



## UUFCONEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." ~ Ryunosuku Sator*

As someone said recently, "This is becoming more real." Yes it is. There are more New Home Project (NHP) activities to report. Read on.

**The Land:** The Property Line Adjustment has been approved by the City of Bend and the Sewer/Wastewater application is in the queue to be reviewed. Watch the weekly All-Church Email (ACE) for news of the next work party to pull invasive knapweed and other invasive plants. We have received a \$4,550 matching grant through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act to assist us in cleaning up the land to reduce the possibility of fires. The work will be started once we're out of this dry season and before the snows of winter.

**Architect Selection:** The UUFCON Board approved the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee to select **THA Architecture** of Portland, OR, pending the successful agreement of the project contract. You can read more about THA Architecture and the thorough selection process on the NHP website page under "Updates on the Project". This announcement was also in the September 13 ACE.

**TAG (Technical Advisory Group):** An Owner's Rep, Michael Marino, has been engaged to initially assist in the negotiation of the architect's and general contractor's contracts. The interview process for a final general contractor for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) continues. The current activity is visiting sites that were selected by the final CM/GC candidates that represent their work. The selection of the CM/GC may occur by the time this newsletter is published.

**Our Neighbors:** An introductory meeting took place with the Home Owners Association (HOA) board of the Reserve at Broken Top. The purpose was to introduce ourselves, provide general information about our new home plans and to answer their questions. We will continue to visit with other neighboring HOA boards. On September 27 UUFCON hosted a neighborhood meeting for those neighbors who are within 500 feet of the UUFCON property to explain the plans for the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion request of the City of Bend and the State of Oregon. Approval of this expansion request will allow us access to City water and sewer. This meeting is one of the first steps in the application process.

**Timeline:** Once we have our all key service providers (Architect, General Contractor, and Owner's Rep) selected in the upcoming months, we'll have an overall project timeline in place for you to review.

**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 UUFCON website under the "About Us" tab; (3) in the members' area of the UUFCON 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.