RENOVATIONS CONTINUE THROUGH 2021

Anchorage Senior Activity Center Renovations 2020-21
Submitted by ASAC Board Member and Facility Committee Chair Kurt Steinert

The following is the latest update of much needed renovations as of January 6, 2021.

The initial renovation project condition study, concept and estimate were funded by the Rasmuson Foundation in 2019.

On April 7, 2020 the voters approved a $2,750,000 government bond for the renovations to the 35-year-old facility.

Architect Steve Fishback completed concept designs with 18 priority items requested by the ASAC on April 9, 2020.

On June 15, 2020 Stanford Langon, Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Capital Projects and Burkhart/Croft Architects mobilized on site and began the design and project budgeting for the major renovation.

The first phase is the replacement of the leaking skylight structure in the lobby. The new skylight is planned to be fiberglass Kallwall design allowing natural light into the lobby with enhanced interior lighting fixtures. The fiberglass panels with defused sunlight will reduce glare and minimize heat loss. Bids were received December 29, 2020 from two local contractors and is being awarded to Rand Construction. Rand Kopischke has over 20 years of working on Municipal contracts including fine carpentry in the Anchorage Assembly Chambers and complex concrete work in the MOA bus transit facility. The shop drawings, fabrication and shipment will take 14 to 16 weeks with construction start in late May or early June. The construction contract has a 270-day completion requirement from date of notice to proceed.

The second phase is the major upgrades to the overall facility. The design documents submitted to MOA Building Safety in December 2020 are currently in review and the project is planned to go to public bidding in mid-January 2021. These renovations will include kitchen equipment appliances and bathroom upgrades, security camera systems, window blinds, gift shop and cafeteria upgrades and expanded dance and weight rooms. Also, the facility carpet and fitness floor matting will be completed. Exterior site upgrades include parking lot LED lighting upgrades and asphalt repairs, which were partially completed in 2020. The major interior renovation construction is scheduled to start about March 2021. The construction will impact major areas in the building requiring careful coordination with senior activities.

Special thanks to the efforts of the staff, ASAC members and Rasmuson Foundation that informed Anchorage citizens of this valued center and the human services it proves.