Today’s Meeting

Project Goals

2022 Progress
- Entry Road & Sign Complete
- Brass Sign Relocation
- Maintenance
- Matching Campaign Raises $102k

2023 Plan
- Entry Garden
- Cross Garden
- Church Hillside Slope
- Fundraising Gala
- Matching Campaign-Parish Side
Enhance the grounds and property of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church to be as beautiful as the Church architecture.
Project Objectives

- Create outdoor spaces for parishioners to pray, enjoy, and celebrate.
- Reduce
  - Long-term maintenance
  - Stormwater runoff
  - Erosion
Project Phase 1 Overview
2022 Progress- Entry Road Complete

- Implemented Project #8 of Master Plan- Entry Road and sign.
- Installed Original Brass Sign at Community Center Circle.
- Continued Maintenance of Property with regular weed spraying, mulching, debris removal and mowing.
- Dilapidated shed removal
2022 Progress – Entry Road, Sign Relocation, Maintenance

Progress October 26, 2022
Entry Road Before and After

March 2020

October 2022
Entry Road Maintenance Before and After
Hillside Slope A Maintenance Before and After
Courtyard Prayer Garden Maintenance Before and After
Service Drive Maintenance Before and After
Dilapidated Shed Removal
2023 Plan - Entry Garden, Cross Garden, Church Hillside Slope
3 | Church Entry Garden

Current Conditions / Opportunities
- Beautiful entrance to church needs a more dramatic statement.
- Roadway and pedestrian paving are the same material – no distinction.
- No seating.
- Great opportunity for gatherings, wedding photographs, etc.

Proposed Improvements
- Add an additional walkway within the planters.
- Decorative pavers differentiate pedestrian walkway from drive lane.
- Add stone block benches for seating that are similar colors to church.
- Retain existing plant material and add more colorful perennials.
- Uplight trees and install new decorative lights on perimeter.
- Realign existing trees.

Site Plan
Church Entry Garden

Before

After
4 | Cross Garden

Site Plan

Current Conditions / Opportunities
- Concrete wooden cross planters is deteriorating
- Need location to showcase stone cross from historic church
- Lack of pedestrian sidewalk from parking to entry door
- Opportunity to dramatically change entry sequence

Proposed Improvements
- Use Belgian Block to create a more permanent cross planters (remove wood)
- Install historic stone cross to create a “cross garden”
- Install low wall for seating and erosion control
- Pave dedicated pedestrian sidewalk from parking lot to church doors at base of slope
- Use existing groundcover to fill-in around crosses, while colorful bulbs and annuals can accentuate the crosses
- Install accent lighting to showcase crosses at night
Hillside Slope C - Church

Current Conditions / Opportunities
- Trees and shrubs removed from slope have created exposed muck and soil
- Weeds and groundcovers adequately holding some of slope — to be retained
- Unattractive first impression of side of church
- Slope will eventually erode into parking spaces
- North side of building — limited sun
- Opportunity to make a dramatic visual statement

Proposed Improvements
- Install mixture of low, colorful planting to stabilize slope and hold soil
- Preserve and reset existing stone retaining wall
- Install large berms to stabilize slope and ensure deep planting pockets
- Plant small trees that will not obscure church or create mold on facade
- Preserve existing large shrubs and groundcovers — install new plants around them as not to compromise integrity of slope
Hillside Slope C - Church

Before

After
Projected Timeline

- **March 2023**: Create Construction Drawings
- **April 2023**: Collect Bids
- **September 2023**: Begin Dig
2023 Fundraising Activities

Benefit Gala to Support Landscape Beautification, fundraising target of $30,000
Date: July 29, 2023
Event Details: Summer Garden Gala at Holy Cross Community Center
Featuring
- Made to order food stations
- Silent auction
- Panigiri Band
- Cash bar
- Tickets for both dinner and dance or dance only

- Continue parish match campaign to collect $102k in pledges
Questions?

- Please contact Frank Kalogeris or any member of the Holy Cross Landscape Committee
- Email any thoughts/suggestions to HCLAsuggestions@gmail.com