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Beans and Bread Project Update

As you may know, the zoning board for Baltimore City granted St. Vincent de Paul's zoning requests for the Beans & Bread Renovation and Addition Project.

In moving the project forward, and in order to clear the site for construction, one of the next steps is the demolition of the existing, one-story warehouse building at 1523 Bank St. We will be proceeding with this demolition in the coming weeks. As soon as we have more specific details, we will send correspondence to our immediate neighbors on Bank and Dallas Streets that will provide more information on timing, traffic diversion, dust and runoff control, work hours, and contact persons for questions and concerns.

While we have the necessary approvals to proceed, we are cognizant of the concerns that have been raised over the last several months about this project. We remain committed to addressing concerns about preserving the character of the Fell's Point neighborhood and contributing to the safety, well-being, and quality of life for its residents. This includes acting on many of the suggested measures that were developed during the mediation process.

We look forward to the creation of a facility that will bring our vision of improved services to some of our most vulnerable and impoverished citizens to a reality, further enhancing the Beans & Bread Center's ability to be a leading resource in Baltimore City's efforts to reduce homelessness.

Thank you again for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Schiavone'.

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