

Project Narrative
Sozo Church 'Make Room' building addition
City of Spokane submission with CUP Application

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Narrative summary.

The building that currently houses Sozo Church at 2131 W Woodside Avenue in Spokane, WA, was constructed in the late 1960s. An administration wing was added in the early 1980's, but nothing was planned over those decades to add additional foyer/ vestibule space. As the church experienced growth through a successful merger and the addition of new members, it became clear that a much larger neutral foyer space was needed for fellowship, personal interaction, and as a transitional space if a second service were to be added to the regular Sunday morning service.

The proposed project includes an expansion of approximately 3,500 square feet, including the expansion of the foyer and the replacement of existing restrooms with new code-compliant ADA restrooms. The majority of the expansion will occur within the footprint of an existing large outdoor covered area at the existing main entry, resulting in minimal change to the overall footprint. Life safety upgrades to the existing building will be made as part of the project, as well as improvements to site drainage and utilities.

As plans are finalized, financing is secured, and city permitting is completed, the intention is to break ground and begin construction as soon as possible, with an approximately 1-year construction schedule.

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