

West Broadway Revitalization Project Update



Restoration of the historic Borden Building site began in November 2005, when voters approved the sale of City Hall with the proceeds to be used to help pay for its renovation. As the West Broadway Revitalization Project progresses, residents will see the Borden Building adaptively reused to house City offices and other commercial uses. Connections and the City's website will be used to keep all residents informed of progress as it becomes known.

Progress on Borden Revival Continues

Though much of the work can't be seen from the street, activity at the Borden Building has continued throughout the winter. Site work has been on hold since the heavy snows began in December. Even then, work on the exterior of the building has continued as weather permits, including replacement and repair of the brick façade, installation of new windows, and repair of the cupolas.

Updates on the status of the West Broadway Revitalization Project are provided to the City Commission at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Those meetings are aired live on Channel 26 and rebroadcast at noon daily as well as 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for two weeks thereafter.

Work recently completed inside the building includes construction of two elevator shafts. One elevator shaft was particularly challenging because of limited ceiling height on the south side of the building. Crews have also been pouring a new floor in the City Commission chamber and preparing for the installation of electronics and broadcast systems in the chamber.

Once the weather breaks and spring is officially here, the focus on site work will resume. It is expected that parking lot construction will be completed early this summer as well as extension of the Riverwalk Trail from the Oak Street Bridge to Riverview Apartments. Replacement of the Oak Street Bridge and reconstruction of Island Park Drive South are scheduled for completion this fall.

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