



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*"You can design and create, and build the most wonderful place in the world. But it takes people to make the dream a reality."*

~ Walt Disney.

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

**The Land:** The good news about the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Amendment continues. The Bend City Council had a second reading and adopted the amendment this month. Our north parcel of land is in the UGB! As part of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application a Traffic Study was done to demonstrate the impact of UUFCO use of the neighboring roadways and intersection. A pre-application meeting is scheduled for May 2 with the Bend City Planning Department to shake out any questions or concerns prior to submission of the application. In addition, a neighborhood meeting is scheduled for May 8 to provide our neighbors a presentation of our current site and preliminary design plans and to give them the opportunity to ask questions about the New Home Project. The verbal results of The Wallace Group's (TWG) geotechnical investigation on the land are promising. Their written report is due before the end of April.

**Design:** There was a very large turnout at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Congregation Update with THA Architects. It marked the completion of the Schematic Design phase of our New Home. We saw revised renderings and floor plans that are closer to being within our budget. THA explained the cost estimating process and cost reduction strategies. One of the first questions was whether we would have a kitchen. Most definitely, yes! The RE space was preserved and will be the bright, light, child-friendly, and inspiring space that we wanted from the beginning. The UUFCO board recommended reducing the sanctuary seating capacity to 216 seats, which will create more intimate space and lend itself well to multiple services suitable to changing demographics. It will also be possible to expand seating into the gathering space on special occasions. The overall floor plan is currently 15,000 SF.

Now we are beginning the Design Development phase as we determine the exact floor plan, materials, and finishes. The Design Committee is changing once again. The committee we had through Schematics was large and represented diverse views of the congregation to guide the big picture and core concepts of the design. With our architect's urging, we are back down to seven members again—the same size of the original committee that got us through programming, pre-design, and choosing our architect. This committee will focus on details, make decisions and give THA direction, and assure the functionality and sustainability of our space. The Design Committee for this next phase is:

Dale Clark, Chair

Virlene Arnold

Grace Kennedy  
Martha Lussenhop  
Judy Trask  
Christine Walsh  
John Williamson/CTAC

We greatly appreciate the tremendous dedication, commitment, and energy exhibited by all members during the Schematic Phase. Each of those not continuing as part of the core committee has agreed to continue in other roles as involvement expands in this next phase:

Paul Bennett  
Charles Campbell  
Judy Paulsmeyer  
Vernon Threlkeld/CTAC  
Charles Scamahorn

Thank you to all members of the Design Committee — past and present.

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

**Project Administration:** A less than exciting aspect of the project is the paperwork. We are knee deep in the review and approval of contracts for either second phases or new contracts with our many service providers.

**Construction:** Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) is actively involved in the continuing estimating of the project as changes are considered.

**Timeline:** The timing of site preparation and ground breaking is dependent on the successful approval of the UGB Expansion (Done!) 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 the CUP activities progress. Stay tuned.

**Communications:** You can stay current with the NHP activities in one or all of these ways: 1) the New Home table at Sunday service where you'll see a printout of THA's presentation and the latest drawings, 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 a member of the Steering Committee or subcommittees. (See list on the display board.)

**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

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