



Date: December 24, 2015
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*
From: Michael P. Conway, Director of Economic and Property Development *MC*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Update on Abatement and Demolition of the Old Courthouse Building

This memo is intended to update City Council regarding the abatement and demolition of the old courthouse building.

On November 10, 2015, City Council authorized the interior abatement of asbestos containing materials and lead-based paint from the interior of the old courthouse building. On December 15, 2015, City Council authorized the demolition of the old courthouse building.

Abatement activities are underway and are expected to continue through February 2016. Abatement activities include the demolition of ceilings and walls in order to gain access to the areas that contain asbestos. These demolition activities will continue until mid-January. Demolition of the ceilings and walls are occurring on each floor simultaneously and the debris is being collected on the ground behind (north of) the courthouse building, where it is transferred to trash bins and trucks for recycling and disposal. The abatement activities comply with all Cal-OSHA regulations, we have an on-site, part-time Project Manager and an on-site, full-time, abatement consultant. Additionally, there are storm water protective measures in place and air monitors along the perimeter of the property to confirm that on-site activities do not create dust that travels off of the site. Abatement activities are scheduled to be completed by February 29, 2016.

Demolition of the old courthouse building is scheduled to begin March 1, 2016 and will be completed by June 1, 2016. Demolition activities will involve large mechanical equipment that will be placed on rails and can reach to the top of the building, cut through the steel and concrete structure of the building and break apart the concrete and steel. While this approach is quieter, quicker and cheaper, it will likely draw considerable attention. Demolition activities will also require that the southerly prolongation of Chestnut Avenue, currently functioning as a pedestrian walkway to Ocean Boulevard, be fenced off as this area is part of the "Old Courthouse Site" to be delivered to Plenary Edgemoor Civic Partners by June 1, 2016 for the Civic Center Project.

Abatement and demolition activities are being recorded via a digital camera, and upon completion of activities, will be available for review.

If there are any questions regarding any aspect of this communication, please contact Mike Conway at extension 8-5282, or via email at Michael.conway@longbeach.gov.

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