

RECOMMENDATION FROM GVIC ON DE-CONSTRUCTING SOME BUILDINGS ON SOUTHSIDE OF GV

[July 18, 2019]: Nancy Richardson, Beth Wasmer, Cherie Holmes, Loretta Rokey, and Sally Timmel

Background. Terrie P. received the attached letter from John Hill Construction, to de-construct two buildings on the southside of Grailville [the House of Joy and Hodie]. Terrie passed this letter onto us as GVIC. We also had another contractor who would like the doors in the dining room.

GVIC met on July 14 to discuss this issue and Terrie P. was part of this discussion. We had a lengthy discussion. We all agree that re-cycling is very important. However, we have serious hesitations about doing this while we are in the midst of the sale of the southside, which we have been told, will conclude at the end of this year (2019). Loretta shared that there is a non-profit, called Building Value in northern Cincinnati, that does de-construction and is a job training program. There may be a cost involved. Our lawyer, Chuck, has said that if the School is fine with this, there would be no legal problem to have the de-construction done prior to the sale.

All of the committee members favor re-cycling, however, there are other issues that outweigh this concern. They include:

- Many issues can arise in the midst of de-construction that are unforeseen now
- It will take oversight by our own staff
- There could be safety and liability issues that are more extensive than we have now
- There will be push-back – whether this is done now, or later
- The Schools will be bulldozing all of the buildings but when they own the property, thus not while the Grail still has ownership.
- Do we contract with a 'for-profit' company or with a possible non-profit?
- We do not know exactly what John Hill would do, and the timing of this work.
- Could we work with the Schools to do some of this re-cycling when they own it?

Our unanimous recommendation to Council is NOT to do a de-construction of buildings on the southside while under contract with the schools. We would be willing to get information about Building Value and follow up with the School about potential for de-construction and recycling of some of the buildings, once we no longer own the southside.