



Event Center

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Vision of Events to Come

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In 2008, a diverse group of stakeholders, known as the Fairgrounds Revitalization Task Force, developed a grand master plan for the redevelopment of the Washington County Fairgrounds. The cornerstone of their vision; an Event Center that would showcase Washington County and attract a broad array of events including consumer and public shows, conventions, conferences, banquets, trade shows, business meetings, sporting events, and other regional and local events. Now their vision is about to be realized, as we begin the construction of the Washington County Events Center. The Center will include an Exposition Hall, as well as a conference center with operable walls to allow convenient usage of up to 40,000 and 10,600 contiguous square feet of space in each room respectively.

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Project Scope:

Build a state of the art Event facility at the Washington County Fair Complex that includes approximately 40,000 square feet of exposition space and a 14,000 sf, state-of-the-art, conference center, complete with commercial kitchen, concessions and offices.



The Event Center will also include a pre-function and support space, galleries, commercial kitchen, and concessions. As a meeting place for major conventions and trade shows in an urban environment, the facility's design is pedestrian friendly, with thoroughfares that thoughtfully connect to the existing fabric of the city as well. Additionally, the design takes advantage of existing contextual features like view to Mt. Hood to enrich the event goer experience. Moreover, an attractive and inviting Plaza will surround the east and south sides of the Center, reorienting the front door of the Event Center and Fairgrounds to the light rail station to the south. The design leverages materiality to integrate the new facility into its urban context and Pacific North West feel through use of Cross Laminated Timber (CLT).



PROJECT UPDATES:

By John Ciepiela
Project Manager



Taking advantage of the beautiful weather throughout October, earthwork has been successfully progressing! Coffman Excavation has placed the native soil and imported aggregates to bring the majority of the site to nearly final elevations. The project design team has been working diligently to complete construction documents. LRS Architects anticipates submitting the design documents for review to the City of Hillsboro this month. As the project design team works completing design documents, the construction team will begin on structural detailing and procurement of structural materials.

Nathan is born and raised here in the Northwest! As a two-sport, All-State athlete out of Sheridan, Oregon, Nathan's competitive streak is evident in his work ethic. Nathan started working in the industry as a concrete laborer seven days after graduating high school. No time to waste! Some of his more notable projects as a Superintendent include the IKEA at Cascade Station, Spirit Mountain Casino, the Education Centers at the joint-base Lewis-McCord, and the restaurants at the ilani Casino Resort.

Nathan just recently completed a multi-story buildout in downtown Portland for one of Swinerton's tech clients. With our clients very happy, the IT Regional Director for this tech firm was especially pleased. "Nathan and his team has made our move in almost worry-free. Of the offices that we opened recently, this was the first to have fiber capacity, internet, and server support within the first weekend."

Nathan brings a range of experience into the project. His track record of successfully delivering projects across different sectors such as environmental, multi-family housing, public works, and entertainment make him the right person for the job. Nathan is excited to deliver this milestone project to Washington County, the City of Hillsboro, and all their stakeholders.

Swinerton Crew Spotlight:

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Project Milestones

Accomplishments

- Planned Unit Development Approval- 4/2017
- Agreement on Transportation Development Tax
- Partnership Inter Governmental Agreement w/ City of Hillsboro - 2/2018
- Development Review approval from City of Hillsboro- 5/ 2018
- Award Construction Management /General Contractor to Swinerton Builders- 7/ 2018
- Right of Way (ROW) Vacation (NE 34th Ave)- Board of Commissioners 7/ 2018
- Groundbreaking - 9/ 2018
- Service Provider Letter (Clean Water Services) -10/ 2018
- Public Utility Easement (in recording)- 10/2018
- Public Infrastructure /Private Utility Permits - 10/2018

In Progress

- Construction Documents Development
- Design Review and Approval by City
- Value analysis in progress



Site prep continues. (October 2018)