

## **UUFM Building and Grounds committee**

### **Annual Report to the Congregation**

**May, 2021**

While we all adapted and changed to the extraordinary conditions of the last year, the rain still fell, the grass still grew, and the seasons still did their work on our property. Our UU community stepped up to the challenge, well beyond our regular Building and Grounds committee members, working tirelessly to both maintain our spaces and drive forward with necessary changes to prepare for the future use. The individual efforts are too numerous to mention here, but we are sincerely grateful to all who did their part to keep us going and moving forward!

One major change in the committee is that Dick Nienow decided to step down as committee chair after a long and productive tenure. He continues his active leadership role in B&G projects, and his example and legacy will be our guide for years to come. Thank you Dick!

Much of our year was devoted to the usual efforts, maintenance and improvements to the rental property (culminating in our successful city inspection and satisfied renters), ongoing landscape care, and daily inspection and maintenance of the fellowship building, including our solar panel system.

As we move forward into the summer season we are concentrating our efforts on preparing for reopening safely. We are working to improve air flow through the sanctuary, improve moisture control throughout the building, and adapt technological systems in anticipation of future livestreamed service options.

The B&G committee will continue to be a central coordination point for new projects, including outdoor landscaping and improvements. We have approved and adopted the UUFM Landscape Master Plan, available on the UUFM website. This document sets the structure and language for landscape development so all committees and members can have a common record and process.

Thank you again to all who have contributed your time and skills to this important aspect of ministry, the care and treatment of our physical spaces!

Submitted by Andy Roberts, Chair