

**Goal # 3 - Land Development Committee**  
**7:20 – 9:00 PM April 12th, 2009**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Minutes**

1. The following LDC members were present when the meeting started at 7:20: Mac Blythe, Mark Rasins, Felix Beukenkamp, Jim Reece and Karl Willoughby.
2. For various reasons the full LDC had not met in several months. Due to that many topics were covered and the meeting lasted until 9:00. The majority of the time was dedicated to the FOG progress. Other topics discussed included: Rectory, Church, the Industrial Park and potential Eagle Scout projects.
3. Mac Blythe started the meeting by explaining the land clearing efforts and facts (to include drawings). Just short of 5 acres are in the process of being cleared in the NE portion of HNJ property. A great deal was signed with a local contractor for \$2,000 per acre. Mac and Deacon Gary established GPS points for the area to be cleared. Of note, another “fort” was found and destroyed. Found there was most of our missing “no trespassing” signs. The police were called and they caught some young vandals and dealt with that appropriately.
4. Felix Beukenkamp then reported on all actions relating to the FOG development. He brought the final diagrams of the property and laid them out on the table as he briefed the committee. The topics he covered in detail included; Road and adjustments due to biologist findings, wetlands, \$10,000 worth of underground water flow piping that ought not be included, rainwater run-off, irrigation ideas and possibilities, water pumps and their placement, the retention pond and probable adjustments, the city wanting an easement to run a water line (15’ wide) and how that can work to our mutual advantage, then finally sewer line issues and possibilities.
5. The discussion then shifted to the Rectory. The Blythe’s have offered to put together a team to fix the walls in the living room (strip paper and paint). However Fr. Dominic has expressed his desire to knock down the wall to the back room and create a large “L-shaped” room. This idea needs some research before actions can take place. Either way, that back room has some damage to the ceiling that needs to be addressed.
6. The Industrial Park was next on the agenda. While discussing the need to erect the security fence around the park, Mac informed us that Deacon Gary wanted a work Saturday (or 2) to be coordinated. Several other projects also need to be accomplished at the same time, including: Policing up the area just east of the cross (by picnic table), work on the damaged posts on the Rosary Path, potentially run a water line out to the statue of Mary as well as possibility addressing any problems with the storage sheds or ground around them.
7. Mac then informed the group that Deacon Gary was planning to paint the wall behind the alter white (unknown when). He also is considering re-sealing the parking lot. The LDC then brought up the standing water at the back of the church (under the grates). The concern was raised that this needs to be looked into and addressed.
8. Finally, Mark brought up the work done on the potential Eagle Scout projects. A briefing has been developed and as soon as the photos have been added we can run the ideas by the Scout adult leaders then post it to the HNJ website. Jim Reece agreed to discuss this possibility with the local adult scout leaders at their monthly meeting Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark also stated he will talk with Mrs. Mary Snell, the Regional Scout Project lead, prior to asking Deacon Gary for permission to post anything on the website. The intent is to only post projects that have tentative approval as legitimate projects that can then be developed and executed and therefore benefit both the scout and HNJ church.
9. Throughout the night several questions and actions were developed and require follow-up. Questions include (in no particular order):
  - a. Do we have any documentation from the city for our records showing approval for the annexation and vacated Rights-of-Way? Minutes from the meeting they were finally approved at are probably a minimal requirement for the church to maintain.
  - b. Does anyone at HNJ have copies of the building plans/diagrams of the Rectory? If not, can we get them from the diocese?

- c. Are any of the storage sheds in the Industrial Park having any problems and is the ground around them holding up well enough?
  - d. Is the standing water in the grates at the back of church going to be a major problem/need addressing soon?
  - e. Does Gary have a timeline for painting the wall behind the altar and does he need (or want) assistance with that?
  - f. Are there any additional bits of information available about the potential re-sealing of the parking lot pavement?
10. Several actions need to be followed up on, including (in no particular order):
- a. Coordinate a “workday” for the Industrial Park and Rosary path.
  - b. Set up a meeting with the Columbians to determine their future long-term plans for their property, and their desires for the Parish Hall upon completion of the FOG.
  - c. Set up a meeting between Niceville city officials and the HNJ LDC to discuss our partnership. Some talking points include; recreation fields, a water line easement, timelines and future desires.
  - d. Discuss with the architect/biologist about the movement of the planned road leading to the parking lot supporting the FOG due to the wetlands.
  - e. Need to determine where we want to run water off to for irrigation (from SW to NE?). Potentially use a water tank but we need to decide where to place it and calculate the requirements for the pump needed.
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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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)