



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*"Design is not just what it looks like and feels like. Design is how it works."* Steve Jobs

The following is a brief update on the progress of the New Home Project (NHP) as of mid July 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 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application was submitted in July following a successful Completeness Review by the City Planners. The CUP review process will take four to six weeks during which time we will know if there are any questions or concerns From the City.

**Design:** The Design Development phase of the project is continuing with the Design Committee (DC) meeting weekly and more often during this phase and into August. Along with the DC, specific work groups representing Maintenance & Grounds, Religious Education, Events and Kitchen, Music and Worship, Administration, and Art Integration are continuing to meet with our architects, THA, to provide input and to clarify space needs for each of these respective areas. During this time of design development, the finer details of the exterior and interior of the building are being reviewed, discussed and decided.

On July 22 our architects, THA, presented the results of an Energy Model exercise that incorporates the building geometry, mechanical and electrical systems choices, building envelope design and anticipated building usage patterns to simulate how our new home will perform within the specific climate of Bend. The present building design is 57% better than an average building of similar type and 40% better than a code-minimum building. We have additional options that we will consider if our budget allows or if we need to reduce costs. This is very encouraging news as the building design and floor plan are fine tuned.

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

**Project Administration:** Progress has been made with Phase Two contracts. We have one remaining contract to review and approve.

**Financial:** The Construction & Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) is researching the cost components to develop the operating costs estimates for our initial years of occupancy in our new home.

**Timeline:** The timing of site preparation and ground breaking is dependent on the successful approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and the timely completion of the design development phase. Currently we are expecting the groundbreaking to take place mid September. The overall completion

date of our New Home Project is the beginning of January 2015. Exact dates will be communicated as each of the prerequisite events is completed.

**Save The Date: Sunday, August 18** following our service. **This is a new date.** This all-congregation update with the architects is to present the final design. Your attendance and participation will be important so mark your calendar for this date. 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 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 UUFSCO website (under the "About Us" tab), 3) in the members' area of the UUFSCO 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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