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**MORGAN SHOAL
PROJECT AREA**

*Shipwreck of the
Silver Spray*

to 51st Street

A Message from Ray

As we reflect on the first half of the year, I am proud to share the progress the Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) has made in advancing our mission and goals in the Q2 Constructive News You Can Use publication. This year has been marked by significant achievements, growth and strategic initiatives that position the PBC well for the future.

One of highlights of the year was the successful inaugural “Connection Session” an innovative platform focusing on connecting the PBC’s talented pre-qualified general contractors and pre-approved Job Ordering Contractors (JOC) firms with established or up and coming minority and women business enterprise firms, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers. Please read the article and see the wonderful event pictures.

In addition to the ‘Connection Session,’ the PBC continues to strengthen our partnerships and expand our network, paving the way for exciting opportunities in the coming months. These collaborations are a testament to the collective effort and shared vision that drive us forward.

As we move into the second half of the year, I am confident that the PBC will build on this momentum and achieve even greater success. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team, partners and the PBC’s Board of Commissioners for their unwavering commitment and contributions.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,
Ray Giderof
PBC Acting Executive Director



Prequalified General Contractor and Assist Agency Roundtable

The PBC hosted Assist Agency and Pre-Qualified General Contractors Roundtables as a part of the PBC’s commitment to reinforce partnerships and discuss opportunities and equity. The discussions help to fuel and strengthen the effort to produce the highly successful inaugural ‘Connection Session’ where PBC’s talented pre-qualified general contractors and pre-approved Job Ordering Contractors (JOC) firms had an opportunity to connect with established or up and coming minority and women business enterprise firms, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers.



Assist Agency Roundtable



Pre-Qualified General Contractors Roundtable



Mayfair Branch Library Feasibility Study

The Public Building Commission of Chicago’s Board of Commissioners approved KOO LLC, a certified M/WBE firm, as the Architect of Record to initiate a feasibility study to evaluate construction options for the Mayfair Branch Library located at 4400 W. Lawrence. Jackie Koo and her staff joined the PBC Board meeting to accept the recommendation.



General Contractors Show in Great Numbers for Inaugural PBC Connection Session

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) was thrilled to host their inaugural ‘Connection Session’ an innovative platform focusing on connecting the PBC’s talented pre-qualified general contractors and pre-approved Job Ordering Contractors (JOC) firms with established or up and coming minority and women business enterprise firms, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers.

The standing room only groundbreaking event, hosted at Malcom X College, aimed to bridge the gap between established industry players and emerging talents. By facilitating connections and partnerships, the PBC sought to further promote diversity, equity and inclusion within the construction sector.

“The ‘Connection Session’ represents a pivotal moment in PBC’s commitment to diversity and collaboration,” Ray Giderof, PBC’s Acting Executive Director said. “We believe that by bringing together prequalified general contractors and pre-approved JOC firms with established or up and coming minority and women business enterprise firms, subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers, we can catalyze new opportunities and drive positive change in all Chicago communities.” The ‘Connection Session’ (speed dating concept) fostered meaningful connections, partnerships

and created avenues for fruitful collaborations. Through open dialogue and shared vision, participants had an opportunity to explore avenues for collaboration and innovation, laying the groundwork for future projects that reflect the rich tapestry of Chicago.

“We invited stakeholders in the construction industry to join us in this transformative endeavor,” Giderof said. “Together, we can build a more inclusive and vibrant future, where every voice is heard, and every talent is valued.”

Five enrolled or recently graduate students from Dawson Technical Institute of Kennedy-King College attended the event and had an opportunity to meet all participating contractors. Four were extended career opportunities.

“The expertise and perspective that gathered for this event plays a pivotal role in Chicago’s infrastructure,” Giderof said. “These students gave themselves an opportunity to expand their burgeoning careers. While all participating companies afforded themselves a unique opportunity to explore potential partnerships that can drive mutual success.”



PBC in the Community



Ray Giderof, PBC's Acting Executive Director, presented on department updates, diversity initiatives and upcoming contracting opportunities during the Federation of Women Contractors - Chicago's membership meeting.



The PBC participated in the City of Chicago's 2024 Construction Summit where individuals interested in learning more about doing business with the City and government agencies had an opportunity to participate in a day of Leaders Roundtables and Chats for businesses at all levels.



The PBC attended the 2024 DPS Construction Summit.



Ray Giderof, PBC's Acting Executive Director, performed the welcome and gave eye opening remarks on the importance of community engagement prior to and during construction projects for the General Services Administration's (GSA) Project Management Training Forum at Chicago's Union League Club.

PBC Engages with the Community for the Morgan Shoal Revetment Reconstruction Project

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC), the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Chicago Park District (CPD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), hosted three 'in-person' community meetings, participated in Monumental Baptist Church's community meeting and presented an 'open house' for the Morgan Shoal Revetment Reconstruction project. During all community engagements efforts, representatives provided responses and updates to the input and questions while offering information on the project status.

