

Stone House E-quipper

March 7, 2007

Dear Friends,

Craig Jennings, Bob Melone, Robin Reinhardt and I met with Kent James and Rodney Freeman on March 1st to discuss the delays in our move in date. Unfortunately, Bob Magoon our architect was not able to attend, nor was he able to send a representative. In our meeting Kent James stated the contract says that the substantial completion date is June 3rd. In essence what this means is, they do not have to complete this project until June 3rd. They are attempting to complete it sooner, (thus the various dates they have given us) however, they are under no obligation to meet any date prior to June 3rd.

Our contract states that our completion date will be 300 days after the county provides a building permit. The June 3rd completion date is a result of our architect not getting the plans to the county for approval in a timely manner to support construction start. The county did not approve our plans until August 7th, four months after we started construction. Also, hold ups were issued by the architect and electrical engineer for procurement of ceiling lighting without informing the building committee. Unfortunately, our recourse with Mr. Magoon seems limited. Andy Bradshaw, SHPC lawyer when we signed the contract with Magoon, reviewed the contract and said it was a good, standard contract.

At this point, hindsight and “second guessing” can only add an additional load to an already difficult process. The thing to focus on is maintaining momentum and moving forward. We will get there. So, while OK James may update their “target date”, the date we need to focus on is June 3rd. After June 3rd, if O.K. James has not completed the project, SHPC will be able to collect “liquidated damages” for our expenses renting the school and office space.

I know the frustration level is high, but please remember SHPC has been flexible for 9 years and needs to continue to be for just a few more months. The people of Stone House are what make it a church. Please continue to have the building committee in your prayers as we work on our new facility.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to ask me or anyone on the building committee.

Leif