

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019 – 6:30 pm
Edgcumbe Recreation Center
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – Mike Sonn

II. Roll Call – Joyce Krech

III. Approval of February 2019 Minutes

- Motion to approve the February 2019 minutes, seconded. Unanimous approval.

IV. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

- None

V. Special Election – Grid 5

- no one in attendance

VI. University of St. Thomas New Residence Halls - Update

- Mark Vangsgard, Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO
- Amy Gage, Neighborhood Relations Program Director

Mark and Amy shared a presentation outlining the new construction expected to start in April 2019. The objective is a 2-year residency requirement – first and second year students. UST currently houses 2,600 students on campus.

- First Building: new 480 beds, 115 parking stalls, \$55M, first-year residence hall, Opus Group (located near intersection of Selby & Cleveland).
- Second Building: new 260 beds, 85 parking stalls, \$35M, second year residence hall, Ryan Companies (located between the Chapel and OEC – Cleveland & Ashland).
- Two buildings will be razed, losing 165 beds, net gain of 575 beds.
- Finalize Design – March/April. Submit for Building Permits – late April/early May.
- A new underground faith center will be constructed below the chapel.

<https://news.stthomas.edu/construction-to-start-in-april-on-iversen-center-for-faith-new-residence-halls/>

VII. Annual Meeting Election Rules – April 11th

Change to the election of At-Large Residential Representatives – only two will be up for election.

Motion to approve the rules as presented, seconded and approved unanimously.

VIII. Committee Updates & Recommendations

- Request to add the Inclusivity Task Force standing meeting to the MGCC website.

IX. GABA/SHA/MGCC Taskforce Update

- Tom and Alexa attended a meeting with with GABA & SHA on 3/13/2019.
- A key activity of the task force is for volunteers to work with Grand Avenue businesses to complete a survey.
- The task force is expected to bring back recommendations to each organization for approval.
- During the last week of March, the task force is expected to hold a meeting to set additional parameters around goals & objectives, elect a chair, establish meeting times and frequency.
- Would like more voices to ensure that Grand Avenue is thought about in its entirety – from east to west.
- Tim Schmidt agreed to participate. Thanks!

X: Greener Move-out Process – University of St. Thomas – Cathy Plessner shared there will be an effort this year, focused on seniors (donate items to charity, for example).

XI. Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Joyce Krech on 03/15/2019