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Palace Community Center Project Update

Construction Update #1: May 11 - June 10, 2015

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- Abatement
- Demolition
- Excavation
- New Footings and Foundations

The Palace Recreation Center was closed to programming on May 11th, 2015. After construction crews mobilized, abatement and demolition on the building began. Demolition included the removal of the 2nd level, restrooms, office, and meeting room along Palace Avenue, and soon the building had a very different look. The storage space on the park side (east) was also removed to make room for new programming. As of June 3rd, major demolition was marked as complete. What is seen on site today, including the gym and the adjacent storage rooms along View Street, will remain part of the Palace Community Center after completion of construction, although with some significant aesthetic improvements.



1. Demolition viewed from Palace Avenue: 6/1/15



2. Demolition viewed from playing fields: 6/3/15

Excavation for the new footings and foundations began immediately after completion of demolition and uncovered a surprise. Concrete foundations of a building that once occupied this location were underground, beneath the playground (Shown below in images 3 and 4). It required 6 large trucks to remove the uncovered concrete from the project site.



3 and 4. Old concrete foundations discovered during excavation (6/5/15)



5. Excavations in progress for new foundations and footings (6/8/15)



6 and 7. Staking locations for footings and foundations (6/10/15)

The location of the future building edges and new structural columns were staked on site during the week of June 8th. Pouring of concrete footings and foundations will occur next and is expected to take three weeks. This will be followed by further work on the soils and construction of structural steel and exterior masonry. Despite the unexpected uncovering of old foundations this month, the construction work is on schedule.