

## Summary of November 13, 2016 Input Discussion of a Master Plan

### What excited people about the Master Plan:

- It covered input from multiple sources and takes into account all generations and ministries.
- The buildings and layout have a good flow.
- It looks like it will be open, inviting, and have curb appeal.
- The outdoor space looks beautiful: like that the oak trees will remain if possible, like the walking trails, has a retreat feeling, like use of the fields for blue bonnets, like having the pond.
- The plan allows for flexibility as we move forward.
- A number of people like the chapel.
- There was gratefulness that we're finally getting a master plan and appreciation that there was an opportunity for input.
- How the parking was laid out was a nice feature.

### How people responded to what, if anything, needed to be removed or added:

- Not everyone was excited about having a community garden. There was concern that it might not have many people participate, and there were questions about who would oversee it. (Note: the community garden is just an idea.)
- It was important that enough parking spaces be included and placed correctly around the lot, especially as it relates to having enough for handicap spots and enough spots near the Youth Building.
- Some addressed a concern about having a retention pond with fish as an attraction in that they noted we would need to address liability issues.
- It was asked whether we needed play fields given the number of parks we have in Brenham already.
- It was addressed that we need to make sure we have enough adult education space.
- It was addressed about whether we need an additional playground and whether or not the playgrounds are in the right locations.
- It was asked if an outdoor wedding venue might be included.
- The need for kitchens was addressed.
- Having benches along the walking trails was addressed.
- The need for lighting, as a security issue, along the property was noted.
- Some wondered if it would be helpful to have some of the building in different locations on the Master Plan.

### Questions Asked with Answers (Answers are in italics):

- Are we making sure there will be enough administrative space? *Yes.*
- Will the floor of the worship center be flat or sloped? *It will be flat in order to allow us the flexibility to use that space as needed for future changes and/or expansions.*
- Will the baptistery be inside or outside? *There will be an indoor baptistery in the Worship Center. We could always add an additional outdoor baptistery.*
- Can the facilities in the Master Plan ever be expanded? *Yes. We want to create the space as flexible as possible in order for adjustments in its long-term use.*
- Who will oversee the community garden? *We don't know. We may not even have the community garden.*
- Can you switch up the buildings in terms of where they are in the Master Plan? *We can't make any promises, but we'll talk about it.*
- Have you thought about traffic flow onto South Market? *Yes. This will be something we do in conjunction with the city and TXDOT. We hope we have the problem that so many people are coming and connecting into our church that we need to address traffic congestion/challenges.*

- Will there be signage and something that will make us recognizable (a steeple, cross, or some other feature)? *Signage will be important and will be thought-through. In terms of other features that make us recognizable, this will definitely be discussed.*
- Do you know the cost of the Master Plan in today's dollars? *No. We will only price Phase One when we get to it.*
- What is the total square footage of the buildings? *Around 83,000*
- Will we have details on all the buildings? *No. The details will be provided for Phase One.*
- A number of people had questions about Phase One. The focus of the meeting was not to go into any details about Phase One, but it is also natural for people to shift to thinking about this. A number of questions, which the Relocation Committee, is very much processing and thinking about included the following: adult education, parking, size of buildings, etc.
- There were a number of questions about Sunday School space. Will we have enough? Will it be close enough for senior adults? *It was addressed that the Master Plan definitely has the adult education space for Sunday School for senior adults close to the Worship Center. It was also noted that the plans make it seem farther than it will be in real life. This being said, the Relocation Committee is committed to the accessibility needs of senior adults and those with physical limitations. Therefore, we will continually revisit this need as we move forward.*
- How will fellowships take place? *They can take place in the Gym/Fellowship/Cafeteria. It is also important to note that the Commons area, because of its size and location, will also be used for fellowships.*
- How many kitchens will we have? *We don't know at this point. We will have enough to service the needs of the church and our school.*
- Will the parking spaces be large enough for large trucks? *Yes.*
- Will the layout be friendly to the neighbors? *It was noted that there will always be concerns from neighbors, but we will seek to reach out to neighbors and let them know what is happening.*
- Are the playgrounds in the best locations in terms of proximity? *This will continue to be discussed as we move forward.*
- Will there be a library? *Right now, we don't know if there will be a library exactly like what we have now. At a minimum, we want there to be a place where people can find resources to buy or checkout.*
- Is there enough handicap parking and is there enough parking close to the Youth Building? *We will think through these things.*
- Will there be a fence around the property? *We don't know. If we need one, we can always build one.*
- Given that people will be attracted to the property, will you all think about security and liability issues including lighting, when people will be allowed on walking trails, etc.? *Yes. We will think through these things.*
- Will there be a choir room? *Yes.*
- Will we have pews or chairs? *We have no idea at this point, but we recognize that it is important to think through these things.*
- Will the buildings be one-story or two-story? *Right now they are one-story, but we will revisit this along the way.*
- Can we move the volleyball court across the street from the Youth Building instead of next to the Worship Center? *Yes.*