



In the awe-inspiring month of May...

by Washington County Project Manager, Geoffrey Kavulya

...all the buds are bursting at the Event Center construction site, which is a nice welcome before the brightness of the summer. In the past month, it has been a beehive of activities and heaps of project actions lined up for the month of May. Moreover, we are tracking other activities such as trenching for Comcast/County fiber and light poles, setting of trash enclosures, irrigation sleeves and grease interceptors. We made significant progress with mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection (MEPF) underground and structural steel shops drawings.

We have piled up a few milestones along the way; for example, all foundation for the building footprint is a wrap. Additionally, testing for waterlines is complete. Several significant factors considered include plumbing fixture count, intermittent use of the fixtures, the length of the run of pipe, and building type, among others. As currently designed and installed, we can report that the system is working as intended and in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). Another notable accomplishment: on the Building Information Modeling (BIM) coordination review and integration front, we can report that structural steel 3D modeling for areas A, B, C & D, and Mechanical Electrical Plumbing & Fire protection (MEPF) scopes are complete. 3D modeling and detailing for Cross Laminated Timber/Mass Timber and structural steel for areas C & D and underground work for areas B, C, & D is currently underway.

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Those are not spring flowers budding from the concrete but utility line terminations--

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Project trade partners enjoy a safety barbeque to celebrate a perfect safety record on the project so far.

Project News:

By John Ciepiela
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This month is a big milestone for our project! Whitaker Ellis Builders, Coffman Excavation, and R2M2 Rebar and Stressing have completed all foundation work for the building footprint. To complement the structural work, Mill Plain Electric, MSI Plumbing, and Apollo Mechanical are going full steam on building underground utilities. These plumbing, electrical, low voltage and radon utilities are due to be complete in early June. Off the site, production of steel is underway now that shop drawings are complete and coordinated with all of the other trades. The pre-construction for the project's beautiful glazing and metal panel systems are also underway and LRS Architects will be finalizing the exterior color schemes in the coming months.

Another significant milestone this month – the Washington County Event Center team were able to celebrate four months of trade work on the building footprint without a safety incident. These men and women work early hours through any kinds of weather the Pacific Northwest can throw at them, and they do it with an attitude that has established an excellent safety culture on the project. This kind of culture is one that Swinerton strives for on every project and we are proud to be aligned with a committed subcontract team.

Swinerton Spotlight: Ka'Ula Kalawa Senior Project Engineer

By John Ciepiela
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As a Senior Project Engineer with Swinerton, Ka'Ula is responsible for the successful coordination and completion of electrical, HVAC, fire protection, low-voltage and plumbing for the entire project! She is also responsible for the successful coordination with Washington County Operations and Maintenance and systems startup. She began her construction career in 2010 with Swinerton on Oahu, Hawai'i and transferred over to Swinerton Portland Division in 2016. She is honored to be a part of the Swinerton 'ohana and feels privileged to be given the opportunity to make history with the Washington County Community.

'Ula's family is her backbone and foundation who always taught her to follow your passion. Her passion in life is simple, "to do what makes you happy". She feels fortunate to be able to pursue her passion in her career in construction and is inspired by the men and women in the field who hold the knowledge of this diverse industry. Meeting new individuals and learning new functions in the construction industry is a path she is excited to continue to take and looks forward to the many inspiring opportunities to come. 'Ula and her husband spend the majority of their free time renovating their new home in Vancouver, WA and she loves lounging with their dog Luna... while watching TLC, Bravo, and Lifetime shows.



Ka'Ula Kalawa
Senior Project Engineer

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Stakeholders walk the site-



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On the non-construction front, we had our first Event Center stakeholders meeting and site walk on May 2, 2019. We provided a project update, highlighted key milestones and the next steps going forward. Though it seems like just the other day, we are a few months to the one-year project milestone. To celebrate this milestone, plans are in high gear to facilitate a project update and site tour for the Board of Commissioners, City of Hillsboro officials and Washington County Visitors Association leadership, sometime in the month of August. On the operations front, we are working on Event Center naming and branding. A select sub-committee with representation from the County, City of Hillsboro, Fairgrounds Advisory Committee and Fair Board has been busy fine-tuning the details. Watch this space for future updates.

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Project News



Pump station plumbing arriving on site



Plumbing, electrical, & gas underground installation at the kitchen



- Concrete foundation being poured and finished- Over 900 cubic yards total!



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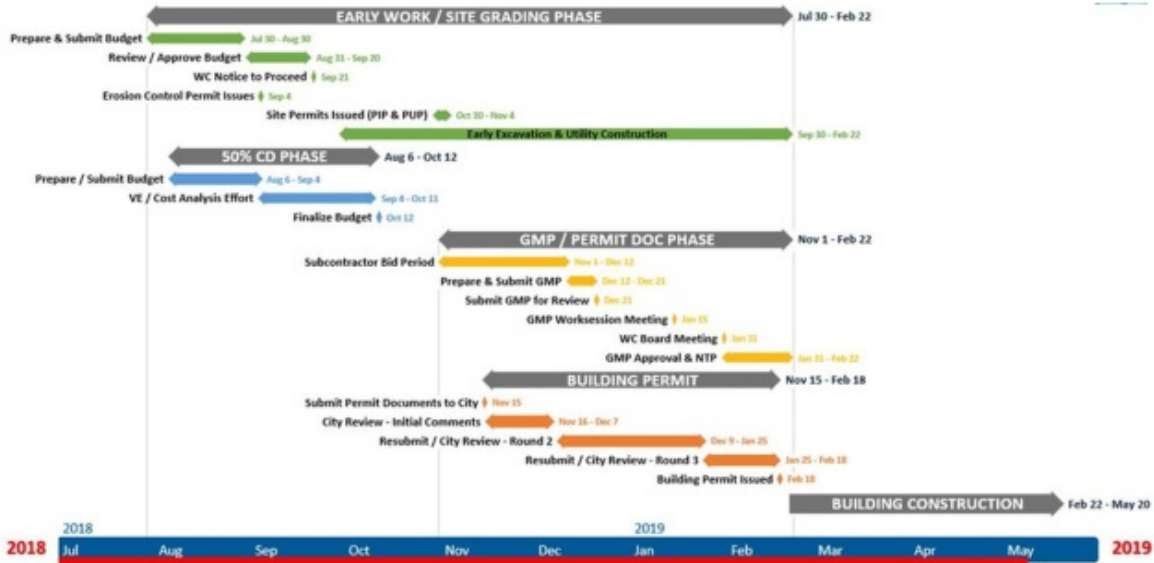
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