



## UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*"The space within becomes the reality of the building."* Frank Lloyd Wright

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

On a sunny and windy Sunday, September 15, we celebrated the Groundbreaking of our future home. In addition to Amy Falkenrath, UUFCO Board President, and Don Hartsough, NHP Capital Campaign Chair, we were honored to have speakers from our Central Oregon and UU communities make this a special occasion in our UUFCO history. Jodie Barram, Bend City Mayor Pro Tem, Janine Larsen, UU PNWD Executive Director, Rev. Craig Perryman, Chair of Interfaith Network of Central Oregon, Rev. Terry Sweetser, VP for Stewardship and Development of UUA, each shared words of inspiration and recognition. Katrina Foster, Stewardship Director of UUA, delivered a greeting from UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales. Our Rev. Alex Holt led us in a prayer and water blessing. In keeping with the inclusive theme of our New Home Project, everyone in attendance was invited to lift a shovel and turn some earth to celebrate the groundbreaking. It wouldn't be a UUFCO event without music. Marean Jordan, Chela Sloper, Judy Trask and Aaron Coe and their guitars led us in the same song that began our Land Blessing in May 2012. We have been beautifully launched into the next phase of our New Home Project. Pictures of the event and a copy of the program can be found on the NHP page of the UUFCO website.

**There is great news to report.** The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application **has been approved** by the City. Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) declared an **official start** to construction on Friday, September 27. Site prep permits were issued and that work has begun. The fencing around the construction site will be up in early October. In the meantime KNCC has asked all of us curious congregants to keep a distance from any work being done as a safety measure and to allow the workers to do their work without interruption. There will be more specifics guidelines published on the UUFCO website.

Much care has been taken all along to preserve the natural beauty of the land and this will continue throughout the project. Winter Creek, our local landscape designer, has begun work on the project and has discussed logistics with KNCC about salvaging top soil, snags, fallen trees, rocks, and boulders. Although we will lose some trees, careful consideration is being taken to see if pathways and the interior road and parking spaces can be adjusted to save some of the most beautiful trees without compromising the site plan. Six of the large ponderosas that will be taken down will be retained to kiln dry for furniture possibly for benches inside and out. It was determined that the smaller trees would be good for firewood.

The Design Committee (DC) is working with our architects, THA, on details that include furnishings, fixtures, and colors. Stop by the New Home Project table on Sundays to review THA's most recent presentation to the DC. In September we reviewed the kitchen design. We were able to add back the multipurpose room which will materially increase the functionality of our building. We also worked on the confirmation of sustainability measures that we will incorporate into the building. We have essentially reached Earth Advantage Gold level, and we are still exploring whether to pursue a Platinum level certification. We have a highly efficient building as is and we're committed to using best practices and to building a net zero energy ready building. The building will include the infrastructure for solar panels which are in the master plan to purchase and install in the future.

THA's most recent renderings and floor plans are available on our website:

<http://www.uufco.org/contact-us/new-home-project/nh-maps-and-site-plan/> or you can check out the presentation on Sundays. Construction drawings are scheduled to be complete by Thanksgiving.

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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