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Workforce Housing Project in Napa Submits Planning Application, Taking Important Next Step *Final plan incorporates feedback received from the community and church congregation*

March 29, 2024 – Following the successful Congregation and Community Outreach events which took place at the end of last year, the Napa First United Methodist Church (NFUMC) and its partners have submitted a planning application to the City of Napa for a new affordable workforce housing project at 629 Randolph Street in downtown Napa, marking an important next phase of the predevelopment process.

The modified design submitted to the City reflects the partnership’s commitment to addressing the community’s and congregation’s desire to bring a more harmonious and compatible addition to the neighborhood, both in building design and the number of parking spaces. Dave Whitmer, Chairman of the Transformation Team leading the project for NFUMC, said “We are grateful for the thoughtful comments and suggestions from the congregation and community that allowed us to increase on-site parking for residents and improve the design to be more compatible with the neighborhood.”

The modified design will be presented to the community at an Open House on Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church at 625 Randolph Street. Opportunities to speak with members of the development team will follow the presentation.

Jeri Hansen, President and CEO of Napa Chamber of Commerce, understands the critical need for more workforce housing in Napa, saying “The building of workforce housing by the First United Methodist Church in downtown Napa makes it possible for people who work in Napa to live in Napa. Providing more housing choices is one of the most important things we can do to help local businesses hire and retain employees. This in turn supports a vibrant community and economy.”

Concurrent with the City’s review of the project, additional outreach meetings will be held and the development team will begin pursuing funding for the project.

To learn more about this important workforce housing project, go to:

-Project Website: <https://www.burbankhousing.org/coming-soon/nfumc-housing/> for information.

-Send Inquiries to: NFUMCproject@burbankhousing.org.

-Join the Project Mailing List: <https://tinyurl.com/nfumc-housing-mailing-list>



About Napa First United Methodist Church (NFUMC)

Established in 1852, NFUMC is one of the oldest churches in Napa County. Their hearts, doors and minds are open to ALL and their vision is to Follow Jesus; Thrive in community; and Heal the world through service with their neighbors.

They invite others to join them by ministering to the homeless, uplifting the community's poor, providing support to those in need and volunteering in the community. NFUMC has come to find more grace in the search for understanding and more value in questioning, than in absolutes. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at NFUMC! (<https://napamethodist.org/>)

About Burbank Housing (Burbank)

Since 1980, Burbank Housing has been building and maintaining high-quality, sustainable rental and homeownership communities that help their residents to thrive in the face of challenges. As the North Bay's non-profit leader in affordable housing for more than 40 years, Burbank prides themselves in building welcoming, comfortable neighborhoods for people to call home. As a proven leader, Burbank has a successful track record of building strong private and public partnerships and enjoys a healthy balance sheet – all of which enables Burbank to be flexible and forward-thinking when meeting the needs of their residents and homebuyers. (www.burbankhousing.org)

About Napa Valley Community Housing (NVCH)

For nearly half a century, NVCH has developed, acquired, and rehabilitated over 900 apartments and homes, located within 24 properties, throughout Napa County. By providing safe, attractive, clean, and affordable homes for more than 1,700 children, families, individuals, agricultural workers, veterans, and seniors, NVCH is able to provide a foundation of health and well-being for Napa County's citizens. (www.nvch.org)

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