

NEWS FLASH!!!

We signed a lease for our new store.



The Sierra Vista Food Co-op's Board of Directors is delighted to announce that a lease with contingencies was signed on Monday, May 10, for a site in the West End. This is the biggest and most exciting step we have taken so far in our journey to open the doors of a community-owned, natural foods grocery store.

The 5,900 sq. ft building is located at 96 S. Carmichael Ave., next to the Peacock Restaurant and, more significantly, the site of the weekly Farmers' Market.

The Sierra Vista Food Co-op intends to open the store in one half of the building and sublet the remaining portion until we are ready to expand.

Our plan is to open the doors by mid October, but we still have some hurdles to cross before we reach that point.

The owners of the site have agreed to give us a grace period of two months to allow an architect to draw up plans and for contractors to bid on the renovation work.

If, at the end of that planning process, the Board of Directors believes it can afford to move forward, the owners have agreed to a further three months rent free for the completion of the necessary improvements.

The next two months are going to be critical to the future success of this project. We still need to raise more funds to allow us to comfortably and confidently remove the contingencies from the five-year lease and start the renovation process in July.

If you are someone who has been thinking about buying a share, then now is the time to make that commitment and join the nearly 400 other people in this community who have pledged their financial support. And if you are already a member-owner, then please consider buying more shares. Please talk to your friends, family and neighbors. Share our exciting news and encourage them to become a part of this unique community venture.

We are also asking our member-owners to step forward and help in other ways. We have a lot of planning ahead of us and we encourage you to join one of our committees and help us open the best grocery store that we can.

If you would like to join our finance committee or our store design committee then please do not hesitate to contact me at abaille@sierravistafoodcoop.com or (520) 225 7832.

Today, the Sierra Vista Food Co-op took its most significant step so far in its mission to open this grocery store. We are the closest we have ever been to making this dream a reality and we would like to thank you all for your continued patience and support.

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