

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, v9 UUSP PARKING LOT

Q1: What is a Letter of Intent (LOI), like the one Wannemacher Jensen Architects (WJA) has sent to UUSP about the parking lot?

A: A LOI is not a contract, but a proposed offer which outlines suggested agreements submitted by one party to another. It is to be discussed and changed as the parties deem necessary before being put into the form of a contract to be signed by the two parties (in this case, WJA and UUSP after a congregational vote).

Q2: What's the difference between WJA's previous offers and this new offer?

A: Previously, WJA offered to buy all three parcels of our parking lot and write our UUSP parking privileges into the contract and deed. In the new offer, it's the reverse. WJA offers to buy only one parcel of our three parcels, with the other two parcels remaining UUSP property, and where we write their parking privileges into the contract.

Q3: Have the LOI and FAQs been reviewed by an attorney?

A: Yes, our pro bono lawyer, Chuck Hinton, who wrote our current bylaws many years ago, has been our attorney for many years. He also ensures that all UUSP contracts are correct, legal, and in compliance by our bylaws. He has met with many members of UUSP regarding the parking lot offer. He attended the last Board of Directors meeting on July 13, along with three Board of Endowment members and the B&G chair, to answer real estate contract questions and to clarify what our bylaws allow and don't allow in church voting. He has reviewed the LOI and FAQs in detail and given us suggestions, clarifications, and what is and is not permitted by our bylaws and city code. All of these have been reviewed and accepted by WJA. The FAQs have been updated with all new information as of the date of this document.

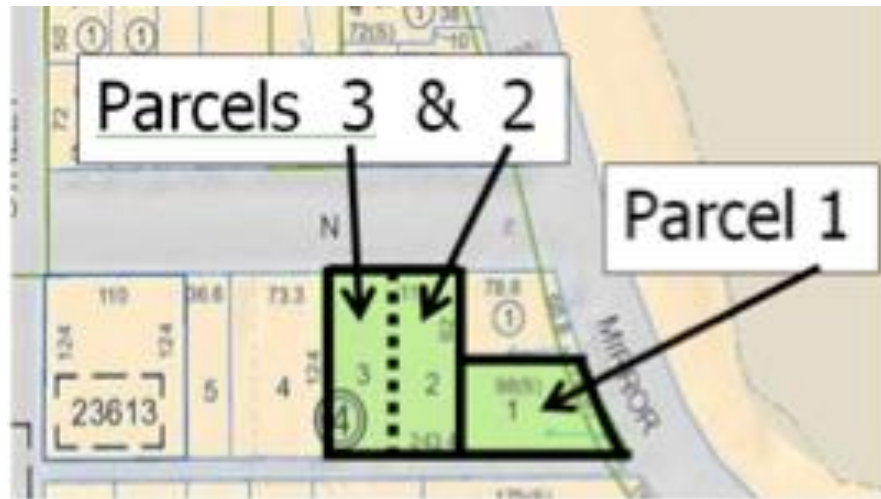
Q4: Why are we talking about 3 separate parcels in our parking lot?

A: Our total parking lot property, including the front plantings, is divided into 3 separate parcels, according to City of St Petersburg property descriptions, and each may be sold separately. Parcel 1 fronts Mirror Lake Drive which includes the property currently designated for handicap parking. Parcels 2 & 3 are west of parcel

1 and WJA's current building. WJA is most interested in parcel 1 so that they can expand their building, which would leave ownership of parcels 2 & 3 with UUSP. Also see the drawings on the next page.

