

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church
Summit Avenue Parking Lot Task Force – Phase 2
February 13, 2025

The Task Force met on multiple occasions in 2024 and had its last meeting on February 4, 2025. Participants included: Patrick Boylan, Karen Florez, Judy Gensmer, Chris Hilton, Linda Lane, Charlie Essig, Brian Alton, Pastor Scott Kenefake, and Pastor Julia Carlson.

The Task Force received presentations from Sara Jo Proppe of Proximity Project and Charlie Neimeyer of Coldwell Banker Realty.

There was much thoughtful discussion and careful consideration of the options of what to do with the parking lot. It is a valuable asset but presently underutilized by the Church. Ownership of the lot is a significant responsibility, particularly since the Mitchell Hamline lease has ended, and comes with potential liability. There were differing opinions among the Task Force members. However, the consensus was that the best use of the lot is for it to be developed for housing.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Task Force that the lot be promptly listed for sale with Charlie Neimeyer.