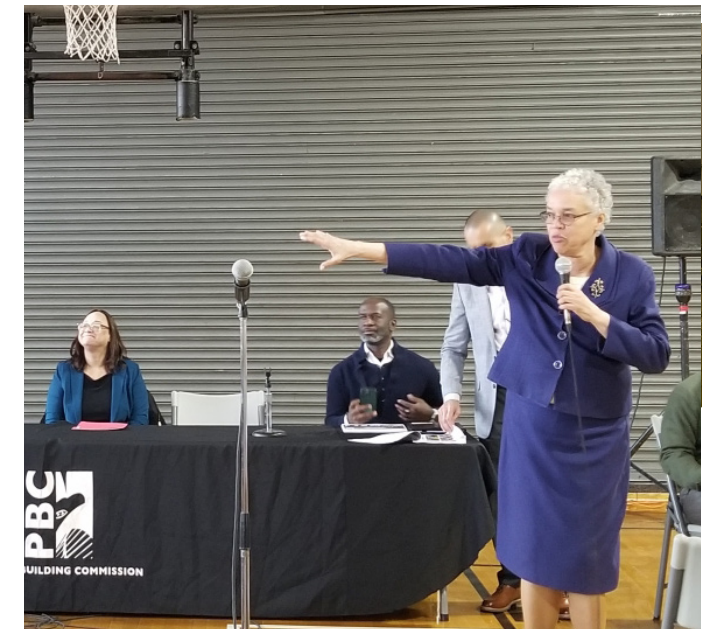


Monumental Baptist Church's Community Meeting

"In addition to the team listening and responding to verbal questions, the intent of the community meetings was to receive input and discuss project status, including the team's planning and design efforts," Ray Giderof, PBC's Acting Executive Director said. "The engagement efforts allowed members of the public to 'drop-in' and learn about the reconstruction project in an informal, spontaneous way." Giderof goes on to say, "All outreach efforts were focused on offering less intimidating platforms for members of the community to learn about a particular subject, register their interest in being involved further and ask their burning questions about the project."

These flexible approaches allowed members of the community to come at a time that suited them and spend as long as they need engaging with team members to learn about the project.

The Morgan Shoal Revetment Reconstruction Project is located along the Lake Michigan Shoreline between 45th and 51st Streets. The project is the latest phase of the Chicago Shoreline Protection Project, a long-term shoreline reconstruction project undertaken by the CDOT, CPD, and the USACE. In conjunction with its partners, the PBC is managing the development of planning, design, procurement, and construction of the project.



Morgan Shoal Community Meeting # 2



Morgan Shoal Community Meeting # 3



Morgan Shoal Community Open House



Morgan Shoal Community Meeting # 1

CBC Merit Award Finalist

The Joint Public Safety Training Campus Phase 1A, a PBC Design Build Project, was chosen as a finalist for the 2024 Chicago Building Congress Merit award in the Commercial Construction Under \$50M category.

The Chicago Joint Public Safety Training Campus (JPSTC) is a new state of the art infrastructure project that serves the City’s continued efforts to provide comprehensive, joint, best practice training for the Chicago Fire Department, Chicago Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications.

As part of the conversations to reimagine the 30+ acre site of shuttered warehouses and vacant land, an opportunity emerged to enhance the JPSTC and ultimately reconceptualize the role of a public safety training campus within an urban setting. As a result, the PBC and their design-build team embarked on a mission to create a single-story sit-down restaurant, a single-story fast casual restaurant, and a public plaza with art.

The two restaurants and public plaza parcel were designed around the common places for the Academy users to organically live alongside the community, regularly encountering residents and youth in the neighborhood in de-escalated, everyday interactions.

Alderman Emma Mitts, whose 37th Ward includes the JPSTC, said in a statement, “The facility is attracting businesses like Culver’s and Peach’s restaurants and organizations like the Boys and Girls Club to our neighborhood, ensuring more job opportunities for our residents. The new facility will create a much-needed corridor of new businesses, jobs and better housing.”



West Side Learning Center Pre-Submission Conference

The PBC has partnered with the City Colleges of Chicago regarding the West Side Learning Center Annex and Renovation project. The work will expand the West Side Learning Center to include a new edition that will house the Community Center for Teaching and Learning.

The Community Center for Teaching and Learning will include additional recreational and meeting spaces for students and the community to support enhanced learning and increased access to in-demand programs at Malcolm X College. It will also serve as a rental and events space for the community, businesses and organizations.

Early Q2, the PBC hosted an on-site Pre-Submission Conference and site visit at the Center that was very well received. Students from Dawson Technical Institute of Kennedy-King College, an academic job training center for construction technology careers, attended.

GMA Construction Group, the Construction Management at Risk provider, will select two City College students to be actively involved in the project throughout the contract term. The students will be from the community and the GMA Construction Group will sponsor the students’ union membership.

The approximately \$9.5 million project is the second phase of City Colleges of Chicago’s continued investment in the West Side Learning Center.





Virtual Community Hiring Session

CDOT Capital Program – Alleys (Various Locations) - Package 1

Monday July 15, 2024 | 10am - 2:00pm
Tuesday July 16, 2024 | 10am - 2:00pm

This event will provide a unique platform for job seekers to apply to work on the CDOT- Alleys (Various Locations) – Package 1 as well as other PBC projects. The projects include full depth pavement reconstruction of City of Chicago alleys.

Scan the QR code or Follow the link to schedule an interview.
tinyurl.com/VCHAP1

for more information please contact compliance@pbccicago.com www.pbccicago.com 312.744.3990



PBC Community Hiring Events Connects People to Jobs

The Public Building Commission of Chicago (PBC) hosted a series of ‘in-person’ and ‘virtual’ community hiring events for the Kenwood Academy Link and Mechanical Project and the CDOT WPA Street Reconstruction (Fillmore) Projects. Job seekers explored work opportunities, connected with hiring managers and learned about the diverse range of career paths available in the construction industry. In addition, job seekers engaged in real-time conversations with hiring managers, making the application process more personal and accessible.

The Kenwood Academy Link and Mechanical Project includes the construction of an enclosed second level elevated link between the main Kenwood Academy building and Canter building along with site enhancements for landscaping, parking and interior mechanical updates. The CDOT WPA Street Reconstruction (Fillmore) project took place on Fillmore from Campbell Street heading west to the dead end just before the railroad tracks (west).

Both project’s hiring events were open to all residents interested in exploring construction career opportunities on any of PBC’s upcoming projects.

The next virtual hiring session CDOT Capital Program - Alleys will take place on July 15 & 16, 2024.

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