

June 2, 2008

Mr. Ron Yasui
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Re: Mercy General Hospital Construction Progress Report #11. For the week ended May 30, 2008.

Dear Mr. Yasui:

Please accept this Mercy General Hospital Construction Progress Report for the week ended May 30, 2008.

Last week, site work continued on the new school site to install a sewer line and to over-excavate, compact, and grade the site as part of the building pad preparation for the two school buildings. The arborist performed some trimming and pruning on the Bunya Bunya tree. The site continues to be watered to minimize dust, and it is expected that the off-hauling of the excess dirt will be completed in the next two weeks. Work continues on the MGH campus to prepare for the onsite utilities work to begin in earnest next week. Also, plans were finalized to begin the 39th Street utilities work, including the tie-ins at J and H Streets to begin the week of June 9th and continue through the summer months. The largest part of this phase of construction is the installation of a new water main on 39th Street from H to J Streets with tie-ins to be made on both H and J Streets. The general contractor is fully advised of the condition of approval that the work must be done in 90 days, and that any work on J or H Streets must be done in 5 days for each street. Work will begin on H Street and will proceed south down 39th Street to J. It is not anticipated that 39th Street will close, but there will be redirection of traffic on 39th Street between H and J Streets throughout the summer. Signage and flagmen will be onsite throughout this phase of construction.

Looking ahead, onsite utilities on the MGH campus will also commence the week of June 9th. This work is necessary to install underground utilities that will support the Heart Center and the campus. It is expected that there will be some re-routing of traffic on the hospital campus, particularly Spine Street and I Street during this phase. It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of the summer before Sacred Heart School is back in session for the new school year. Also, installation of the pre-cast masonry wall that separates the new school from the immediately adjacent neighbors on the south and west sides of the property will commence within the next 30 days. On June 28th, Mercy will host its second annual "Spare the Air Transportation Fair" on the Sacred Heart School parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. More details will follow.

Following are some questions submitted for the May 20th NAC meeting (*italicized*) along with our response (regular font):

- The April 3rd meeting in the East Sacramento Room at the Library was well represented by all three East Sacramento neighborhood associations, Mercy staff, City staff, Councilmember Cohn. The meeting was conducted with respect from all parties resulting in trust building for those in attendance. This format was very effective, supported open dialog and accomplished a great deal.. Why does Mercy reject Councilmember Cohn's and the neighborhood groups urging to continue this type of directed meeting? If Mercy is sincerely looking for collaborative communication with the neighborhood and truly looking to help heal the neighborhood divide it has generated, then Mercy should reconsider and reinstate this meeting format. All sides would benefit in the end*

Mercy has restructured the NAC meeting to be more of a roundtable format, and this format was piloted for the May 20th NAC meeting. The feedback was that the prior NAC meetings were more of a "dog and pony show" controlled by Mercy. In response to that feedback, we agreed to change the format of the meeting to more of a roundtable discussion; and this new format will continue for the upcoming NAC meetings. The next NAC meeting is scheduled for August 12th at Sacred Heart Parish School.

2. *At the last meeting, there was discussion of the design for the fencing planned for the new Sacred Heart Parish School. The neighborhood groups urged the elimination of the fence along H Street (or limiting the fence to simply between buildings and not along the sidewalk).*

All fencing along the H Street sidewalk has been removed from the Sacred Heart Parish School project. There will be fencing between the buildings.

3. *There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dust and airborne debris generated by the grading for the new school site. There seemed to be a more concentrated effort to keep dust and other debris down when the homes were demolished or moved. What is Mercy doing to help those immediate neighbors, Ms. Luther, Sacred Heart students and the Mercy McMahan residences safe from the annoyance created by the large construction trucks?*

The site is being watered daily by a water truck onsite. The difference is that during demolition, there were firehoses being used to minimize dust from falling debris as the structures were being demolished. The general contractor is very aware of the dust, and we are working to complete this portion of the work as quickly as possible – hopefully within the next two weeks. Regular communication occurs with Ms. Luther, Sacred Heart School, and Mercy McMahan.

4. *Will Mercy commit to preserving the two sycamore trees currently located in the existing Sacred Heart Parish School playground for use in the design of the pedestrian plaza? We feel very strongly that this is a unique opportunity to both save two establish trees in our urban canopy and allow the plaza design to include natural shade.*

Mercy anticipates that the two sycamore trees located along the 39th Street side of the existing Sacred Heart Parish School playground will be saved and incorporated into the pedestrian plaza. Looking at the existing site, there is a change in elevation from 39th Street to the location of the sycamore trees on the playground which could be problematic. Otherwise, it is a good idea to keep these trees in the design, and we appreciate the input.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns (453-4491).

Respectfully Submitted,



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