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Palace Community Center Project Update

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- Electrical
- Interior Concrete
- Exterior Insulation Finish System
- Underground Plumbing

With the primary structure completed, much of the construction progress over the last month occurred in places that will not be visible to visitors to Palace. Construction crews were busy coordinating and placing conduit for electrical, data, and audio/visual equipment as well as gas and water piping. Because of the open floor spaces in the building, a significant amount of conduits are placed beneath the floor and above the roof. There is over 3,200 feet of conduit installed in the building (Image 5.)



1. Construction Progress from the north side, from the location of the future parking lot (8/26/15)



2. Looking at Palace from the east side, at the location of the future play area. (8/12/15)



3. Progress in the Lobby and South Vestibule (8/12/15)



4. Gym North Wall (9/9/15)



5. Placing conduits for installation in future walls (8/26/15)

6. Prepping the View St. facade for new exterior (8/26/15)

The gymnasium was not originally included in the scope of work for this renovation, in part because of the recently installed new floor. However, the exterior of the gym is getting much-needed insulation and a fresh appearance. The new look includes a window along View Street, and EIFS, (Exterior Insulation and Finishing System). The newly installed EIFS provides additional insulation as well as a new, clean appearance (Image 4 and 6). Mechanical upgrades including new ducts are also currently being installed on the gym's interior.



7. Roof installation (9/10/15)



8. Exterior view of the new warming room (8/26/15)



9. Entrance through the north vestibule (9/9/15)

The concrete floor slab was poured between September 3rd and 9th. Following the floor completion will be the construction of the interior walls, starting with the spaces along Palace Avenue, and continuing to the north side of the building.

Design work will begin soon for Phase II of the project. Phase II includes improvements to the fields and field lighting, as well as site pathways and a new play area. Comments received during the 2014 community engagement process will be very valuable in evaluating the design. The goal for Phase II is to start construction as soon as weather allows in the Spring of 2016.