



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration,  
wonderful things can be achieved. ~ [Mattie Stepanek](#)*

The following is a brief update on the progress of the New Home Project (NHP) as of mid November when this update is submitted for the newsletter. To read any news that is more current, check the weekly ACE and the updates on the New Home tab of the UUFCO website.

**The Land:** The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion application has been submitted and we have a date in early January for a meeting with the City that will be followed by a public hearing. As a reminder, the purpose of the application is to request the land in the upper tax lot be included in the UGB to allow access to City water and sewer system.

Land & Site Committee is putting together the final plans for the Fire Abatement program for our land this winter.

**Design:** Our architects, THA Architecture, conducted their first series of workshops at the end of October with the Design Committee (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. Mid November our

THA team returned to Bend to meet with the DC and then to meet with our congregation. If you were there on November 17, you met our impressive THA team, heard an overview of the design process, viewed the possible site options for our new home and then had the opportunity to ask questions. They took away what we said and will return with finer tuned site options and then move forward to the next phase, the building design.

**Capital Campaign:** Current information about the Capital Campaign is covered by Don Hartsough in another article in this newsletter.

**Construction:** TAG (Technical Advisory Group) concluded their contractor selection and made a recommendation to the Steering Committee and Board. With approval of both groups, Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company is our Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC), pending the successful negotiation of their contract. The selection process will be posted on the member page of the New Home tab of the UUFCO website.

Now that we've moved forward toward the construction planning phase of the New Home Project, the New Home Steering Committee is expanding our committee. As was originally approved by the Board, a sub-committee

representing the construction phase is being created from the existing TAG. What better group to represent the construction phase of the New Home Project. As chair of TAG, Vernon Threlkeld will assume chair of Construction & Technical Advisory Committee (C&TAC). Existing members of TAG: Jim Dobrowski, Dave MacGurn, and John Williamson will join Vernon. There are key areas of C&TAC that will require additional members as we get closer to breaking ground.

**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, February 16, 10:00AM -12:00PM. This is an all-congregation meeting. Your attendance and participation 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; Vernon Threlkeld, Construction & Technical Advisory Committee

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.