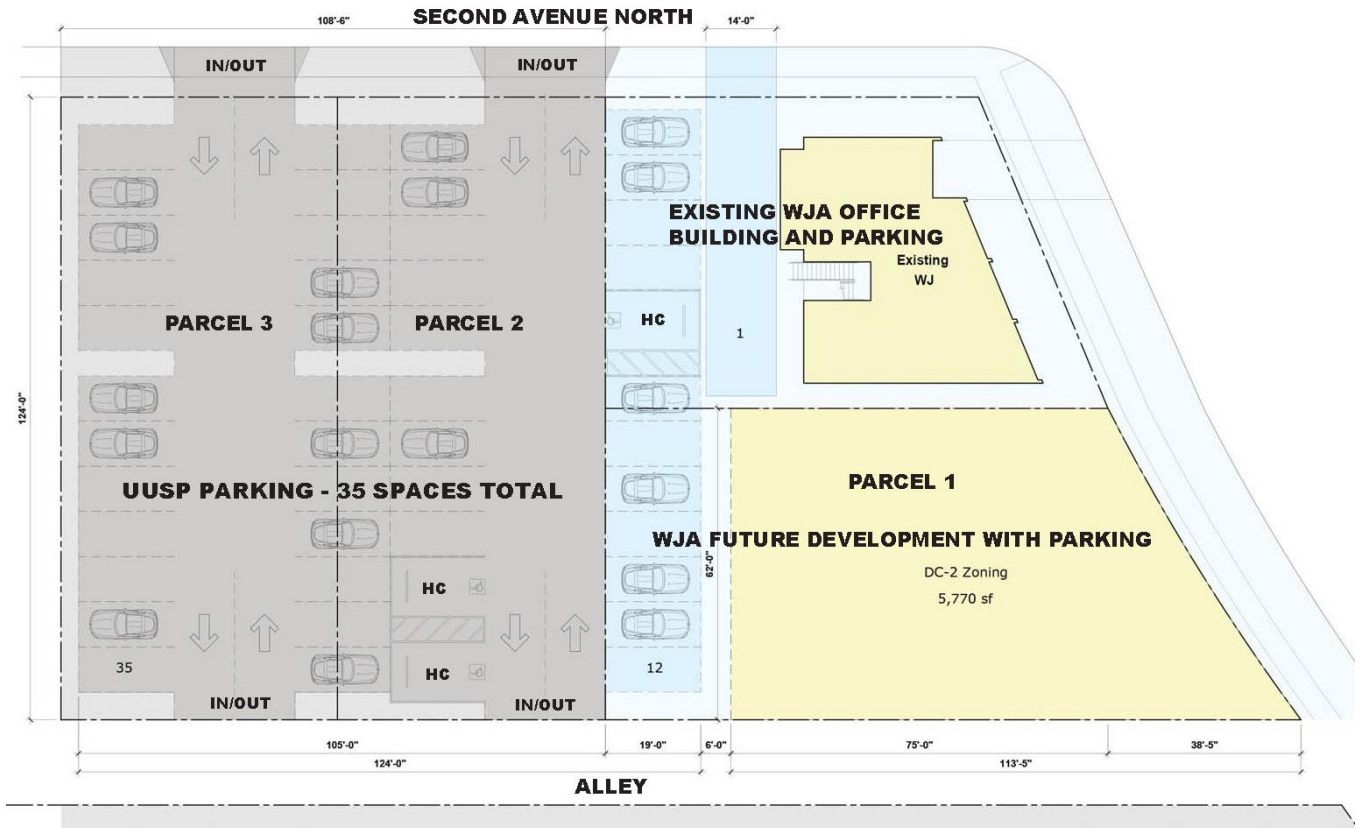


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Q5: How much is the offer by WJA actually worth?

A: They have offered \$240,000, the highest and best assessment from our certified appraiser, Scott Seaman, for parcel one of the three parcels. UUSP would continue to own parcels 2 & 3 with 35 permanent parking spaces, including required ADA spaces, valued at \$450,000. WJA will also fully pay to design and construct UUSP's new parking lot with 35 parking spaces including handicapped spaces, the same as we have now, complete with landscaping, environmental compliance, and lighting, which is worth \$180,000. The total value of the WJA offer to UUSP is \$420,000. UUSP would continue to own parcels 2 & 3, valued at \$450,000. Please see the map below.



Q6: How long will it take for the actual construction of a new parking lot, including paving, environmental compliance, landscaping, and lighting?

A: 2-3 months. The construction of the parking will occur simultaneously with construction of the proposed WJA development to minimize disruption of the site.

Q7: Will we lose trees as a result of parking lot construction?

A: Yes, the redesign and paving of the parking lot, plus the new construction will result in the loss of a few current trees. Parking lot redesign will emphasize retention of current trees, new landscaping and trees, lighting, and bringing us into compliance with environmental protection requirements by filtering drainage.

Q8: How will having a new paved parking lot affect our church parking?

A: With a newly designed parking lot, we will have 35 total parking spaces, which is the same as we currently have, including 2 handicapped parking spaces, which are required by federal law. The design proposes 4 different entrances: two

entrances off 2nd Avenue and two entrances off the alley. During weekday work hours (M-F, 8am-5pm) there will be shared parking with WJA. During weekday evenings and weekends, parking on the UUSP property (parcels 2 and 3) will be for UUSP only.

