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Hi Domine,

Even though Laura sent this out, can you have copies for all when reviewing next steps during a meeting discussion.

Greg

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Subject: Update on my Bridge To Everywhere Meeting with Father Murphy and Justin Burke of the Carmel Mission Basilica

Hi Everyone,

I met Father Paul Murphy and Justin Burke, General Manager of the Carmel Mission Basilica, at the parish office yesterday for a full hour. We had a very positive discussion about the Bridge To Everywhere project.

I created a nice printed version of our presentation and walked them through the project and all the key groups we have spoken to and partnered with. I zeroed in on the areas immediately adjacent to the Mission property, specifically the Larson Field & Accessway, Rio Park, and the CAWD bridge.

Here are the key takeaways:

1) They are open to broadening CAWD's existing easement to include pedestrian traffic. They asked if we could provide them with the measurements of the access way and somehow sketch or have simple renderings done for how this might look, i.e., do we

envision a new fence built between the Mission Fields neighbors and the eastern edge of Larson Field or possibly appropriate landscaping as a barrier on each side.

2) They complimented our efforts on community outreach to partners and different stakeholder groups, particularly the Mission Fields Neighbors, the River School Parents, The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Mission Ranch, and the State and Regional Parks.

3) Safety is a top concern. They have an aging population of congregants, and they are always concerned about the children (and everyone) crossing Rio Rd and kids/parents walking to the River School. They liked that BTE can provide safer access for all. They mentioned specific areas around the Mission that could be improved as part of a collaboration on this project. They mentioned improving the Rio Rd cross ASAP as a 'proof point' that our project can measurably improve safety and demonstrate momentum. They are most concerned about the back entrance area off Lasuen (where they used to do kid drop-off when the school was open, which was dangerous/nerve-wracking).

4) Parking is not an issue for them. They openly stated that they have 'plenty of existing parking.'

5) Rio Park - they liked the idea of this being cleaned up and beautified. They also liked that we were thinking about this more as a low-impact 'preserve' or 'peaceful habit'. I showed them the drone footage flyover in our standard presentation and this brought out a nice discussion about how this ties the Mission's history together and that connecting these areas would reinforce the story and be good for tourism and all visitors.

6) Next Steps -

a) They would like to set up a 'walk-around' the Mission perimeter, including going over the CAWD bridge, discussing the Lasuen Drive entry area, and having them show us where they would like to add some walkways for visitors. I suggested that Greg, Patrick, Paul, and I could be part of this. I would like to set this up ASAP.

b) Provide them with measurements of the CAWD easement and simple drawings/illustration of how we envision pedestrian traffic

c) Once a and b are completed, they would make a recommendation to the Diocese OR they would facilitate setting up a meeting for our team to present to the Diocese.

I can fill in more details when we have our next meeting, but wanted to give you my quick update.

Best regards,

Laura