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Palace Community Center Project Update

Construction Update #2: June 11 - July 31, 2015

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- Columns and Beams
- Underground Utilities
- Exterior Masonry
- Roof decking and joists

Construction on the Palace Community Center continued throughout the month of July on schedule and at a fast pace. During this time the future size and exterior aesthetic of the building became much more apparent. After footings and foundation work was completed in June, steel columns were placed and masonry back-up walls were erected (Image 1). A primary goal of the project was to create community spaces that were both warm and welcoming, and part of the strategy for accomplishing this became visible with the addition of the glu-lam timber beams and decking as seen in images 2, 3, and 4.



1. Steel column placement and masonry wall construction, standing in the future Warming Room looking back toward the gym (7/8/15)



2. Placement of the “glu-lam” timber beams (7/15/15)



3. New entrance at Palace Avenue (7/17/15)

The glue-laminated “glu-lam” timber beams were delivered to the site pre-sized and pre-drilled for efficient construction. The beams above the new entrance at Palace Avenue weigh approximately 1,200 pounds each (Image 2 and 3). These beams and the wood decking are an important element of the future aesthetic and will remain exposed after the completion of construction. Concurrent with the placement of the wood decking (Image 4), is the installation of underground utilities and conduits (Image 5). This includes sanitary, storm, gas, and electrical lines that are distributed throughout the building from the mechanical spaces.



4. Wood decking placement (7/22/15)



5. Placement of underground utilities in north end of the commons, facing the future staff desk (7/22/15)



6. Brick construction in progress outside of the future teen space, at the corner of Palace Ave. and View St. (7/17/15)

Over the next several weeks construction progress will continue with exterior brick, roof decking and utilities. The interior spaces will begin to take shape as interior masonry wall construction begins and the floor slab is prepared. Construction is on schedule at this time, and the building work is anticipated to be completed in December 2015.



7. Looking out from the fitness room to the covered porch and future play area (7/29/15)



8. Standing in the teen space looking out to the corner of Palace Ave. and View St. (7/29/15)

As a reminder, this is the first phase of a two phase project. Construction of Phase II will occur in 2016. Planned improvements for Phase II include a new play area, updates to field lighting, and improvements to the playing field surfaces.