PROJECT AND NEW BUSINESS UPDATES!

Valhalla Hall
Construction of the new building has seen successful completion of the plumbing and electrical “under slab” ground work and has now gone vertical with installation of the concrete footings and stem walls. The Project’s General Contractor, Rafn Co. continues their efforts to provide local hiring opportunities and to maintain good neighborhood relations through weekly “door-to-door” project updates. Construction is expected to be completed in mid January 2018.

Contact Shannon Johnson for more information at (253) 591-5230.

Kellogg-Sicker & Porchert Building
(Brown Star Grill)
The Red Elm opened up successfully with a soft opening in February and a grand opening in March. Response from the community and beyond has been enthusiastic with a couple of articles in the Tacoma News Tribune and several social media posts praising the local venture for its sustainability business model, atmosphere, food and for being a great place to meet up with neighbors and community members. John Hunt, developer of the buildings, says they are currently entertaining proposals for the remaining 2 retail vacancies. Zodiac Supper Club (formally located on St. Helens across from City Hall) will be opening up this summer and we could see a salon, office space or another restaurant on site soon!

For more information on the retail spaces or 10 apartment units available soon, contact John Hunt at (253) 214-2122.
LINKS TO OPPORTUNITY

Links to Opportunity
The Links to Opportunity Project is a two-part effort to improve social and economic opportunity through planning for multi-modal and economic development in communities along the Tacoma Link Expansion Corridor. The program is funded by a two year grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit Oriented Development Planning Pilot Program. The goal is to design and engineer an improved streetscape along the route of the extension with a design influenced by the community where it is built, but also employs individuals from the community in the construction of the Link Extension itself.

A primary tool for the Links to Opportunity Project is the Hilltop Engagement Committee or “HEC”. This is a 15 member committee established by the City Council to provide feedback and guidance on the Links to Opportunity Project regarding outreach, design and in identifying potential barriers and/or opportunities for hiring of a local workforce for the construction of the Link Expansion. HEC meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Bates Technical College Clyde Hupp Board room, it is a public meeting and those interested are welcome to attend.

Look for our on site project office to be open this month at the former Key Bank Building located at 1120 South 11th Street. Ongoing hours of operation will be determined with input from the HEC Committee at our June meeting.

Contact Monica Ghosh at (253) 348-9694 or mghosh@cityoftacoma.org for more information.