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St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
140 Gathering Place Lane | Iowa City, IA 52246  
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Special Session Meeting

Sunday, October 12, 2025

10:35 am

Moderator Rev Carl Anderson

Present: Chloe Goers, Austin Kannegeiter, Becky Benson, Gregs Thomopoulos, Donald Burch, Josh Schilling, Munir Tanas, Aaron Gibson, Emily Neddermeyer, Judy Swafford, Helen Bryce (acting as clerk), Pastor Carl Anderson, Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, John Benson (from Land Sales Team)

10:35 Opened in prayer by Carl Anderson

Josh Schilling (Buildings and Grounds) provided more background to the email shared last week regarding the ask from Western Homes that SAPC give an easement on a small "chunk" of land next to the traffic circle at the Eastern end of Gathering Place Lane. This easement will allow a 40 ft section of trail to be built across SAPC property, the trail will fully connect the Western Homes trail system without the need for steps (which would be obstacle for many would-be residents). If SAPC does not grant the easement the trail will be incomplete unless Western Homes removes one of their planned dwellings.

There is an existing temporary water main easement on the section of property in question. In contrast this would be a permanent easement, it would convey as an easement to future buyers and would always remain as a trail rather than useable land. The maintenance would be carried out by Western Homes. On the question of indemnity, Western homes would be the responsible party rather than SAPC. The "positive" for SAPC members and visitors is that they will have a trail system to use. An alternative is to sell this section, as it would reduce potential confusion over responsibility, though a land sale would require approval from both the congregation and presbytery.

**Motion-** from Buildings and Grounds: In lieu of granting a permanent easement to Western Homes, we would propose a sale of the section of land that includes the proposed trail at the same price per square foot as the rest of the land purchased by Western Homes and the associated fees necessary for closing would be paid by Western Homes. **MSC**

Josh will contact Western Homes

John will coordinate with Land Sales team

**Motion**-from Land Sales team: To approve the renewal of the contract with our current realtor at Lepic Kroeger. **MSC**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Bryce  
Clerk pro tem

Rev Dr. Carl Anderson  
Moderator