WJA's proposed development will not require any overnight shared parking on UUSP property – in other words, residential unit tenants, will not be allowed to park on UUSP property at any time, day or night, weekday or weekend. Only office workers in the proposed development will be allowed to use the UUSP parking lot during their office hours on first come basis daily. Working hours don't expire exactly at 5pm and some limited flexibility will be worked out in the final Contract for Sale. The same flexibility will be worked out for any UUSP special events, like funerals and weddings when UUSP might need the entire parking lot. Full parking will be available for UUSP use on weekday evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays when there will be designated parking solely for congregational use.

Q9: Will UUSP have enough parking spaces during weekday work hours when we're sharing with WJA?

A: Yes. Current UUSP weekday activities are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and very rarely use more than ten parking spaces and, as far as we know, never more than 14. We will have 35 parking spaces, including handicapped parking, in the new parking lot. WJA will also have 12 parking spaces on their property for their own parking needs. There is additional parking availability on the streets. Several WJA employees live in downtown St Pete and walk or bike to work, so they require no parking. For special events, see Q10 below.

Note: Many experts believe we won't be driving our own cars much in the future because of self-driving cars, Uber, and ride sharing. If true, that would lessen the need for more parking spaces even if our membership increases.

Q10: How will we provide parking for special events during the week, like funerals and weddings, when we'll need more parking spaces?

A: Since these events are infrequent, WJA has agreed to provide the parking spaces we need for special events during weekday work hours. WJA will have 12 parking spaces of their own on parcel 1 and continue to use street parking. Some of their employees walk or bike to work, requiring no parking.

Q11: How would the new parking lot affect the Friday night picnic, both during construction and when completed?

A: There should be no effect. The Friday night picnic can proceed as always. During the 2-3 months of construction there would be the normal construction site activities with equipment and machines, but it should not affect the picnic.

Q12: How would paving, landscaping, environmental compliance, and lighting our two parcels of the parking lot affect the value?

A: The property value would most likely increase because it will be safer, lighted, compliant with City environmental codes, and landscaped.

Q13: How would paving, landscaping, environmental compliance, and lighting the parking lot affect the property value of our church buildings?

A: Having an improved parking lot next to the church would have a positive effect on the property value of the church. The current value of the church is unknown since we haven't had a recent appraisal. The City requires parking lots to meet code for safety, environmental issues, etc. and paving reduces potential legal issues for the property. UU's current parking lot is not in compliance and we would incur the cost of design and construction (approximately \$180,000) on our own if we do not accept this offer.

Q14: How long has WJA owned their property?

A: 19 years, since 1998.

Q15: In the future, could we sell our parking lot property (parcels 2 & 3) or use it for development?

A: Yes, based on a mutual agreement between UUSP and WJA that would continue to provide shared parking rights envisioned in the current agreement, or alternatively, an agreed upon compensation to WJA at the future value of the required parking spaces being removed from the sharing agreement. The property will be subject to easement restrictions, and parking conditions could change only if both parties agree. The contract will also include a 5-year assessment /contingency to change the conditions with both parties' agreement.

Q16: What is WJA going to build on parcel 1?

A: They plan to build a multi-use building which expands their current office. The multiple uses would include office space, some apartments (no condominiums), and a small commercial space (e.g., a coffee shop).

Q17: Will the new building be a high-rise?

A: No. A high-rise building is not possible because of city zoning regulations which limit development based upon parking requirements, including one parking space per living unit (spaces that must be located on the same parcel), meaning a parking garage would be necessary for a high rise – and there is not enough space on parcel 1 for a parking garage. The high cost of a parking garage would also make it fiscally unfeasible. WJA has also indicated that they do not want to build a high rise because that is not what they want or need. WJA as a professional architecture firm is not interested in building any structure does not fit with the character of the neighborhood.

Q18: How do we know if we'll like the expanded WJA building, which will be next to us?

A: Architectural Design is subjective. As Architects, WJA wants to build an attractive building as an example of the quality of their company's work. They want to increase the value of their property, make it fit into the architecture of the neighborhood, and improve the look of the street.

Q19: If we don't sell parcel 1 to WJA, what will happen?

