blythe mentioned he and his wife were planning to go pull wall paper and paint with volunteer help. A plan needs to be generated and volunteers sought and he will work on that in the coming weeks.
4. Thoughts on raising "soft costs" for the FOG include the selling of bricks just like St. Mary's has done. We already have space set aside in the FOG design for the "memorial garden" which can be established very early on in the process. First we need to determine what the soft costs consist of starting with asking Bill Milliken to initiate developing the kitchen layout. Examples of needs include; kitchen equipment, tables & chairs (with storage carts), heater tables (for trays of food), stoves, microwaves, bleachers, portable stage, audio/sound system, stage lighting, and that sort of thing.
5. Workdays: The church grounds are in need of some sprucing up. The LDC decided on 13 & 27 June as the dates to ask for help. In order to get as many as possible, we need to put messages in the bulletin and notify the scouts, CYM, MSY and Knights. Projects needing to be addressed include some general clean-

- up, cutting and weeding, and spreading of mulch over in the industrial park area. Supplies needed include; wheel barrels, rakes, bush hog and more. The fence around the industrial park also needs to be erected, but the rest is more important at this time.
6. The LDC decided to shift our monthly meeting to the 3d Sunday of each month in hopes of getting more parishioners to attend and participate in our activities.
  7. The meeting adjourned about 9:20.

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Parish Mission Statement: We are a Roman Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Christian mission of peace, service, outreach, and fellowship through love, prayer, evangelization, and ministries so both the human and spiritual needs of our growing parish family and community are always met.

GOAL #3: To develop a major portion of available church property to benefit our parish, Diocese, and community (with the permission of the Diocese).

Objectives:

1. To expand the Land Development Committee (LDC) to better represent our diverse parish. (May 4, 2008)
2. To educate and engage the parish about on-going activities, in a routine manner. (on-going)
3. To prioritize a list of needs to develop the church property. (on-going)
4. To develop a process for land development projects to include forming a subcommittee, determining the cost and developing a timeline for completion. (Sep 1, 08)
5. To incorporate plans for the support of Head-Start requirements. (on-going)