



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 August 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: We have received initial positive response comments to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application from the City and have begun dialogue on the few open questions and requests. The expectation is that we will remain on schedule to complete the application process.

Design: THA Architecture presented their final design to the Congregation on Sunday, August 18, to enthusiastic response. The Design Committee has been working diligently with the architects to ensure that our new home will meet our aspirations — from warm, inviting, and welcoming to being exemplar of meaningful sustainability and more. (See the UUFCO website, NHP section for more.) The committee and various workgroups have kept functionality in the forefront to make sure that it meets our needs, whether RE, the sanctuary and gathering spaces, the kitchen, or admin. If you missed Sunday's presentation, or would like a closer look, stop by the New Home display on Sundays. There is a printout of the presentation, renderings, and the floor plan there for you to review.

This month the Design Development phase of the project was cost estimated by our contractor, Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company, to ensure that the overall project is completed within budget. The Design Committee has been reviewing the details to determine the priorities of what we might be able to add back to the project or subtract should the project cost move in either direction.

Capital Campaign: The Capital Campaign will continue throughout the project and your participation is welcome. Be a part of what it takes to make our New Home a reality. You can read more about the Capital Campaign from the link on the first page of the UUFCO website.

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) has been researching the cost components to develop the operating costs estimates for our initial years of occupancy in our new home. An initial estimate has been shared with the Board for their review and budget planning. CTAC is also researching the associated costs to achieve Earth Advantage Commercial Certification (EAC), a rigorous certification for small commercial projects designed to improve health, comfort, durability, energy and water efficiency, while reducing operating expenses.

Timeline: As you'll read below, we have a date for the new Home Groundbreaking. The timeline was set so that the land and the building foundation can be prepped before winter sets in and limits

building activity. 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, September 15 at 1:30PM This is the date and start time for our **New Home Groundbreaking!** It is a mile mark event that you don't want to miss. Read future ACE notices for more specific details and for your invitation.

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

You are welcome to send comments or questions to uufconewhome@gmail.com. We will respond to you directly and will share answers in a FAQ in the New Home section of the website.