A: WJA will move to another location as soon as possible, and they will rent or sell their current property to the highest bidder. UUSP would have no control over who buys their property, to whom they lease the space, or the new buyer's plan for the property.

UUSP would continue to own the parking lot as it is. UUSP would then have to decide how to comply with City code. Without paving or otherwise resurfacing, the grass parking lot could be brought up to code with hedges surrounding the parking lot, shade trees, and lighting at our own expense. If UUSP decided to pave or use permeable blocks in our parking lot, the costs would vary.

Q20: Will the entrance from the alley off Mirror Lake Drive and off 2nd Avenue North be the same?

A: No, we'll have two entrances off 2nd Avenue and two entrances from the alley off Mirror Lake Drive. (see also the response to Q8)

Q21: Why does the new WJA offer require a decision in 60 days (August 6)?

A: WJA is out of space and out of time. In their 19 years in their building, they've grown from 7 to 23 employees working in 3,000 square feet and they expect to grow further. 11 months ago, in August 2016, WJA started with offers to buy the parking lot from UUSP in order to expand. Waiting longer would not solve their space problem and would further delay their search for another location, should UUSP decide not to sell. If we do agree to sell parcel 1 to them, they will begin redesigning and bringing the parking lot up to code. If not, they will begin planning their move their offices to another location and renting or selling their building to the highest bidder.

WJA has worked through multiple options and performed wide-ranging due diligence for both the benefit of UUSP and WJA, while incurring all responsibility of cost as an investment toward the potential project that would be mutually beneficial. They have responded directly to the concerns of our members after offers one and two, and made concessions. The current land offer is the result of extensive studies and meetings to determine the best arrangement for both parties. It was determined that UUSP would not be a viable partner in a development due to financial disclosures that would be necessary and its effect on attaining bank financing for a construction loan, in addition to the difficulty of having multiple owners and management of the future asset. The cleanest approach was a cash offer with an agreement that considered the desires and requirements of UUSP without their participation in the risk.

Q22: If we sold parcel 1 for \$240,000, where would the money go?

A: There are a number of possible uses, some of which are urgently needed, like a fire escape for Conway's second floor and an elevator in Conway for handicapped access. Bolstering our Endowment and establishing an emergency maintenance fund are also needed for prudent church management. A short list of possibilities is below. Initially, we could deposit the funds into our bank account and ask the congregation to prioritize how best to use it.

Q23: What are some possible uses for the money?

A: Suggested uses and projects (now unfunded) are:

- Strengthen our endowment.
- Provide an elevator to Conway's second floor for handicapped access.
- Provide a fire escape for Conway's second floor.
- Improve sound and lighting in our sanctuary.
- Emergency fund for Church maintenance.
- Establish a scholarship fund.
- Provide assistance to a homeless shelter.
- Provide low-income housing.
- Donate to social justice efforts.
- Improve our kitchen and bathrooms.
- Start an early-childhood enrichment center.

Q24: If we sell parcel 1 of the parking lot, and WJA expands their building, adds a coffee shop and apartments, etc., how will this affect the neighborhood?

A: The effect should be positive for these reasons:

- Infill on urban empty lots, especially along lot frontage, improves walkability, eye appeal, and physical safety according to urban development studies.
- The unsafe, unsightly gravel parking lot as it is now is not in compliance with City environmental drainage codes, and this would be solved with new construction in compliance with all City codes, landscaping, and lighting, and it would be safer, lessening the liability for UUSP.
- WJA will do their best to represent their own professional architecture firm and are committed to improving the neighborhood within the current City guidelines.

Q25: How do we know Wannemacher Jensen Architects (WJA) would be good neighbors if we sold parcel 1?

A: There are many reasons to believe WJA would continue to be good neighbors:

- They have been good neighbors for 19 years.
- They are owner occupants, not renters, who want keep their location attractive.
- Their business reputation would be hurt if their location was unattractive.
- They are interested in improving the Mirror Lake neighborhood.
- They are active members of the St Pete Preservation Society.
- They have donated their expertise to numerous charities and non-profits in our neighborhood:
 - CASA
 - YMCA
 - Salvation Army
 - St. Petersburg Free Clinic
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - The Heart Gallery
 - Academy Prep
 - Happy Workers
 - UUSP. They have given their professional pro bono advice to UUSP many times, the latest of which was a few weeks ago, when they donated a pro bono lighting assessment of our sanctuary, led by Jim Fitzgerald of our Buildings and Grounds Committee. Jason Jensen of WJA donated his time and gave us a detailed list of suggestions on how to improve the lighting in our sanctuary.

