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September 15, 2020

- On Wednesday, Sept 13 the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved The Bridge Church's application for a Special Exception to construct a "Place of worship" on our 21-acre property on River Road.

As anticipated, the special exception has been a lengthy process, but as in the past, the Lord continues to open doors to the construction of his church. The design team has already met with our consultants and is actively involved in the design of both the civil engineering for developing the site, as well as the new church building.

- Please be in prayer for an upcoming Sept 30 meeting with our design consultants, as we discuss many aspects of the church design.

Other news:

The design team is excited to announce that we have added Pastor Josh Robinson to the Land Development Team and look forward to his valuable insights!

Many thanks to each one of you who has covered our project in prayer throughout this process.... Now we're on to the really fun stuff!!!!

November 24, 2019

There is a 5 member Land Development Team working on 3 major areas:

- Preliminary Design
 - Land Development Team and Elders are working with Cosco & Associates on: Conceptual design of new TBC campus, 800-850 seat worship center, children's and youth classrooms and worship, congregational gathering spaces, administrative offices, parking, entry access, signage.
 - The conceptual design is in progress and is based on the concept of "a church in a park".
- Special Exception Process
 - A Development Review Committee Pre-application Meeting held on October 3rd, 2019. The Land Development Team is currently addressing Sarasota County Staff comments in a formal application.

- A Neighborhood Meeting held on November 12, 2019. Topics addressed were: grand tree assessment, traffic study, historical resources, storm water & flood plan mitigation, utilities & signage.
 - The Land Development Team is submitting a formal application for Special Exception with Sarasota County in January 2020. There is a 5-6 month time frame for approval.
- River Road Widening project - Right-of-way
 - The Land Development Team is currently negotiating the 50' x 245' right-of-way of our property being taken by Sarasota County for road expansion right-of-way.
 - In April 2020 Sarasota County will turn over River Road to the FDOT.
 - The Land Development Team has formally met with the FDOT and Sarasota County in anticipation of this to make both aware of our future church project.
 - The Land Development Team has requested a median break with left hand turn land at our entry.

The team is consulting with civil engineers, designers, builders, and legal representatives to determine the best course of actions.

August 16, 2019

There has been a lot of activity behind the scenes since our purchase of the 21.5 acres on River Road. The following list will bring you up-to-date:

- Special Exception: we have engaged a land-use attorney, and civil engineer to assist TBC with the application to Sarasota County for planned usage of the land for our proposed new church campus.
- Left-Turn lane: a series of meetings have been set up with Sarasota County and FDOT to add a left-turn lane onto our property.
- Right-of-Way: The County's plans to widen River Road will include taking part of our entrance way property for the project. We are currently in negotiations with the county regarding how it will affect our future project, and what financial terms we want to pursue.
- Initial Timeline: we are working with our consultants, COSCO & Associates, to help set up a realistic timeline on development of our church campus and assist with conceptual site planning.
- Test Dig: several test dig holes were completed on 8/10/19 to determine general quality and feasibility of using the on-site fill from a future storm-water pond to elevate

areas for our building and parking. It was successful, and verified our assumptions that the existing soils appear to be suitable as fill, and most, if not all, of the material can be generated from our own site. Special thanks goes out to our church family members Jon Shipps and Tara Sall who have been so generous with their time, and endured the rain to get this accomplished!

May 31, 2019

- Purchase of the 21 acre site on River Road has been finalized as of 10:51 am, Friday, May 31.
- We paid for the property in full with cash that had been designated to the building fund.

May 20, 2019

- The Bridge Church is under contract for the 21 acre property at 2400 N. River Road.
- The seller agreed to an offer of \$650,000.

We are a modern, relevant, gospel centered church for the whole family. We are passionate about leading people to find and follow Jesus. We want to meet you, we want to know you, and we want to involve you in our community of faith where you will build relationships that will last a lifetime.