

Pre-cast panel delivery to begin for 1st Street

1st Street road reconstruction

City staff members are discussing the phasing of the remaining 1st Street road reconstruction, which will start up again in spring of 2008 and be completed by that fall. The schedule for the remaining work will be announced once it has been set.

Parking deck construction/The Plaza

The pre-cast panels for the parking deck have been arriving daily. Construction is on schedule. The pre-cast panels are coming from a plant in Wisconsin. Trucks are staged at a location off Route 64 near Randall Road. The trucks are coming down Route 47 to Route 38, north on Route 31 and entering the construction site from Walnut. Trucks are not authorized to wait on Route 31 or Walnut at any time during construction.

River Loft

Plans for the River Loft building—2 and 3, to be located on the site of the current Blue Goose—were submitted late last week and are under staff review.

River Terrace

Design for the River Terrace building 1, to be located between the current Blue Goose and Manor buildings, is following behind the River Loft building by about one month, although

construction should occur at around the same time. They hope to begin construction in spring of 2008.

New Blue Goose

The steel for the roof of the new Blue Goose Supermarket arrived and is being set into place. Once the steel is in place, the walls will be backfilled, and the City Electric Utility will be able to remove the remaining poles for the Route 31 road widening.

Electric Utility work

The Electric Utility finished the underground electric utility work in the access drive behind the businesses in the 100 block of West Main Street. A hole by the transformer will remain for a while, as underground work will continue through the winter months. The access drive is paved and open to one-way traffic. The access drive, along with the temporary, 15-minute parking spaces located behind Lucky Dog and Trattoria ZaZa, will remain through the start of construction of the public plaza in spring of 2008.

Route 31 road widening

Relocation of the remaining two utility poles is being coordinated with the backfilling of the walls for the new Blue Goose store. These poles were

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scheduled to be moved early this week. Meanwhile, Alliance, the contractor for this project, began moving utilities last week. Some short service interruptions were required. Alliance hoped to start the road widening early this week; however, depending on when the remaining utility poles are moved, they may begin the roadwork on Monday, Oct. 8. The work will only require lane closures, road closure and detours will not be needed.

Public Space Design Committee

The committee met Monday, Sept. 24, to discuss the public plaza design. Members heard comments from several business owners who will border the plaza. Three concept designs for the plaza were presented and discussed. One of the concepts stood out and was approved by the committee with revisions. The preferred plaza concept design will incorporate the revisions and be presented for final approval by the committee at its next meeting. The committee also discussed concept designs for planter railings and a name for the plaza. Discussion of the riverwalk and plaza on the east side of 1st Street will be discussed once the west plaza design is complete, later in October, November, and December. The next meeting was rescheduled to Oct. 15, 8 a.m., in the Municipal Building, second floor.

Time Table Summary

Week of Oct. 1

- Pre-cast panel delivery off Walnut, 12 to 20 trucks to enter the site per day. Daily panel deliveries will contin-

ue through the beginning of December.

- The Route 31 road widening project should begin. Work will begin at the south end and proceed north. Alliance should be doing storm sewer work and removing curbs early in the week. The road will be open for Scarecrow Fest.

- Benchmark Construction will have a few people on-site completing punch list items. No major roadwork or large equipment should be needed.

Oct. 15

- 1st Street Public Space Design Committee meeting, 8 a.m., City Hall

October/November

- Electric Utility to convert 100 W. Main businesses to underground electric.

Dec. 10

- Presentation at the Planning and Development Committee meeting by the 1st Street developer and city staff on overall status of the project, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, second floor, Municipal Building.

January 2008

- Blue Goose Supermarket moves into and opens its new store.

February/March 2008

- Demolition/site work for Buildings 1, 2 and 3, along the river where the current Blue Goose is located, begins.

Spring 2008

- Phases 3 through 5 1st Street Reconstruction, from Illinois/1st Street intersection to Route 64, begins.

Summer 2008

- Parking deck is completed and open.

Questions or comments about the 1st Street project may be directed to the 1st Street hotline at 762-7097 or via e-mail at 1stStreet@stcharlesil.gov.