

Building Committee Update- June 2010

The update of the Master Plan for the new sanctuary has made great progress in recent months. Many of you attended meetings showing the conceptual layout and drawings of the proposed new sanctuary with related site parking and courtyard improvements. Our first step is to update our 20 year old Master Plan with the City of Carlsbad. This entitlement process officially is called "Amending our existing Conditional Use Permit" which takes months and involves at least one hearing with the public. We also held two open houses and invited our neighbors to come see the plans.

We recently learned that City staff has reviewed our conceptual submittal and they have all the information they need to move the plans forward to the decision-makers. This is a big step because there doesn't appear to be any major issues and we hope the plan will go to the Planning Commission with staff support saying it appears to comply with City standards/regulations. The Planning Commission hearing will be held later this summer. We will let everyone know when the date is set and we would like your support in attendance so the Planning Commission knows how much this project means to our members and the community.

The new sanctuary includes seating for approx. 400. While the plans no longer include a bell tower (big expense and we couldn't have played music anyway because of City use/noise restrictions) it was replaced with three striking crosses of 37', 46' and 60' in height. These and the sanctuary itself will be visible from Rancho Santa Fe Road, fulfilling the goal of letting passers-by know that this is a place of worship.

Want to see the plans? Check out the Church website at www.christprebyterianchurch.net and click on Building Committee.