

Downers Grove Friends Meeting
Meeting to Discuss Site Envisioning Queries
30 January 2011

In Attendance: Pam Wolfe, Andrea Anderson, Sung Jin Lee, Bob Spryzak, Claire Goode, Chris Goode

We looked at the existing site drawings for the property as well as photographs and discussed various thoughts about future plans for the Illinois Yearly Meeting Campus.

- Downers Grove Meeting could use the new facilities for meeting retreats.
- Would like to see additional bedrooms (accessible) attached to the Clear Creek House so that it could function more as a dorm and for year round use (garage?).
- Would like to see good accessible paths between existing and new buildings and other issues of accessibility should continue to be addressed.
- See a need for a caretaker soon. That person might be part-time and live off site and ultimately might be full-time and live on site, perhaps in the renovated attic of the Clear Creek House.
- Two ideas that might address use during the annual sessions and during warm weather months but not usage year-round:
 - Perhaps a dining pavilion with kitchen instead of a year-round building.
 - Perhaps use of a dormitory tent.
- Further development of the landscape, including more trees and prairie areas.
- The wood barn should be kept for possible future use.
- No absolute opinion on whether to keep or remove the long shed. If it can be used in all or in part it might be kept but otherwise it should be removed and recycled to make way for other possible uses of that area.

Notes of the meeting recorded by Chris Goode