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Developer Acquires Stafford Road Property

LAKE OSWEGO, Oregon — The Heitman-Allen Group has acquired the former Christian City Church and the Bethlehem Christian Preschool property located at 17979 SW Stafford Road in Lake Oswego. The six acres is in the Palisades neighborhood adjacent to Rassekh Park, Luscher Farm, and the new recreation and aquatics center next to Lakeridge High School.

"The new vision for the property is a mix of housing, utilizing the provisions of Oregon House Bill 2001's "Middle Housing," while addressing the well-documented housing needs of Lake Oswego. The proposed plan will provide "attainable housing with a small footprint and on land that is available for development," said Ken Allen, an Oregon native and long-time Lake Oswego resident, and sustainable real estate developer.

Over the past year, Allen has held six public/community meetings where he engaged with neighbors and concerned citizens to discuss the project's sustainability goals, as well as any concerns, issues, and opportunities associated with redeveloping this property.

The options discussed included a mix of townhouses, cottage clusters and affordable housing, as well as retaining the preschool. Each of the options utilizes Oregon HB 2001 and provides more housing choices, especially affordable options, by allowing certain traditional housing types like duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters and townhomes in residential zones.

"Through a collaborative effort, we developed several solid options," stated Allen. "They include a mix of cottage clusters, townhomes, affordable condos, a preschool, and interconnected pathways. I look forward to the City Council adopting the Planning Commission's recommended Housing Production Strategy, which our proposed development achieves."

The Heitman-Allen Group plans on submitting their initial concept plans to the City within the next few weeks. The next planned neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM at the former Christian City Church, 17979 SW Stafford Road in Lake Oswego.

For more information on the current development options, visit the project website at www.staffordproject.com.

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