Q26: If we don't sell, and our parking lot remains as it is, what about the City requirement that we pave the lot by April 2, 2019?

A: The City hasn't enforced this requirement in the past. The City's original order on April 5, 2000, case no. SPR-00-014 (F-2), gives UUSP 5 years to comply with requirements for hedges, trees, and lighting. There is no requirement for paving, as we previously thought, unless there is a building on parcel 1. Our choices are:

- (1) Accept the WJA offer to pave or resurface with permeable blocks for free, with full City compliance of environmental codes, in return for selling Parcel 1 for \$240,000.
- (2) Comply with this requirement and keep it as a grass and rubble parking lot at

very little cost.

(3) Pave the parking lot or resurface with permeable blocks at our own expense.

(4) Pave an area of 3,000 SF or less (1/7 of our total 21,000 SF), which city code says requires no additional environmental drainage.

(5) Do nothing, leave the parking lot as it is, and cease to use it for parking.

Q27: What are the setback requirements on Mirror Lake Drive for parcel 1? What other setback requirements are there?

A: A “setback” is the distance required from a building to the property line. There is no setback requirement along Mirror Lake Drive. The property line follows the sidewalk.

There is, however, a setback requirement from the WJA building to our parking lot, where there are now bushes and plants, which is in compliance.

There would be a setback requirement of 20-24 feet if anyone other than WJA builds on parcel 1, which makes the actual size of the usable property smaller and less attractive to anyone other than WJA. This is an advantage to WJA and makes parcel 1 very attractive, because they could build directly out from their current building into parcel 1 without a setback since they would own both properties.

The setback requirement of 20-24 feet makes parcel 1 less attractive to any other buyer than WJA (including UUSP) because it reduces the amount of space to build on.

See City of St Petersburg City Code – Chapter 16, Land Development Regulations:
http://www.stpete.org/LegisStream/MG183251/AS183252/AS183258/AS183261/AI186001/DO186681/DO_186681.PDF

Q28: What are the zoning requirements for a coffee shop and apartments, in terms of parking?

A: A neighborhood coffee shop less than 1,200 square feet (which is what is proposed by WJA) has zero (0) required parking spaces. The reason is that a neighborhood scale coffee shop assumes that the customers are local neighborhood people walking or riding their bicycles. Apartments require one (1) parking space per unit.

Q29: Once parcel 1 is sold, could WJA build a high rise?

A: No. A high-rise building is not possible because of city zoning regulations which limits development based upon parking requirements, including one parking space per living unit (spaces that must be located on the same parcel), meaning a parking garage would be necessary for a high-rise – and there is not enough space on parcel 1 for a parking garage. The high cost of a parking garage would also make it fiscally unfeasible. WJA has also indicated that they do not want to build a high rise because that is not what they want or need. WJA as a professional architecture firm is not interested in any structure which does not fit with the character of the neighborhood.

Q30: Can city zoning requirements for a neighborhood be easily changed?

A: No. Zoning cannot be easily changed. There would be a very lengthy, arduous process involving the entire neighborhood, the City's Development Review Committee, and the City Council before anything can be modified or changed. The goal of WJA's development is to follow the existing Zoning Code to manage and minimize risk, schedule, etc.

Q31: I heard the church received about \$250,000 in the recent past and that money was just blown. What happened and how can we avoid that again?

A: A number of years ago the church received about \$250,000. That money was not "blown" but was used to address some unique events, e.g., a former minister's contract was bought out for down payment of \$80,000 on the minister's home and then the home was sold at a loss.

If the parcel sale is approved and funds are received, the board plans to consider various options, including growing our endowment. We will ask the 3-year plan committee and the congregation to prioritize the use of these additional funds.

We would have \$240,000 to add to our endowment funds of \$280,000, and save \$180,000 if we paved ourselves. If we choose not to sell and to pave our parking lot ourselves, the \$280,000 in the endowment would be drawn down by \$180,000 paving cost, leaving us with about \$100,000 in the endowment to cover emergencies.

To the best of our knowledge, we have no mandatory expenses on the horizon. We do have several large items which should be addressed immediately. Examples are: a fire escape for RE on the 2nd floor of Conway, an elevator for Conway to allow us to be a welcoming congregation, and a sound system improvement in our sanctuary to ensure sound clarity so that everyone can hear.

