



PACK SQUARE CONSERVANCY, INC

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CONSERVANCY TARGETS START DATE FOR PARK PAVILION

The Pack Square Conservancy Board of Trustees will move forward with construction on the Pack Square Park pavilion as soon as it can finalize a funding and logistical plan for the building. The Conservancy will intensify fundraising efforts in all sectors and work with a consortium of local banks to set up a line of credit for the project.

The board anticipates launching construction of the pavilion in late 2009 or early 2010 and dovetailing their work on the pavilion with the construction being carried out by Valley Crest Landscape Development, the contractor working on the remaining portions of the park. Under this plan, construction on the pavilion would begin as work in other areas of the park draws to a close. The advantages of this plan are as follows:

- Rescheduling the launch of pavilion construction will allow the board to adjust its financial plan in response to economic conditions that continue to evolve and, at the same time, to move forward with what will be a vital element of the park.
- Staging the work will allow Valley Crest to complete the small mid-park section of the park more rapidly. The original plan called for the two contractors, Valley Crest and pavilion contractor Beverly-Grant, to be working on the same site simultaneously. Under such a plan, both contractors would lose time due to logistical problems and the staging area would be much larger and more disruptive to traffic and surrounding businesses.
- During pavilion construction, all remaining areas of the park will be open for public use. Construction activities will be confined to the area immediately around the pavilion.
- Building the pavilion as soon as funding allows will fulfill the wishes of donors who have expressed special interest in the building.

Throughout the planning and construction process, the Conservancy has sought to reconcile the needs of citizens and of the seven government entities that are stakeholders in the project. While the project has taken longer than originally planned, the process has taken into account the vision and hopes of many hundreds of citizens, elected officials and local businesses. Members of the Conservancy board believe these voices have been indispensable in the creation of an extraordinary park that will fulfill a vital community vision and will serve the region for generations to come.

Information about Pack Square Park is available at www.packsquarepark.org and at 828/252-2300.