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BUILDING OUR FUTURE

WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

STEP BY STEP

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An Architectural Firm is Selected for Phase One!

- After interviewing three architectural firms, January 22 & 23, the Building Our Future Steering Committee (with Roger Guernsey, abstaining) unanimously voted to recommend to the Board that WUU enter into a contract with **Guernsey Tingle Architects (GTA)** to prepare an analysis of our needs, visions and a preliminary design. The three firms interviewed were impressive.
- The Board voted approval of hiring GTA.

Why was this firm selected?

- GTA offered the most comprehensive listening process which will enable them to prepare the required analysis of our needs, vision and suggested design. Their extensive work with other congregations of faith underscores their understanding that designing for WUU is different from designing for business.
- GTA demonstrated that they work well in collaborative ways, offering confidence that they will work well with the WUU culture and groups.
- GTA offers larger firm size with a wide breadth of skills when needed, while making certain that the assigned staff will be highly focused on our project.

What is Roger Guernsey's relationship to GTA?

- Roger was a founding partner of Guernsey Tingle Architects. He left GTA nine years ago, selling his stock and relinquishing ownership and employment with the firm.
- Early in the process of working with BOF, Roger chose to use his architectural skills to work on WUU's future as a member of the BOF committee rather than partnering with any of the local architectural firms.
- Roger abstained from this vote, as he had promised at the Congregational Meeting in November. He remained impartial during the selection process.
- The BOF and WUU Board are truly indebted to Roger for the architectural skills and insight that he brings to this important work.
- Roger has been a member of WUU for more than 15 years and is a member of the Building Our Future Steering Committee. He is also the Design/Build Team chair (see below).

What are the next steps for the Building Our Future Committee?

- The six original members of the BOF core committee (Les Solomon, chair; Linda Lane-Hamilton, Roger Guernsey, Dave Neiman, Donna Stanford, Kurt Williamson) will form the **BOF Steering Committee**. Ex officio: Lola Warren and Jennifer Ryu.
- The first BOF subcommittee is the **Design/Build Team**, headed by Roger Guernsey. Other team members include Dave Neiman (Board and BOF member), Franz Gross, Sally Fisk and Nan Piland. This team's role will be to work with GTA through this first phase. Should WUU's congregation decide

to build, the D/B Team would continue to see the project through to completion and enable WUU to achieve our Vision 2017 Goal!

- A second subcommittee will be formed to deal with the financial feasibility process.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE TIMELINE

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Congregational Meetings: Shown in Blue

Steps beyond Phase 1 are contingent on results of Phase 1

2013

PHASE 1 EXPLORATION

June	Board charges Building our Future
July 7	Kickoff Sunday
July-Sept	Visioning Circles
Oct. 20	Congregational Informational Meeting
Oct. 21	Evening Information Session
Nov 17	Congregational Meeting & Vote on proceeding through remainder of Phase I
Nov	Prepare for architect selection process
Dec	Issue Request for Architectural Service Proposals

2014

Jan	Receive proposals, interview architects, recommend architect to board
Feb	Announce Architect Selection WE ARE HERE
Feb	Initiate architect/congregant focus meetings
	Begin Preliminary architectural design options preparation
May	Presentation & Review of building options
June-Sept	Fundraising Feasibility Study
Sept	Determination of affordable building options to pursue -vote

PHASE 2 FUNDRAISING

Oct-Dec	Capital Campaign commences
Nov	Architect proceeds with drawing of chosen options

2015

January	Capital Campaign concludes
March	Final Determination of options to build - vote
April	Bidding for construction
May	Awarding of construction contract

PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION

June	Begin Construction
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2016

April	Building ready for occupancy
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