

UO plans to build Black Cultural Center

EUGENE (AP) — Construction begins this summer on a Black Cultural Center at the University of Oregon, and school officials expect to open the \$2.2 million building by September 2019.

The Black Student Task Force sought the center in 2015 when it made a list of 13 demands to improve the experience of black students on the Eugene campus. Other demands, some of which remain unmet, included changing building names, hiring more black teachers and enhancing black studies.

“Black students need a place that will provide us an opportunity to gather, explore resource prospects for success, and reinforce our academic pursuits,” the task force said in a statement Wednesday. “The Black Cultural Center will indeed be this place for black students.”

The UO has raised nearly

\$1.7 million for the two-story, 3,500-square-foot building and still needs \$500,000, *The Register-Guard* reported.

Roughly \$1 million of the money raised so far came from Dave Petrone, who earned an undergraduate degree and a master’s degree in business administration from the UO in the 1960s.

The cultural center will include room for small gatherings, classes, tutoring and meetings, said Kevin Marbury, the UO’s vice president of student life. Planning documents submitted to the city of Eugene last month show the center having a courtyard, a gallery and a lounge.

The Many Nations Longhouse is currently the only building on campus dedicated to an ethnic group, Marbury said. Native American students asked school leaders to build it in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Get project details in writing

As consumers gear up for the home improvement season, the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) advises homeowners and contractors that the single-best way to avoid problems is to put project details in writing.

“The biggest problems we see every construction season are lack of communication and differing expectations between homeowners and contractors,” said Stan Jessup, CCB acting administrator.

Detailing the project — down to product names and numbers or the specific color/brand of paint — is key to avoiding misunderstandings and dashed expectations.

The CCB helps mediate disputes between homeowners and licensed contractors. Its mediators say the top recurring problems are:

- Lack of a well-drafted contract on projects of any size. Oregon law requires contractors to give clients a written contract on projects that exceed \$2,000 in value.

- Contractors that fail to call or show up for appointments on time. This frustrates

consumers and escalates easily resolvable matters to full-scale problems.

- Poorly written or non-existent change orders.

A contract should include a project start and completion date, a payment schedule, and a scope of work (what’s included and not included). Understand “allowances.” If your contract gives you an allowance of \$2,000 for kitchen appliances but the appliances you want cost \$4,000, make sure your budget can handle the difference.

Document change. For example, let’s say you hire someone to replace living room windows by next week. While doing so, the contractor finds dry rot, mold, and electrical problems. That calls for more work, an increase in price, and a new completion date. Both parties should sign off on the new terms. Your

contractor is a professional and should guide you through the process.

“The vast majority of contractors work hard to please their customers and CCB statistics show that most customers are satisfied with the work,” Jessup said.

As always, the CCB says the best way to find a contractor is word of mouth from people you know and trust or people in the construction industry, such as supply stores. Once you have a contractor in mind, verify that their CCB license number is active. Contractors must include their CCB license number on any advertising. To check the license, visit www.oregon.gov/ccb.

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