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Community Planning & Development Department

City of Mercer Island

9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Design Commission Study Session Narrative – Encounter Church Improvements

The Encounter Church Improvements project consists of various interior and exterior demolition and renovation work in addition to the expansion of the Narthex, or lobby space, adjacent to the Sanctuary. In general, the interior renovation work includes replacement of interior finishes, addition of new restrooms, reconfiguration of existing restrooms, reconfiguration of interior walls and rooms, structural modifications as required, replacement of lighting fixtures, reconfiguration of the kitchen, and reconfiguration of the main stage. The mechanical and electrical systems will be upgraded and consolidated as required. In general, the exterior renovation work includes refinishing of existing brick veneer and wood siding, infill of existing window openings, building envelope updates as required, replacement of the patio and play area surfaces, and landscaping as required. The expansion of the Narthex will increase the gross building area by approximately 1,600 square feet. In general, the new construction work will include a larger roof with the associated structural support system, structural foundations and slabs, exterior curtain walls with entrance doors, installation of interior finishes, and associated mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or additional comments about the project. Thank you for your time.

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