Q32: If WJA purchased parcel 1 and decided to sell this parcel in the future, how could we guarantee that UUSP could purchase back the property?

A: A "Right of First Refusal" will be written into the contract, making UUSP the first in line to purchase back the property. WJA does not object to a "Right of First Refusal" as long as the price at the time of the sale is fair market value. We assume that this would only pertain to a vacant lot and not the future building that WJA intends to develop.

Q33: Could we lease the parking spaces in parcels 2 & 3 to WJA so that if WJA sold the property in the future the parking spaces would not automatically go with the purchase?

A: Our attorney Chuck Hinton says that writing easement restrictions into the contract is much better than a leasing agreement. The shared parking arrangement will comply with City of St. Petersburg's shared parking requirements. WJA is contributing approximately \$180,000 to design, develop, and construct a paved parking lot on Parcels 2 & 3 that will be shared by both parties. WJA should not lose that investment. The Parking agreement will be re-evaluated periodically and can be revised upon agreement by both parties. If for example when less parking is needed because of driverless cars etc., the parking requirement could potentially be reduced.

Q34: What would happen if UUSP had a special event during the week, like a wedding or funeral, and WJA had a shared parking agreement? How would we have enough parking?

A: See also the response to Question 10. WJA has agreed that for special events like weddings or funerals (which are rare during the week), that UUSP could have access to the entire parking lot for the duration of the event. UUSP would give the same access to WJA should they have a special event which required more parking spaces.

Please note that several of the WJA employees live in downtown St. Pete or very close by, and ride a bicycle or scooter, wheel a skateboard, or walk to work, and therefore require no parking.

Q35: I'm concerned that the newly paved and landscaped parking lot on parcels 2&3 will hurt the environment. Is this true?

A: No. A newly paved and landscaped parking lot will actually be kinder to the environment than the current lot. UUSP's current parking lot filters water but does eliminate all oil and gas pollutants from cars. WJA is open to providing either a vault storage and filtered drainage system or a permeable brick surface, both better than now.

Q36: How many parking spaces do we have now & how many in the future?

A: The current parking lot provides a total of "about" 35 spaces. This count is approximate because cars sometimes squeeze into spaces and sometimes use non-designated parallel-parking spaces along the 8x8 wood borders when entering from the alley. It has been reported that as many as 38 cars have been counted, but this means many cars have squeezed into more spaces than the layout provides. This is neither encouraged nor needed since UUSP has been granted up to 125 additional parking spaces on Saturdays and Sundays by our immediate neighbors, all less than a one minute walk to the church.

Someone has also said that we could gain additional parking spaces by using the front of parcel 1 where there is now landscaping. This is not possible because a building on lot 1 would not have a set-back requirement, but a parking area does have a set-back requirement and it would be too big for UUSP to create more parking space.

Gaining a few extra parking spaces is not even needed since we have more than adequate parking for Saturdays and Sundays (35 spaces at UUSP, 125 spaces at neighbors' lots, all less than a one minute walk away).

The new layout of the UUSP parking lot is more efficient and will provide a total of 35 parking spaces, about the same as now, including 2 handicap-accessible parking spaces, as required by federal law.

Q37: I think all members should be able to vote - why can't we include everybody?

A: Everyone on the Board agrees that all members should be included in the vote. Especially considering that electronic possibilities could bring everyone into the July 30 meeting to discuss and vote. I personally have been using "GoToMeeting" and "Skype" for over 10 years to hold worldwide conference calls when working for corporate and non-profit groups. I've conducted numerous real-time workshops on-line, where I call for who's "present" by "voice" or count, and where all in attendance can raise questions and discuss items.

We brought this question to our attorney and argued that the world has been using the internet for years for people being "present" at on-line, real-time events, and could participate in discussions and votes "by voice," and that this vote would conform to what is standard practice.

Our attorney, Chuck Hinton, who wrote our bylaws, said that our bylaws did not specifically allow electronic participation for voting, but said that "at any meeting of the Church at which a quorum is present"... "the method of voting shall be by voice" (Article II. sections 3-5), which means voting members must be physically present. This is not what any of us hoped to hear. Since we are governed by our bylaws, we have no choice but to comply.

