



HELP US WITH OUR PROPOSAL

The Ad Hoc Planning Committee of FSA has submitted a proposal for a neighbourhood improvement project - and it has now been short-listed by the City of London. This means citizens get to vote for their favourite proposal. The voting takes place on Saturday, November 18th - (one day only)

The Planning Committee will be setting up an on-line voting station at the Boutique Bazaar on Nov 18th.

Here is the FSA proposal for a ***“Public Meditation Greenspace”*** as it currently stands.

There is an intent by City Council to make downtown London an attractive and welcoming place for local residents and businesses, the London community as a whole, as well as visitors to London. First-St. Andrew’s United Church (FSA for short) is located at the corner of Queens Avenue and Waterloo. There are few public gathering spaces in the immediate area. We feel that we have a location to offer which, if developed appropriately, would provide a wonderful space for public gatherings, particularly quiet reflection and respite from a busy working day. The idea is to develop our property into a welcoming space by designing and building an outdoor environment which will facilitate quiet reflection, appreciation of the natural environment and social interaction. While we do not, at this time have, a specific design in mind, the concept can be described as a “Public Meditation Greenspace.” One idea that has been considered is a labyrinth. We require funds for landscape architectural design and implementation. The space could include a rain garden and/or butterfly garden or other suggestions listed in the environmental ideas section.

We have recently hosted a community forum on Music and the Arts and the role of FSA. We are looking at ways in which we can collaborate with community Music and Arts organizations. We have wonderful spaces inside the church for these purposes and with the development of the proposed outdoor space we can extend our facilities to include the outside environment. For example, we could sponsor outdoor art exhibits and musical events in this location.

If we are successful we are eligible to receive funds from the City of London to undertake the landscape design and build.