

CUUF Historical Synopsis of Building/Facilities 2013-Present

During the 2013-14 church year:

- Board read "Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations."
- Board and Congregation reaffirmed the mission statement created in 2009
- Board created a Visioning Taskforce, renamed Dream Team, to turn mission statement into Visions.
- Dream Team members included: Carrie Moody, Christina Davitt, Elliot Scull, Jan Scott, Chip Balling and Lee Barnhill.
- Vision Statements developed were:
 - Stability in Ministry with Our Full-time Settled Minister
 - A safe, functional, fun and beautiful space for Religious Exploration.
 - Building and growing membership at CUUF through a first class lifespan Religious Education Program and outreach.
 - An inviting, welcoming, beautiful, reverent, intimate, peaceful and green sanctuary including a separate facility with a kitchen and multipurpose community center.
 - Moving forward with our dreams with diligence and transparency.

During 2014-15 church year:

- Board created a Strategic Planning Team
- Strategic Planning Team members included: Don Flick, Tracey Kasnic, Deb Miller, Vern Smith, Carrie Moody, and Mark Seman.
- Strategic Planning Team researched building options; structure & future of Blue House; and feasibility of moving to a different location.

During 2015-16 church year:

- Strategic Team presented results to Board.
- Board decided to close Blue House to all live programming June 2016
- Strategic Team presented the following recommendations to congregation:
 - Budget for an architectural study to develop a conceptual design and cost estimate.
 - Authorize a market analysis of north lot
 - Budget and authorize a Financial Feasibility Study
- Congregation voted to approve the above.
- Board created Architectural Task Force. Members included: Steve Clem, LeRoy Farmer, Mary Timiras, Rich Trifeletti, and Sara Severson

During 2016-17 church year:

- Architectural Task Force interviewed architects and recommended to the board Dennis Chivers
- Board Approved Dennis Chivers and signed contract to engage with services
- Dennis visited with congregation and gained ideas through small and large group process

- Dennis returned with 3 plans and presented to the congregation
- A plan was selected by the congregation that was a 3 phase plan. Total plan cost was in excess of \$7.4 million.
- Phase 1 was a 7,600 square foot building that would initially provide a new sanctuary, foyer, storage and event kitchen at an estimated cost of \$2.31 million. (Drawings and cost attached) The Phase 1 building would become a fellowship/community hall with an event kitchen, upon completion of the Phase 2 9,000 square foot sanctuary and foyer.
- Kay Crider of Stewardship for UUs was hired as a Financial Consultant and led a Next Steps Weekend workshop with the congregation

During the 2017-18 church year:

- Kay Crider conducted a Financial Feasibility Study (Study Attached)
- Congregation asked board to look into the following options:
 - Revising architectural plan with financial feasibility results
 - look into possible real estate to buy
- Board charged Architectural Task Force to re-engage with Dennis Chivers to develop a plan based on 5,000 sqft building
- Board engaged with several real estate agents with no or little success. We need to be serious about buying and enter into a contract to engage this type of service.
- Architect Dennis Chives was in a serious car accident, which delayed new plans and future conversations.

Current Church year (2018-19):

- Dennis presented possible ideas to the Board; conceptual drawings and information will be presented to the congregation.