Our bylaws are like our U.S. constitution in the sense that they determine that everyone can see how we have agreed to operate our democracy. Like the constitution, we can "amend" or change our bylaws by using a thorough process which includes very specific, agreed-upon wording, congregational discussions, and a vote with 50% of the members present and 60% of the vote required for approval. This is the process we would follow if we choose to change or amend any bylaws concerning voting.

Q38: Why don't we just wait until all the members are here to vote?

A: The offer from WJA included an August 6 decision date on selling parcel 1 as a requirement for their paying for the \$180,000 paving of parcels 2 and 3. This is because they feel they can't wait until later because they're out of space for their employees, and they're out of time because of finding and moving to a new location if they wait and we then vote "no." In essence, they included a large incentive UUSP in order to know by August 6 if they had to move or not.

Because of concern that a number of members would be out of town (on vacation or snowbirds up north), the board asked WJA on July 18 to extend the deadline for a congregational vote. WJA agreed to extend the voting date to September 10, 2017.

The history of the latest WJA offer is: We received the new WJA offer on June 7 after their prior offer had been withdrawn several weeks before. In our June 8 Board meeting we discussed whether we should reject it or not. By rejecting it we agreed that the Board would be making this important decision instead of the congregation. We decided that the congregation should make this decision, not the Board, so we scheduled a Town Hall meeting, numerous discussion roundtable, and a Google group discussion site to be as inclusive as possible. We established a July 30 vote date. On July 18 WJA agreed to extend the voting date to September 10, 2017 to allow as many people as possible who are of town to return and vote.

Q39: We need to hear from all members, including snowbirds and those on vacation on September 10. How can we include their views and questions for everyone to see?

A: No one knows for sure how many people will be away, but we think it will be 6-8 snowbirds and 6-8 local members out of 140 members. Here are the ways we're encouraging discussions with people who are out of town:

1. An internet Google Discussion Group for UUSP members was set up for people who are away can send their views and questions for everyone to read and to respond to if they wish. As of today there have been numerous discussions back and forth from 43 posts by 8 different people.
2. A straw vote has been initiated so that everyone will be able to express their views, no matter where they are. Straw vote ballots are physically available at UUSP, but in addition we are sending email and hard copy requests to all of our member to vote by August 31. The vote tally and members' reasons for their vote (without names) will be published for everyone to see, and could help those who are undecided to make a decision.
3. A Skype session has been set up for Sunday, August 20 to give an opportunity to those who are out of town to have an actual conversation with board members about the WJA offer.

4. Numerous InfoNet announcement and updates, including links to documents, have been published for all members no matter where they are. These not only include information but encourage people to use our UUSP Google sites for expressing their views and asking questions.
5. Send a note directly to anyone on the Board via our UUStPete website or directly by email.
6. Phone any board member to discuss the WJA offer.

Q40: How do we know that the City's environmental drainage requirement will be environmentally friendly and more effective than the runoff from our parking lot now?

Board member Sabine von Aulock is a city planner who brought this question to Jason Jensen and was satisfied with the following technical information from Jason:

The parking lot will have an inlet into which storm water will travel. Underneath there will be a "vault," honeycomb in structure, through which the water will travel, stay, and filter. Stormwater is required to remain on site for 24 hours, giving it a chance to be filtered prior to the ultimate connection to the larger system. The 'vault' will not have to be maintained.

There will be "bioswales," which would be vegetated and allow for additional filtering and recharging (which Sabine is a big fan of).

Also, there is possibility of optimizing surface reflectivity so that our parking lot would not be a huge heat island. Possible surface alternatives would be concrete or a sprayed on application.

For a comparable parking lot we can check out Largo Community Center, which is certified Leed platinum and Fire Station #7 of Lake Maggiore.

Q41: Will we have to pay taxes on the \$240,000 sale of parcel 1, and will our insurance premiums go up?

Both our attorney Chuck Hinton and Tax Specialist Winnie Stowe have said that UUSP will not have any taxation on a sale of parcel 1 because we, as a non-profit, are only exchanging an asset and are not in the business of selling property.

Our insurance company, Church Mutual, said that our insurance premiums will not go up as a result of selling parcel 1 and paving parcels 2 & 3. Since our parking lot would not be physically as large and would be safer with paving and lighting, there is some chance the premiums could go down.

Q42: Has the Board voted on whether or not to accept the WJA offer? If so, I'd like to know the reasons board members have for their votes.

