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To our wonderful Daffodil #2308 Brothers and Sisters,

We wish you a Happy Autumn! The leaves are starting to change color, The smoke from the fires is clearing up-so enjoy being able to go outside again!

Renovations on our new building are ongoing. We are ALL looking forward to moving in and getting up and running; seeing friends, having meetings and fundraisers!! BACK TO NORMAL!!

We appreciate all of you for keeping your membership current, which helps us to survive! Please consider visiting other Aeries that are open. They would also welcome the support.

Elections matter! Please make sure you are registered to vote and please do so!

Be well. Be Safe. Be patient. Be Kind. Be an Eagles!!

Fraternally, Eric Kelm, Worthy President

Let's Flamingle! Robin Sheffer, Madam President

Welcome to the Trustees Corner. In this edition, we would like to give an update on the future home of Daffodil Aerie 2308 and try and give some background information on the whole move process.

Background

There are several phases to the move process. They are phase 1, phase 1A, and Phase 2. We will go into detail on each one and how it ties into the move schedule.

Phase 1 is the portion of the project that is directly tied to reimbursement from Sound Transit. This includes construction of the bar area, kitchen area, restaurant area, and moving of The Puyallup Eagles property to the new location. The costs for these activities are reimbursed back to the Eagles by Sound Transit, the Eagles must first pay the bills, then submit a claim to Sound Transit for reimbursement. This reimbursement process can take up to 3 months after completion of the work. Sound Transit did provide the Puyallup Eagles 3 installments of money up front to help with cash flow; this covered about 70% of the up-front costs. The rest of the costs were borne by the Eagles and subject to reimbursement. The caveat to this process is that Sound Transit is bound by federal guidelines on what they can or cannot reimburse. The federal statute that governs this is 49 CFR-Part 24. Basically, this statute says that Sound Transit is only obligated to move or purchase/install items we currently own. An example would be a fryer in the kitchen. Since the fryer would cost more to move than to purchase and install a new one, Sound Transit will pay for the exact same fryer to be installed. They will not pay for any federally or city mandated building code upgrades, city mandated fees or other upgrades to the property. Later in this update I will speak to the appeal that was filed with Sound Transit concerning fees and upgrades. In a nutshell, Sound Transit will pay to move what we had.

Phase 1A is the portion of the project NOT reimbursed by Sound Transit. Phase 1A includes the relocation of the Secretaries office, entryway work, the new back building (which includes the bathrooms, fire sprinkler room, HVAC room). The heavy design and construction for this phase was performed by contractors and paid for by the Eagles. The finish work and minor (non-permit) construction was performed by Eagles volunteers. When the old Main Garden Restaurant was purchased, it lacked several things. Office space, sufficient restroom capacity for our needs, fire sprinklers and alarms, updated HVAC. These things needed to be built and installed. To accomplish this, the restrooms in the original building were converted to office space and an additional building constructed to house the larger restrooms, HVAC equipment, and fire sprinkler equipment. This entire cost belongs to the Eagles. This is one of several reasons for the delay in opening. Since the Eagles must pay for this entire cost, we are utilizing as much of our skilled volunteers to perform as much of the work as possible.

Phase 2 is the portion of the project that would construct the second addition. This building would be the social hall and house the dance floor, Bingo hall, and be used for Aerie meetings. This building would be totally paid for by the Eagles. At the current time, this building is several years away. We simply do not have the funds available to construct it. Aerie meetings, Bingo, small dances and social gatherings will have to be accommodated in the restaurant portion. We understand the importance of this building and hope that through fund raising and other means, we can acquire the funds needed to build it sooner than later.

As stated in the Phase 1A discussion, there were several items that Sound Transit would not pay for. These items included:

\$47,000 for a water main, fire hydrant and fire main to support the fire sprinkler system (that was required by city code)

\$14,000 for public road handicap access (required by The City of Puyallup)

\$72,000 for building fire sprinklers (required by code)

\$35,000 for building fire alarm system (required by code)

\$12,000 for site handicap construction (required by The City of Puyallup)

\$135,000 for HVAC (required by code and The City of Puyallup)

These items were appealed by the Eagles and all were denied by an appeals judge. This was money that came directly out of the Eagles pocket. You can see why the use of skilled volunteers is so important, even though it lengthens the time of the project. We have a large cash deficit to make up.

Update

If you have made it this far, congratulations!

Restaurant: The restaurant area is complete: It needs a good cleaning

Bar: The bar area is 90% complete. All coolers are installed, beer taps are installed, bar is finished, floor, chairs and tables installed, beer system is installed. It needs a good scrubbing

Kitchen: 50% complete. There was some unforeseen underground work that needed to be done. The equipment delivery is delayed due Covid 19 issues.

Phase 1A(bathroom building): 90% complete. Toilets and urinals are installed, waiting on fabrication of the counters to install the sinks and faucets. Gutters will be installed the middle of October.

Outside beer garden: 50% complete. Bids for concrete have been received,

This all leads to the big question, when will we be open? As of this writing, we hope sooner than later. I know that this is not the answer most folks want but it is the best we can do. We cannot open without the bathrooms. We can open without the kitchen (provisions have been made for food trucks). We still must wait on the city for permit sign off and occupancy requirements to be met and verified (with Covid 19 work schedules inspection and buyoffs do not follow normal rules). One thing that will need to be done is a deep cleaning of the entire building. This something that everyone can help with and when the request for volunteers comes, we will need as many members as possible to come help.

We hope this lengthy letter answers some questions. If there are other questions you may have, please post them to Facebook and we will try our best to answer. There have been many volunteers working tirelessly on this move, please be respectful to them when making comments.

Thank you for your patience and tolerance, we will come out of this for the better. It just takes time!

Your Trustees.

ORDER YOUR WREATHS NOW

Brothers and Sisters:

The Auxiliary will be selling wreaths again this year.

We will be selling them from Oct 4th until Nov 1st.

You may contact Loni at 253 230 8883 or manager2308@gmail.com.

I will be at the Eagles on Oct 24th from 11 am until 1 pm. If you would like to come down and place your order. Or you can call and Ill meet up with you.

When you order your wreaths you will need to pay for them cash or check.

Pick up date will be November 28th from 3 to 5 pm at the Eagles.

The Auxiliary thanks you in advanced for helping with this fundraiser. We are using the proceeds for the Building fund.

Thank you again,

Loni Andrews

Chairman

On the following pages see flyer to order wreaths and pictures of the new Aerie front and Bar tables and chairs!



