

The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church
Long Range Planning Committee Minutes
March 13, 2007

The LRPC met at Carl's home at 7:30 PM, March 13, 2007 (meeting rescheduled from 2/27 due to schedule conflicts). Present were Skip Cain, David Chesney, Bob Craig, Sally Lichtenwalter, David Jones, Russ Simpkins and Carl Wickizer. Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

The primary focus of the meeting was a discussion of the Facilities Task Force. Skip Cain has agreed to lead the task force. A brief summary of the main points covered is outlined below.

A. **BACKGROUND:** Following the completion of our beautiful Sanctuary in 1996, a new planning cycle was begun to prepare for projected growth in attendance and staff. A plan to provide additional class rooms, offices and parking was presented in 1999, premised on growth of membership and giving. A capital funds campaign followed, but the expected growth did not occur.

B. **GOALS:** Based on "A Roadmap to the Future" approved by session in October, 2006, a task force is being formed to accomplish the following goals:

1. To provide facility enhancement to support and encourage the mission and ministry goals of WCPC as identified in the Roadmap.
2. To eliminate existing overcrowding and enable expanded ministries related to Disciple Making.
3. To eliminate the temporary trailers in accordance with the Woodlands Association directives.
4. To explore alternative approaches to the "existing expansion plan" that would consider new, non-conventional technologies and methods as well as our new definition of long range goals.
5. To develop, with session and congregational approval of a preliminary plan, a basis for initiating final design and capital fund raising. It is intended that these steps be completed in the first quarter of 2008.

C. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** The task force will act independently and be accountable to the Session. The role of the LRPC will be to monitor progress and to provide ongoing support and encouragement. The task force will interact directly with committees of the session and staff to acquire necessary information for input to the planning effort.

Following discussion of the task force "charge", several suggestions were made by committee members as to ideas that the task force might wish to consider, based on input from the congregation over the past 18 months. We also discussed some of the critical issues to be addressed early, e.g. 1) easement restrictions, 2) functions and description of a youth center, 3) feasibility of major interior remodeling of the fellowship hall.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON ROADMAP GOALS

SMALL GROUPS: Carl reported that Gene, C. J. Haynes, Bev Earl and Ann Chappy had attended a “small group” conference at Saddleback Church and were preparing a full presentation for our next meeting, April 10.

NON-TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: David and Russ reported that one interview for the position of Worship Leader had been conducted, but was not successful. The search will continue.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS MINISTRY: The Inquirer’s Class team continues to “connect” new members with ministry needs. Russ is working on renewal of a process for spiritual gifts discovery for all interested members.

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP: It was proposed that consideration should be given to a session retreat/workshop, with new and retiring members participating, to develop a covenant for the session defining how it would carry out its responsibility for spiritual leadership. The new Board of Deacons structure is functioning and being well received.

Meeting was closed with prayer at 9:00 PM.