



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 7, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Lancaster House (Green House at 5903 Randolph)

Background: At the July 7, 2020 Council meeting, the Council passed a motion to have the City Manager salvage what could be saved and then demolish the remainder of the house and the garage. .

Since that time, Kimberly Stevens, who lives across the street from the Lancaster House, contacted the City and stated she would like to move the house to her property. Ms. Stevens received the approvals necessary to move the house from Orange County.

The bids to move the house have increased significantly over the past year but Ms. Stevens said that they will cover all the additional costs, if the City will head up the project to move the house. The City staff doesn't have the resources to take on this project.

The City has recently heard from the Pioneer Days Committee that they would be interested entering into an agreement with the City to lease the house for their organization and they would be responsible for renovating the house and maintaining it, but the house has to stay where it is.

The questions that the Council needs to discuss are whether the house is worth saving at the expense of the expansion of the school; is the demolition of the house integral to the expansion of the school? Since the school now has the BoA property, can the CCA Master Plan be revised to integrate the House? Can the expansion of CCA be done in other areas of the campus to give Pioneer Days a timeframe to see what they can do with the house and if so, how much time is needed?

Staff Recommendation: Listen to the proposal of the Pioneer Days Committee to determine if the proposal should be discussed further. If the Council accepts this proposal, then there should be an agreement developed that would define the time when the house would be substantially renovated, financial responsibilities, purpose of the house once renovated, and penalty for failing to meet the timeline. If the proposal does not meet with the Council's approval, then direct the City Manager to demolish the house.

Suggested Motion:

(For demolishing the house): I move that the Lancaster House be demolished.

(For accepting the proposal from Pioneer Days): I move that the City Manager enter into discussions with Pioneer Days to develop an agreement to lease the house to Pioneer Days by the February 1, 2022 Council meeting.

Alternatives: None

Fiscal Impact: \$20,000 allocated in the FY21-22 Budget

Attachments: None – Pioneer Days will present at the meeting