

KMA Architecture renovating Ocean Beach church

Construction Notebook

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KMA Architecture & Engineering has renovation designs under way of the Newbreak Church in Ocean Beach.

KMA was retained by the church to design the project, with construction expected to begin in July and slated for completion in December of 2011.

Located at 2069 Ebers St., the 6,000-square-foot one- and two-story church is being renovated to give the facility a more modern feel.

The existing wood and brick exterior cladding of the facility will be removed to create a sleek, contemporary look, and the entrance will be relocated to provide church-goers with a spacious gathering area shaded by a trellis.

To optimize church sanctuary acoustics, the facility will be modified to include multimedia innovations, as well as the latest in sound system designing and technological equipment.

“The KMA team is committed to producing results that are closely aligned with the church’s vision for space and modern design,” said Don Blair, president of the architect.

The Ocean Beach facility is one of six campuses Newbreak operates throughout San Diego.

The KMA team consists of Don Blair, Rich Guerena, Jay Janda and Alison Warren. Civil and structural engineering services are being provided by **Burkett & Wong**.

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located on three-quarters of an acre on Melbourne Avenue, and includes individual plots and a community plot that may be used to provide vegetables to the food pantry run by the adjacent Mission Village Christian Fellowship church.

“The students presented some initial conceptual designs and then delivered a really sophisticated overall design and phasing plan,” said Richard Winkler, co-director of VGSD.

Victory Gardens San Diego is a San Diego Roots Sustainable Food Project program that focuses on helping people grow their own food through collaborative garden installations, hands-on garden education and community outreach.

Created in 2009, VGSD has installed 21 home gardens, provided assistance for the creation of nine school gardens and nine organizational gardens, and held eight series of garden education classes.

The NSAD design clinic, started under the guidance of Kurt Hunker, the graduate program department chair, has provided architectural design support to underserved groups and community partners for the past decade.

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The new 36,131-square-foot San Diego office is to be located at Pacific Plaza at Torrey Hills.

The facility occupies two floors of