



UUFCONEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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“Only those who look with the eyes of children can lose themselves in the object of their wonder.” ~ Eberhard Arnold

The following is a brief update on the progress of the New Home Project (NHP) as of mid October when this update is submitted for the newsletter. You’ll notice that we have shifted from a mode of “fixing to get ready” to implementation of the many NHP tasks. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved, now is the time to step forward. Approach any of the Steering Committee (SC) members and let us know where you have experience, energy and interest. We’d appreciate hearing from you.

The Land: As we wait for the City of Bend to review our Sewer/Wastewater application, the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion application is being prepared. There’s a great deal of work involved in the Burden of Proof document. We’re in the draft stage following a positive neighborhood meeting of property owners who are within five hundred feet of our land. Each step in the land permitting process moves us closer to the physical reality of our new home.

Design: On recommendation of our architects, THA Architecture, we have expanded the size of our Design Committee (DC) from six to twelve members. The additional participation will allow for a broad spectrum of perspective and will ensure an attendance at all the meetings to fully consider the important aspects of the project. These new members: Charles Campbell, Grace Kennedy, Judy Paulsmeyer, Charles Scamahorn, Vernon Threlkeld, and Judy Trask join the existing DC: Virlene Arnold, Paul Bennett, Dale Clark, Chair, Martha Lussenhop, Christine Walsh, and John Williamson. By the time this article is read, our THA design team will have conducted their first series of workshops with the DC and a number of designated Workgroups. The purpose was to confirm the project goals, to work on the essence of our overall vision as it relates to Unitarian Universalism, living in Central Oregon and Central Oregon architecture, and to discuss preliminary site options.

Capital Campaign: Thank you to all who responded to the Capital Campaign survey that asked your opinion about donor recognition. From time to time there will be other surveys on different subjects having to do with the New Home Project (NHP). Your input is encouraged to assist the process and decisions along the way.

TAG (Technical Advisory Group): The interview and evaluation process for a final general contractor for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) has concluded. There will be a

recommendation to the board within the next few weeks and an announcement to the congregation immediately following.

Timeline: We're closer to publishing a project timeline. There are just a few more pieces to fit into the big picture.

Save The Date: Saturday, November 17, 10:00AM -12:00PM. This is an all congregation meeting when THA will take us through the results of the October workshops and will present potential site plan directions. Your response will be important so mark your calendar for this date and time. We'll be meeting in Old Stone and child care will be provided. Read future ACE notices for more specific details.

Communications: You can stay current with the NHP activities in one or all of these ways: 1) the New Home display board at Sunday service, 2) on the public page of the UUFCO website (under the "About Us" tab), 3) in the members' area of the UUFCO website, 4) in All Congregation Emails (ACE) when we have date sensitive information to share and 5) by asking someone at Sunday service with a purple ribbon attached to their name tag.

New Home Project Steering Committee: Dale Clark, Design Committee; John Coltman, Finance Committee; Don Hartsough, Capital Campaign Committee; Melissa Hochschild, Communications Advisor; Jerrie Jones, Secretary and Website Update Coordinator; Leslie Koc, Chair; Dave MacGurn, Land & Site Committee