



To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known,  
By Teaching the Word and Reaching the World

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Re: Hope Community Church Phase 2 Narrative

Ms. McCoy,

I would like to provide you and the City's Design Review Board with some background as they consider our project. Basically, we plan to complete the 2nd phase of our currently approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

This particular building project started as a vision of our church when we first purchase the property back in the 70's. After completing and occupying our first buildings we starting saving for our main campus building which we are now striving to finish.

On September 18, 2002 a pre-submission conference was held with the City of Olympia Staff to present our concept. This led to a Land Use Hearing with the City's Design Review Board, on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2007, who approved our Context Plan, Site/Landscaping Plan, and Building Design. Basically the same plan being considered today.

That approval allowed us to move forward with our design and plans to receive our CUP as issued by the City's Hearing Examiner on July 22, 2008. From that point we determined the best course would be to seek permits to perform all of the civil construction and landscaping activities which commenced June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and completed approximately 5 months later. This work included all of the wetland mitigation required to allow us to build our building. Basically we completed the infrastructure without knowing if we could afford to build our building.

As I suspect you may understand and appreciate this not only took much longer than anticipated but was much more expensive than we had planned. At this point our Church Members decided to construct the building in 2 phases due to overall project costs. This led to Phase 1 which is the tall roof line you see today. Phase 1's building permits were issued on April 4, 2011 and phase 1 was completed in December of that same year.

We have enjoyed this space but have always desired and planned to complete what we had started. Excerpts from our internal flyer to our church family is attached which was used to obtain membership approval to finish what we started (Phase 2).

Phase 2 bring us to today as we submitted our designs and plans to the City of Olympia the end of August 2017 to complete what we started so many years ago. Given the go ahead by all we will have the building complete and fully occupied by April of next year.

I have included a picture of our site as currently seen from the road. I would venture to say that most if not all people driving by, who do not come to see us, will not even know we've completed our building. The only landscaping being removed is two small areas near the Phase 1 footprint which cannot be seen by most in order to give us room to complete Phase 2. Landscaping around the newly constructed areas will be competed to blend with our current landscaped campus. We will not be performing any work beyond the 6' high cedar fence that meanders through our property and provides protection of the wetlands areas that exist beyond it.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need any further information on this matter.

Respectfully on behalf of Hope Community Church (HCC),

*Russ Gibbs*

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Attachment: Building Flyer  
HCC View from the Road

Cc: Dr. Karl Alsin, Senior Pastor HCC  
Garth Brant, Board Chairman HCC

## Finishing What We Started

Our nursery and children's classrooms are no longer adequate to minister effectively to the number of children who are now attending Hope. We LOVE that God has blessed us with young families and we NEED to increase our ability to minister to them.

- ✔ Presently, parents and their children are in different buildings.
- ✔ The current rooms with babies, toddlers and young kids are dated and small.
- ✔ The current rooms don't have bathrooms. Kids have to be escorted to a bathroom down the hall.
- ✔ The new facility will have improved check-in and security.
- ✔ Reaching families is a package deal. We have a great space for worship and we should match that with a great space for babies and children.
- ✔ Reaching families is the key to reaching our community.

We're coming up on five years in the new worship center. Let's all work together to finish what we've started.

## Proposed Building Additions





