Work Camp Priority Projects

Campus Priority Project

As Jim mentioned in his article we will be doing something in 2020 that will be more of a focus on a few projects that we have listed as a "priority" for us on the Settlement facilities themselves and for some community homes we have deemed as a highest level of need. (**This doesn't mean you need to change how you select your project BUT** if you are interested in these priority projects then it will be clear which those are and then you can consider if they fit your skill level and funding.)

I will attempt to expand on those two areas here for those that would like to know more. First let's talk about the **Henderson Settlement Campus Priority Projects**. We have determined for 2020 that these three areas will be our campus priority projects:

Redesign and improvement of the Frakes Community Park

As of this writing we are soliciting community input for what they feel are some things they would like to see done or changed. We also hope to identify community people who



will help take a leadership role in the parks ongoing operation. Suggestions have been given and we expect more between now and the publishing of the Frakes Campus Projects list in March. We anticipate a lot of opportunities to be involved as a work camp team.

Redesign and conversion of former Clinic building into new Administration Building

This is probably the largest undertaking of the three listed priorities and therefore is expected to extend into a couple of years to complete. The steps going forward include: final layout design for future use, removal of interior walls and areas to open up building for new layout, construction of new interior walls, infrastructure for electrical/ telephones/plumbing if needed/and internet, wall coverings such as drywall, painting, floor covering, and final setup for use. These are the majority of items but we expect other items to pop up as we go. These will be more specific in the publishing of the Frakes Campus Projects list in March.



Redesign and conversion of former White Oak thrift store building into White Oak Work Camp lodging and commons area.



For many people this one will seem less important or something that is a bit of unknown due to the White Oak facility being the less used of the two sites. That should not lessen however the importance of what it means to the work teams that go there and the community that benefits from those groups. We have a nice building that is currently unused which was formerly our thrift store in that community. It's been closed for a few years now and we want to repurpose it for improved Work Camp facilities. Currently the White Oak Center sleeps about 48 people (24 male/24 female) in the same facility that houses the kitchen, showers/restrooms and common area that serves as a dining room at meal times. The men's bunk area is especially crowded. We intend to use the former thrift store sales area as a bunk area for men or women which will not be too big a chore. The work there is adding restrooms and showers to accommodate that type of housing. We will need interior walls and stalls built, electrical and plumbing as well. The existing stock room will be used as a common area and presentation room. Less structure work to do there but we will need some changes made. Those priorities will appear on both the White Oak and Frakes Campus lists published in March.

Those are three important and impactful priorities that will have an effect in numerous ways for our ministries.

The second list of priorities will be with the Community Home Repair part of our program. As of this writing, we are actively doing our home visits to assess the needs for those who have applied for home improvement. We then will select the homes that need the most attention. We will also try to have a variety of projects within those priorities such as roofing, electrical, plumbing, floors, windows, etc. that different interest and skills can consider. As stated above though, groups should not feel this is the only way to adopt projects. You can still check the list for whatever jobs best interest you, whether they are priorities or not, but this will highlight those that we feel are the greatest need. Hopefully this will help you understand a bit better how we are approaching the Priority jobs and how you can potentially be involved. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the work camp office, workcamp@hsumc.org, 606-337-3613 ext.314