



## **Beans & Bread Project Update Wednesday, 8/19/09**

To Those Who Have Expressed Interest in the Beans & Bread Project:

I am happy to present some further progress on the Beans & Bread Renovation and Addition Project since our correspondence last week.

- St. Vincent de Paul participated in its second mediation session on Wednesday, 8/12/09, in order to continue working towards a mutual agreement with community representatives;
- In preparation for the third mediation session scheduled for Monday, 8/24/09, St. Vincent de Paul has submitted an additional 15 concessions to the original list (totaling 27 concessions), in order to further address community concerns (see attached);
- A fourth mediation session has been scheduled for Thursday, 8/27/09, in order to assure that all concerns have been thoroughly reviewed and discussed prior to the upcoming zoning hearing;
- St. Vincent de Paul agreed to postpone its zoning hearing in order to allow additional time for the mediation process, and has been scheduled for 3 pm on 9/1/09;
- On Monday, 8/17/09, *The Baltimore Sun* ran an editorial speaking to some of the misconceptions pertaining to the Project. If you have not had the opportunity to read it, the link to the editorial is:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/editorial/bal-ed.bread17aug17,0,1176520.story>

There continues to be a great deal of misinformation among neighbors and community residents about the Project. Please know that St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's goal of this Project is to improve its services qualitatively not quantitatively - in other words; better services not more clients.

With the new developments regarding community mediation and the upcoming zoning hearing, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is excited about moving forward.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Beans & Bread Project.

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