

Foster School Construction Meeting

July 18, 2024 -- 6:00 p.m.

Fleetwood Jourdain Community Center

A total of nine community members attended plus four members of the City of Evanston CARE team. Representing Cordogan Clark were Michael Perez and Ben Nelson.

A. Bid Package Scope and Timing

- Ben presented on the scope of Bid Package I, which was awarded and approved by the District 65 Board on July 15, 2024. That scope of work includes the mobilizing of the site, clearing the site, and preparing ground improvements for the structural load of the building.
- Cordogan Clark expects that foundations and the skin of the building and the exterior of the building will be complete by mid-march of 2025 via Bid Package II.
- Bid Package III work will focus on the mechanical electrical and plumbing work on the interior and doing interior finishes of floors and walls Etc

B. Site Logistics plan

- For parking, the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center parking lot will remain open until early 2026.
- Parking by all construction crew and contractors will be inside the construction perimeter gates and will not impact street parking
- Prior to that, the Foster school parking lot will be built and once that is ready, the Foster school parking lot will be open for Fleetwood Jourdain staff to use while the Fleetwood Jourdain parking lot will be closed for reconstruction during the Spring of 2026
- Eight foot screen fencing will be put up starting Friday July 26th around the perimeter of the building with signage posted throughout
- Access to sidewalks on the Foster School, site side (east side of Dewey, south side of Simpson, and west side of Ashland) will be closed during the duration of the project.
- Cordogan Clark plans to establish a full-time on-site presence during the construction phase they will be according to Clark trailer
- Construction timing is expected to be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with most of the work ramping down starting at 3:00 p.m. to clean and prep the site for the next day. If extra hours are needed the construction crew will follow city ordinance and code guidance.
- The main entrance to the construction site will be off Ashland in the middle of the block

C. Planning for Possible Site Concerns

- Beginning work will focus on preparing a very loose soil so that it can hold the weight capacity of the building. An auger drill truck will prepare the footings and since it's a drill, noise will be limited as there will be no pounding to dig deep into the site to pour the weight-bearing footings.
- It's expected that there will be no extra or additional or exceptional noise from the construction of the building all noise will be typical which is heavy machinery moving around on site
- In the spring of 2026, Cordogan Clark expects that curb cuts and the removal of sidewalks along Simpson and Ashen will occur which will close parking during that construction time to prepare the drop off lanes for the school buses and parent drop-off points. Additional no parking zones will be established by the City Fire Department
- It is expected that there will be no exceptional air quality issues nor toxins to be released in the air.
- In regards to dust, the site will have a full-time water truck available and in use to mitigate dust occurrences.

- In addition Cordogan Clark has contracted with street sweepers to clean streets periodically when needed along Dewey, Simpson and Ashland.
- Cordogan Clark made available contact info. As issues arise residents can use this info to contact the site supervisor questions and issues
- District 65 will also maintain an FAQ page on the construction process and update it monthly as questions and issues are brought to our attention.