**Temple Heritage Center**

March 21, 2014

Katz, Sapper, Miller

12 Noon

**SUMMARY**

Attending: Ellen Rosenthal, Jackie Nytes, Tyson Domer, Jonathan Young, Leigh R. Evans, Mark Dollase, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Rabbi Dennis Sasso, Al Polin, David Kosene, David Resnick, Isaiah Kuperstein, Kevin Krulewitch

Absent: Jo Alpert, Elee Wood, Phil Lande

1. Review of Timeline & Agreed upon Benchmarks – Isaiah Kuperstein
   1. March 2014 (PA) – clear all outstanding citations (if any) from Health & Hospital and Department of Code Enforcement. *No outstanding violations; outstanding fees. Indiana Landmarks to ascertain.*
   2. June 2014 (MOU) – pre-development fundraising strategy to be solidified *David R. reported on an initial meeting with Sharon Gamble and Marsh Davis on forming a fundraising committee. Individual contacts are ongoing.*
   3. June 2014 (PA) – roof & gutters complete - written report to Board of Commissioners is due. *Working on this are Indiana Landmarks and MFCDC with contracted services from Browning, Day, Mullins, Dierdorf*
   4. September 2014 (MOU) – completion of raising $200,000 for phase 1in addition to what has already been committed from the Efroymson Family Fund for $100,000
   5. December 2014 (MOU) – title transfer from Landmarks to Temple Heritage Center complete - this would mean that Temple Heritage Center would have achieved 501C3 status. *Josh Tatum, our legal assistant will submit the final application next week.*
   6. December 2014 (PA) – written report to Board of Commissioners due.
2. Visioning Committee Report & Action – Tyson Domer

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the Report submitted by the Visioning Strategy Committee that met on March 3. Three value statements were discussed. Consensus was reached on a single Value statement which is as follows:

***Honoring our diverse cultural heritage and memories to make them relevant today by collaborating and building strong community.***

After much discussion a mission statement was adopted. The statement may yet be refined in time.

***The Temple Heritage Center will play an integral role as an inclusive place to remember, learn, and connect our diverse communities in a spirit of inspired citizenship.***

Three Vision statements were reviewed. These statements will be discussed in greater detail in upcoming planned visioning meetings with the communities at large.

***Stabilize the Temple building in order to arrest ongoing decay and blighting influence in the neighborhood. Remove non-historic additions to reveal the elegant and stately historic architecture so that majestic spaces may inspire future thinking.***

***Restore the Temple to honor its history and the stories emanating from those who used it and lived nearby; work with like-minded institutions to remember and teach about the heritage the building represents.***

***Create a home base to form a new collaborative platform for our communities and faith-based institutions to connect, welcome, convene and include to foster better understanding and tolerance among people.***

For Outreach the following communities are to be engaged in further developing a shared vision for the Temple.

* ***wider Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood***
* ***broader Jewish community***
* ***anchor institutions – eds, meds, arts & cuture***
* ***faith-based institutions, including the Mid-North Church Council***
* ***civic leaders and elected officials in the communities***
* ***funders***

There was a discussion on the core questions that should be raised in the upcoming visioning meetings and they include the following, though others may come up.

***What's your perception of the safety of the MFC neighborhood? Are you afraid to travel to destinations or attend events there?***

***Given the communities we are engaging, is our reach too broad, too narrow?***

***What is the extent of our desire to give voice to the (unvoiced) narrative history of the Jewish community in Mapleton-Fall Creek? In Indianapolis? In the state?***

***What is the extent of our desire to give voice to the narrative history of the Black community in Mapleton-Fall Creek? In Indianapolis? In the state?***

***What honors history, memory and heritage? What is the extent of our desire to provide a platform for broader humanities and socioeconomic issues?***

***What will make people say "let's go to The Temple?"***

**The Board was requested to submit any further comments and suggestions to Isaiah or Tyson relative to questions we should ask in order to elicit productive feedback during our community meetings.**

The final discussion revolved around the spectrum of options for reuse of the Temple building. The question posed was: *What is the extent of our desire to influence the end use of the Temple building?*

The board agreed that their preference would be to form a partnership or collaboration that would allow us to restore and repurpose the Temple as the home of a heritage/humanities organization that shared our values and mission.

***stabilization --> restoration for directed use (implies partnership/collaboration)***

***stabilization --> restoration for new heritage/humanities organization***

However, the board agreed that it would be prudent to entertain other retail or commercial uses that could integrate our values into their operations.

***stabilization --> sale/lease for directed/controlled use (heritage/humanities vision)***

1. Roof & Stabilization Update – Jonathan Young/Mark Dollase

A report by Jonathan was submitted to the Board. The report is attached to the Summary.

Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, between 2pm to 4pm at Katz, Sapper, Miller.