



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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

**The Land:** The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion public hearing has been rescheduled for January 30 to accommodate the City and County. As a reminder, the reason for 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. When the ground freezes the fire abatement program will take place on the land. The purpose is to limit the potential sources of fuel for fire through the thinning of vegetation. Care is being taken to minimize the disturbance of the land and wildlife habitat. If the weather continues as it's been in mid December, the abatement will occur in the first few weeks of January.

**Design:** At the December meeting with THA, it was clear that the architects had listened well to the congregation's many comments regarding site design. They heard that visibility is essential from Skyliners Road, solar exposure and views to the south and southwest are important from the building, a southeast entry is essential to ensure sunlight on the entry for Sunday services, and to build on as flat an area as possible to minimize costs and maximize indoor/outdoor connections.. They presented four refined options and one was unanimously agreed upon. Access is from Skyline Ranch Road. We will reach the entry on the east side of the building by meandering through a natural area. We will have a terrace on the south side. You can view a map in the New Home section of the website and on the display board at Sunday services.

We are also working on programming and considering many options while clarifying priorities and phasing of different spaces, and determining what we can do for what we can afford. We're finding it a challenging process and we're pulling together what we've learned from workgroups last winter, visits to other churches and buildings, and adding a dose of reality.

All of our decisions are based on stated Aspirations for Our New Home that are also posted in the New Home section of the website. Notes from meetings with THA Architecture and minutes from Design Committee meetings are posted in the New Home section of our website. You can also see printouts of their presentations at the New Home display on Sunday mornings.

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

**Construction:** An introductory meeting took place with Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) in December. KNCC will begin to work in partnership with THA Architecture as the design phase of the project progresses.

**Timeline:** The timing of site preparation and ground breaking is dependent on the successful approval of the UGB Expansion and the Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Currently we are expecting

site preparation to begin in the summer and groundbreaking in the late summer or early fall. More specific details will follow as each of the UGB and CUP activities progress. Stay tuned.

**Save The Date:** Saturday, February 16, 10 am to noon. **This is an all-congregation meeting** with the architects. Your attendance and participation will be important so mark your calendar for this date and time. We'll be meeting in Old Stone and childcare 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 UUFCA website (under the "About Us" tab), 3) in the members' area of the UUFCA 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.