

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation Special Congregational Meeting

October 20, 2017, 7:00 PM

A Special meeting of the Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation was held on October 20, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the church. The Board President, Linda Selsor, chaired the meeting. Also present were board members: Vice president, Don Melnick; Treasurer, Wendy Tanner; Secretary, Helen Henry; and members-at-large Michele Hendrickson, Martha Nicoloff, Jim Anest, John Tafejian, and Fritz Wrede.

7:00 Opening Words read by Rev. Eric Posa.

7:05 Reading of Covenant by All

7:10 Verification of Quorum by President, Linda Selsor

77 members of OUUC were present so quorum of 55 was met

7:12 President Linda Selsor commented on rules and reviewed procedure for evening, consulting with Brian Coyne, Parliamentarian

President called for adoption of agenda. Since there were no objections, the agenda was informally adopted.

President called for a motion to suspend the rule requiring formal address.

Since there were no objections, the rule suspending formal address was adopted.

7:25 Approval of minutes of April 28, 2017 Congregational Meeting.

Since there were no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

7:30 Presentation of Annex Report

President Selsor thanked all congregant members who had participated in task force and committees involved in gathering information regarding the B&G (Bart and Gladys Burns) Annex.

Board member, John Tafejian gave a power point presentation on the history of the annex, the task force and committee reports regarding the Annex, and the board's rationale for their recommendation to sell.

A question and answer period regarding the power point followed. Questions were answered by John Tafejian, Jerald Dodson and Don Melnick, members of the annex committee.

8:00 Vice-President, Don Melnick made a motion: *On behalf of the Board of Trustees I move that the board be granted full authority to sell the B&G Annex property on condition that the Board determines that this property will not be needed to allow for the planned ultimate development, known as Phase 2 of the OUUC Division Street site AND that the Board be authorized to establish a negotiating team for handling the sale in behalf of the congregation.*

Several congregants spoke on the pros and cons of the motion.

8:40 Congregant, Margaret Knudson, made a motion to postpone the vote on selling the annex until the Congregational Meeting of Spring 2018.

Motion failed because it needed a majority of 77. (39 needed) 13 voted *yes* to postpone.

8:55 Motion made to call the question. 70 voted *yes*. Motion passed because 2/3 of quorum was needed.

Paper ballots were collected and counted.

Since more people had arrived since the beginning of the meeting, 89 votes were counted. 2/3 was required to pass (58 needed)

Outcome: 64 *yes*, 24 *no*, 1 *abstain*. Motion carried to sell the annex.

8:55 President Selsor reported that the next steps will be transparent discussions about how to best use part or all of the proceeds of the sale to further our OUUC ends and be financially responsible. Depending on the implications of various options, there will likely need to be another congregational meeting to vote on a final disposition of funds or proposed use of the property.

9:00 Closing Words were read by Rev. Eric Posa.

9:05 Motion made to adjourn.