

Parish School Building Update #5

As we continue our work with Mid-America Transplant, I would like to give you an update on other inquiries we have had on the Parish School Building.

We have had six total inquiries on the building to date. The first is Mid-America Transplant. Second is a non-for-profit who would like to use the building as temporary housing for recovering alcoholics. Then we have had four developers who are interested in building apartments.

We have chosen to only pursue Mid-America at this point. We have established the following as a guideline for the Parish regarding any perspective party interested in the building:

We will consider any interested party who's use of the property is consistent with the Mission of St. James the Greater Parish, the Catholic Church and the overall good of the community. We also require use and control of the Gymnasium and Cafeteria/Kitchen.

To date we have chosen to only consider Mid-America based on our guideline. We feel that Mid-America could be a good long-term partner for St James the Greater. I don't believe the others are as good of a fit for our guidelines. Our concerns on the developers are on several levels, they are:

- Developers normally buy the property then sell to operators
- Joint use of the facility could be an issue
- No control over the tenants who ultimately use it
- Parking issues for the community

The St. Louis Archdiocese Building and Real Estate Office has been extremely helpful in vetting these possible tenants.

We will continue these regular updates in the bulletin in addition to an open discussion at our August Parish Community Meeting. We have also added a link on the Parish web site where anyone who is interested can go back and read anything we have published on this topic. This is intended to keep the entire Parish tied in to the progress with the Parish School building. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at parishcouncil@stjamesthegreater.org.

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