FMW Renovation Update

May 20, 2018

Dan can you see that big green tree
Where the water’s runnin’ free
And it’s waitin’ there for you and me?
— Sons of the Pioneers

We are hoping for approval of our utility plans by DC Water — the last hold on our permits.

Meanwhile, the rain falls all week and we can almost feel grateful for the delay. This would not have been a good week for excavating and shoring 10-foot walls of wet clay.

Monday

Still, a promising week, as we begin with all requested submissions back in the hands of the DC Water reviewer and a prediction from their Director of Permit Operations that the end is in sight.

Tuesday

DC Water asks us to pay $12,915 in fees for future inspections of the utility work. This suggests that we have a future. Thus encouraged, we dash over and pay up.

Ken produces detailed diagrams of Decatur Place, showing that future dump trucks cannot negotiate the turn without demolishing both the neighbor’s cars and a city tree. We hope this will impress DDOT enough to allow us to get the cars out of the way.

Wednesday

DCRA’s computer writes to tell us that DC Water has approved their part of both our site plan and building plan. This releases the last known holds.

Thursday

We pass the time in a spirited discussion of the Lobby doors. The architects predict that we will have Assembly Room renovation plans next week.

We pick up the stamped and signed plans from DC Water.

Friday

The DCRA permit coordinator assures us that our plans are in final QA and should emerge on Monday, blinking in the light.

We decide to delete the planned (but ugly) lobby doors into the new Carriage House corridors.

Looking Ahead

We begin the new week looking forward to coming to the Wednesday OAC meeting with the ink drying on our new permits. We will issue a notice to proceed, and the sun’ll come out tomorrow.

Tomorrow! Tomorrow! I love ya, tomorrow!

You’re always a day away!