

Building Update for April, 2015

The project is moving forward. We are in the Construction Documents phase, which means that specifics are getting more closely articulated all the time. The 50% deadline is May 14 and the 90% is on June 11. The contractors will put out the bidding documents on June 11.

In other news:

-We are working towards knowing the exact start of construction. The things that need to be accomplished are:

Permitting-we expect this to be complete by Aug 5

Approval of the Commission for Guaranteed Maximum Price - The most likely meeting date by which we will have all the information necessary to know the GMP and ask for approval is July 15 or August 5; we are targeting August 5, which is the more conservative date.

-Therefore, we are tentatively planning on the groundbreaking ceremony being August 8, 2015.

-We are on budget! We have gone through one value engineering exercise and kept the project on budget.

-Dutch Elm Diseased trees: we have learned that the bark must be properly disposed of but the remaining wood can be used.

-PRAC will be meeting on May 28 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the play equipment. After a lot of thought and discussion, the Parks Department will recommend the equipment and layout provided by landscape architect Kurt Lango. The McLoughlin Neighborhood Association disagrees with this recommendation. Hopefully, there will be some good discussion about what is best for kids and we can move forward. I will be on vacation; Joan Jasper and Kurt Lango will attend.

-We are still working on the programming with SEA and HPA. We want to ensure that there is enough shelving and that is laid out as well as possible.

-We have contracted with Mike Neeley of May Technologies to provide a design for the audio visual equipment for the community room. All of this equipment and installation will hopefully be paid for with PEG funds, which is related to putting content on cable. The community room will be an alternate site for advisory committee meetings for the City.