

Parish School Building

Over the past month we have been giving a little background on, Mid-America Transplant Services (MTS) as they have expressed an interest in our Parish School Building. MTS is a nonprofit organ donation management organization. Their interest in the Parish school building is for the development of apartment units for transplant patients awaiting organ matches.

Their plan is to develop 10 to 14 apartments for patient's use. They are currently conducting a feasibility study in order to understand if the facility can physically accommodate the apartments. We know some of the challenges will be infrastructure items such as heating and cooling, plumbing for bathrooms and kitchens and accessibility for handicapped patients. We believe an elevator will likely be required. Their feasibility study will also look at the cost of the refurbishment of the building. In addition to those costs, a monthly fee payable to the Parish is part of their internal business case.

In our favor, they love the exterior of the building. In addition, they believe the Dogtown neighborhood is the perfect environment for their patients. There are restaurants within walking distance and they believe it has more of a small town feel that their out of town patients feel more comfortable with as many come from more rural locations. Our location is between Highways 64/40 and 44 and only minutes from the four St Louis Transplant Centers.

The approximate timeline will be that MTS hopes to complete their feasibility study by the end of this year. If they approve moving forward, the following 6 months will be discussions on requirements and negotiations. It would likely be 18 to 24 months before we would have any tenants.

During that time, we will continue to pursue other possible tenants and look for other revenue opportunities for the building.

We plan on continuing these weekly updates in the bulletin in addition to an open discussion at our August Parish Community Meeting. If you read the weekly updates and attend the Community meeting, you will have all of the information that we have. I understand that many times when events and decisions like these are being considered, there may be some in the community who don't have all

the information or may want to give their own version, so please if you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org.

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