

Item 24-1589: APL Building Project Update

Library Board

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Margaret Mann (Library Board Member) 16:39

Alright. So that takes us through the established order of the day, and we'll move on to information items and move into our administrative report, starting with the building project update number 24-1589.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 16:59

Yes. One second here. So, there's continues to be a lot of progress happening on the site. The Boldt monthly update will be out within the next week or so for before the end of the year, and inside, you're going to see significant progress on flooring, on walls and surfaces. Some of the graphic—the graphic walls are being installed depending on where they are and what other things are happening around them, service desk installation, lighting installation, furniture assembly, bookshelf assembly, and book moving placement.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 17:38

So thought it might be a little more helpful to talk about what's left to be done. So, one of the major things that's left to be done is related to the life safety systems. So that is fire protection, that is the fire alarms. And so, we talk about this point of occupancy when the library gets occupancy which is not to be confused with opening day. That's just when we can be in there in a manner that is considered more freely workable. We're not just there only working on the project related things, when more staff can be present, when we don't have to wear PPE.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 18:20

So, these are major pieces that have to happen before occupancy. Egress and exit lighting—all those systems must be functioning flawlessly to ensure that everybody has clear markers to exit the building in an emergency. The sprinkler system installation is being completed, but testing and integration with the fire alarm systems are pending and the interaction between these systems. So, these aren't like the simple old systems we had in the old building. These are much more sophisticated systems. The fire sprinklers and alarms must work together. They're more technology driven systems, and so that adds complexity to those elements for testing.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 19:05

Other pieces that are still pending or in process—a lot of doors and hardware and a lot of electronics related to those doors and hardware. Bringing the egress stairs up to code. So, every one of those stair towers that's existed, those are all emergency egress. Code has changed. There's work that needs to be done there. There's multiple aspects of major spaces that still need to be done. That includes the Learning Stairs, the Commons, the Upper Commons, and the community meeting room. I'd say the community meeting room is probably the least far along. But remember, that's the new build space, and so that's the space that is, you know was used to be roof. It's higher ceiling, it's definitely coming along, but there's still major work to be done there. It's got the partition wall, some pretty sophisticated elements in there.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 20:01

The mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system testing. Railings, roof work, ceilings, flooring, signage, lighting, shades, detection systems, AV and IT systems. The automated material handling system started to be installed today, so that was exciting. And collection placement has begun but is ongoing, and I think every one of us thought this was going to be the easier book move—wrong. Way wrong. This is the hardest book move of any of

them. It isn't translating to the same number of shelves in the same space. The puzzle that Nichole has in her head is mind blowing, the work that she is doing to triage on the fly when we run into challenges, just phenomenal. So, if you drive by when this meeting's done, and there's still lights on in there and you look in, you're gonna see book shelves, you're gonna see books on bookshelves, and you're gonna think that thing's almost done. So, the reason I went to the effort of explaining all of this to you is to know that a lot of the things that still need to be done, they're kind of complex, behind the scene's systems. And so we still need your patience for calibration, testing, and certification before the building is ready for that occupancy.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 21:24

We are going—we have a commissioning process, and the commissioning process is working with a third-party commissioning agent that walks us all—Boldt, everybody—through all of these systems, and this is really important because the building's a lot more sophisticated than older buildings used to be, and it really helps with the complexity of the interconnected building systems. So, they have experience with all of these systems—the HVAC, the fire, the alarms, the plumbing, the electrical. And they make sure that all of these are functioning to the design intent so we have an appropriately functioning building that's maximized to its best and also it's—so it's a safe building to function in. So, all of that detail is a ton of work to be done.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 22:14

So, just kind of wanted to give you that context because I know we get this question a lot of what's our sense of opening day? So, our opening day has kind of general approach has not changed. It's still looking at early 2025. We're gonna share as specific a date when we can, when we can, but we are not gonna start throwing out dates now because it—you know there's just too many variables in place. So, I hope that helps, because we talk a lot about what's been done, and it's great, and it's super exciting, and we're as excited as everyone else to get you in there. But just thought I'd make sure you kind of get a sense of all that detail.

Margaret Mann (Library Board Member) 23:00

And I'd just—I'll add, I mean, there's the occupancy thing and all the systems that you're working on, but then you guys—your whole staff has to learn how to use it well. And coming from a person who still struggles with her remote control for her tv, that's a lot to learn. So, we just want to make sure that everyone's thinking about the training that the staff needs to make sure that not only do the systems actually work, but we know how to work them. So—or you guys know how to work them. So, thank you for the update. It's a—it's exciting and mind-boggling how much work needs to be done. So. Any questions on B—number 7?

Male Board Member 23:39

It's a big building and the library will have a lot of staff. I mean, we already have a lot of staff, but we'd encourage the library to engage the volunteer group, and I personally would be happy to be involved, but if, I—the punch listing process is very important to me. If we can get everybody in there turning every knob, opening every door, just making sure everything is working and ready to go at opening day, that would be important.

Executive Director Colleen Rortvedt (Library) 24:02

Good point.

Margaret Mann (Library Board Member) 24:05

All right. Any other questions?