Yes, on August 10 the board held a straw vote, with the result being 4 Yes, 1 No, and 2 Abstaining. This document has been posted on our website. You can read our board members' reasons for their votes on our website.

Q43: What alternative methods are there for "paving" or covering the parking lot surface which are environmentally friendly?

Laurie Clement investigated alternatives to asphalt paving with Carlos Frey of the city environmental department and Jason Jensen. We learned about additional options for treating our parking lot. Here's a summary of what we learned:

Preferable options to asphalt paving are permeable block or pavers. Permeable pavers with bio swale would be a much more attractive and environmentally sensitive way to go. Also they do not require a vault retention system. They actually will drain the surface better than our grass and gravel lot does now.

Environmentally friendly ground drainage is required for parcels 2 & 3 if a building is built on parcel 1. This requirement would apply to the WJA offer, which they have offered to provide to UUSP for free.

Q44: Is there any new information about compliance with City code or drainage options for our parking lot?

Yes. Reggie and Paul went to the City compliance office and met with Elizabeth Abernethy and Corey Malyszka with a number of questions. Here's what we learned:

Permits will be required to improve the parking lot in any way, whether up-to-code grass parking or paving any of the lots.

Parking will only be allowed on the current grass lots after April 2, 2019 if the lots are brought up to code, meaning: perimeter hedge, shade trees along the sides, wheel stops

and handicapped spaces. Paving is **not** required.

Paving of less than 3,000 SF does not require environmental ground vault drainage. 3,000 SF would be 1/7 of the total 21,000 SF area. Two handicap spaces are exempt from being included in the 3000 SF area. Paving over 3000 sq. ft. may not “require” a ground vault system.

Environmentally friendly ground vault drainage and filtering or a permeable surface is required for parcels 2 & 3 if a building is built on parcel 1. Any option would have to be designed to handle storm water by a civil engineer, which is standard procedure. This would apply to the WJA offer and they have agreed to construct the most effective environmental solution.

Q45: How do these new options affect the vote on Sept 10?

The vote will still be held on Sept 10 on whether or not to sell parcel 1 to WJA, which the congregation should decide, not the Board. The new information from the City has clarified compliance issues and alternate resurfacing options. This is good for both sides. WJA has agreed to any of the alternate options, so our decision remains the same: (1) to sell for \$240,000 and free resurfacing of parcels 2 & 3, or (2) to not sell and choose one of the other options that UUSP would pay for including bringing our grass parking lot into compliance with peripheral hedges, trees, parking stops and lighting. City compliance for our entire grass lot without a building on parcel 1 does not require paving.

Q46: What led to the Sept 10 voting date?

In June the Board decided not to accept or reject the WJA offer on its own, which is allowed by our bylaws. Instead we voted to let the congregation decide this issue, and later we extended the voting date from July 30 to Sept 10, giving us six more weeks. If the Board voted now to push the date back further, it would be the same as the Board rejecting the WJA offer and making this decision instead of the congregation.

Because of Hurricane Irma, WJA agreed to delay the vote one week to Sept 17.

Q47: When did the Board send out a straw poll to all members?

Yes, all members were contacted in early July and asked three questions:

- (1) Shall UU St Pete enter into an agreement with WJA? Y/N
- (2) Do you believe you have enough information to make a decision? Y/N

(3) What contributed to your decision? _____

After the Board published new information about City codes, the deadline was extended and everyone was told they could change their vote if they wanted.

The results from 61 total responses were:

55	Yes
4	No
2	Need more information

All of the comments are available on our website for everyone to read.

Q48: Did the Board take a straw vote?

Yes, at the August 14 BoT meeting the seven members of the BoT voted:

4	Yes
1	No
2	Abstain

Each Board member also wrote the reasons for their vote, which has been posted on our website.

Q49: How do we know that WJA will use the most environmentally friendly solution to paving?

Jason Jensen of WJA sent a letter to UUSP on Sept 5 with his LEED sustainability credentials as an architect, along with examples of sustainable projects WJA had completed. He also explained why Pervious Systems would be used:

“To be more sustainable will utilize a pervious paver, or paving system at all parking spaces. This system will be more pervious than the existing drive and grass. This means that there will be less runoff carrying pollutants into Mirror Lake than the existing condition. We will also utilize bio swales with Florida friendly plantings that further treat runoff on the perimeter of the site where possible. “