

UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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This is the first monthly newsletter update on the New Home Project (NHP). Now that the UUFCO members have cast a unanimous vote of support for going ahead with the NHP, updates on the project will be in more public places, including this newsletter. You'll continue to be updated through in-person Sunday service announcements, the Sunday New Home display board and the All Congregation Email (ACE) for time sensitive announcements or requests. In addition to the monthly newsletter update, you can also find more timely updates on the UUFCO website. You can find us, New Home Project, under the "About Us" tab. All financial related NHP information will be located in the Members Area.

The following is a recap of what's been happening since the member vote:

The Land: UUFCO has received transfer of the deed for the 22 acre property located at the SE corner of NW Skyliners Road and NW Skyline Ranch Road. We are now official property owners. The Land & Site Committee is working on guidelines for how we use the land before construction begins, and will be planning work parties. A land survey has been completed. There are several land permitting actions that are starting. Updates on those activities will follow as soon as there is something to report.

Architect Selection: Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to the final seven Architects went out on July 6 and proposals are due back on July 31. These Architects were chosen after a careful evaluation of their responses to Letters of Interest/Qualifications sent to all of the Architects the congregation suggested. Members of the Design/Selection Committee have met with all seven Architects here and in Portland, and are currently checking references on each of the firms.

TAG (Technical Advisory Group): This subcommittee is exploring hiring an Owner's Rep and has interviewed potential candidates. They have also interviewed potential General Contractors for Construction Manager/General Contractor and are working on a CM/GC RFP.

Capital Campaign: The Financial Feasibility Study (FFS) took place in April. The results are posted in the UUFCO website Members Area. Follow up to the FFS and laying the groundwork for the upcoming Capital Campaign is beginning.

Timeline: Once we have our key service providers (Architect, General Contractor, and Owner's Rep) selected in the next few months, we'll have an overall project timeline in place for you to review.

Communications: As noted above and announced in the July 19 ACE, the public New Home Project website page is now located under the "About Us" tab. Check us out (www.uufco.org). We'll be posting weekly updates when there's something to report, adding to the Frequently Asked Questions list and adding photos related to the land and the NHP. This page is still in its building phase so if there's something more you'd like to see, let us know. The previous NHP information in the Members Area has been edited to remove any duplicate information but Financial information remains there, as well as the Design Forums. Steering Committee meeting minutes are posted in the Members Area. Steering Committee subcommittee meetings will also be posted there as well. Also, you'll notice someone at the Sunday service NHP display board with a purple ribbon on their name tag. Come see what's new and ask your questions.

The project is getting under way and as the fall months arrive, there will be much to report. Along the life of the project there will be many opportunities to get involved and we hope you do!

“A building project challenges every aspect of parochial life. In a real sense it is a test of a congregation’s service, worship, education, evangelism, pastoral care, and stewardship. Rather than being something done in isolation from the daily life and work of a congregation, it is the material of that life and work.” – Charles N. Fulton III