

The Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre
Board of Directors Work Session

February 13, 2017 – 6:45 p.m.
Theatre Lobby

Present: Fuzz Roark, Alan Zemla, Michael Tan, Robert Heacock, Dawn Lewis, Jack Henningfield, Lydia James-Harris, and Stephanie Ruzala (quorum present).

Order of Business

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion of current properties

- Morning Star Baptist Church – Catonsville
 - Alan passed out plans of the building as is and possible Spotlighters use.
 - The property is well-lit at night.
 - There is lots of parking.
 - Asking price is \$3.8 million.

- Sun Papers Building – 500 Calvert Street
 - Fuzz meant with local realtor who works with local developers
 - A developer is looking to acquire the former Sun Paper building
 - One level of underground parking, plus the garage next door
 - Tadco is looking to buy the building and leaving Sun Paper with top 3 floors, then grocery store, retail establishments and eateries, five floors of office space
 - In the middle of the building is 18,000 square feet with 26 foot ceilings, soundproofed, etc. for the printing presses – lots of power and lots of cooling
 - Interested in talking to us, President of Tadco is a Blaustein descendant, David Hirschhorn
 - Parking under the building for office residents, a freight elevator, 4 truck bays,
 - Talking about donating the space to us (partially or fully)
 - Negotiations are not finalized
 - The plan is within 3 years (around early 2019) to have space ready for rental
 - Glass front lobby off Calvert Street
 - Possibility of parking beneath building after office hours

Town Hall Meetings: Goals – 1. Inform patrons of building move status; 2. Get a feel of what is important to patrons – locations and facilities.

Attendance by board members:

2/25 (3-5 pm): Fuzz, Alan, Robbie, Michael, Lydia

2/26 (6-8 pm): Fuzz, Robbie, Michael, Jack, Lucy, Lydia

What do we want to say about Howard Street Property/Property Search?

- Remind people when lease is up
- Thanking patrons to help fund study
 - Major donors say it is not the right the property for us, but support us in finding a new property
- Actively looking at other properties, real estate agents, developers
 - City and county

Other topics/information

- Whirlwind tour of theatre?
- Basic square footage of theatre space – for comparison to what we want/need to grow.
- Accessibility
- Expanding education

Information we want to gather from attendees:

- What are things important to you about our theatre?
 - Physical attributes
 - Ambiance
- Get a feel for locations of interest
- No programming/arts oriented discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next board meeting is set for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Tan, Secretary