



FMW Renovation Update

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Success is failure turned inside out...

And you can never tell how close you are

It may be near when it seems so far.

— Edgar A. Guest

Monday ☀️

A nice drive to the work site in light holiday traffic.

But no work today.



Tuesday ☀️

Two plumbers install a sink and toilet (Sanitized for your protection.) in the newly tiled ADA bathroom.



Next thing you know, people will be asking for a door.

Four carpenters deliver trim and work on door openings in the lower corridor.

The flooring supervisor stops by and declares the subflooring still too moist for installation of the maple planks. The new air conditioning is still on its shakedown cruise and the building is not airtight, so it's a struggle.

An inspector takes baseline air samples for the asbestos remediation work, and five asbestos remediation workers begin to drape the ground floor for that pending surgery.

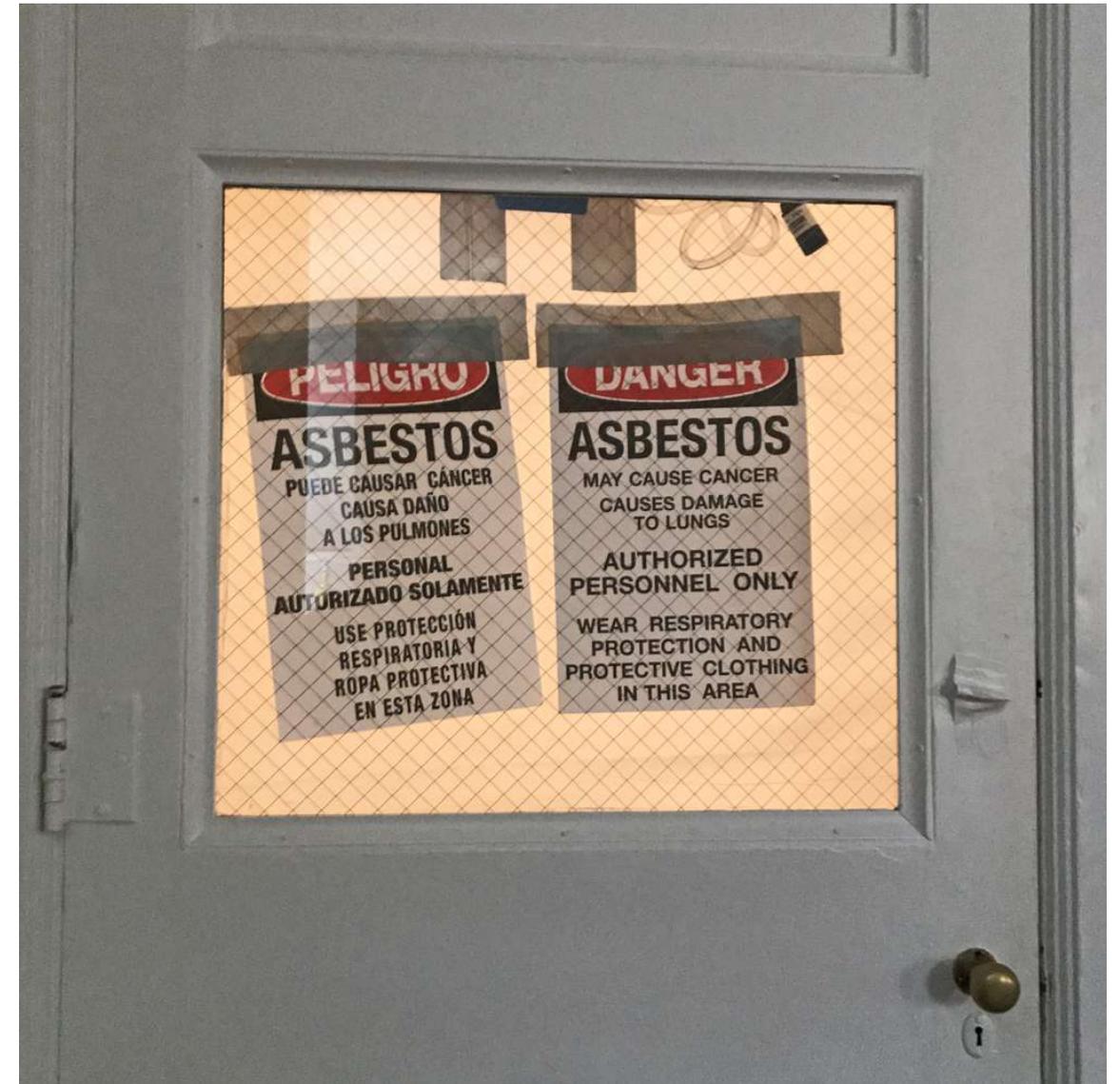


Mario works on V-groove soffit.

Three electricians continue fire alarm rough-in.

Wednesday 🌤️

Seven asbestos workers toil in obscurity, removing floor tiles.



Three ironworkers provide and install an iron railing on the garden stairs.



Four carpenters patch ceilings and install doors.



Three roofers deliver metal roofing and flashing.

An HVAC worker comes to add Freon to a balky system. Another system awaits a new circuit board.

A concrete supervisor stops buy to examine the present front entrance for the new access ramp to be installed starting tomorrow.

Douglas, Mario, and Tyrone cut grooves in stone for framing and clean up site.

Two masons install stone at the top of the elevator shaft.



We won't see it, but it will look nice from the Embassy.

Thursday 🌞

Seven hazmat workers finish removing asbestos tiles and insulation, while an inspector monitors air quality and sends samples off to the lab to see if it's safe to use the affected spaces again.

Until then, the Assembly Room features a safety airlock.



Since nobody is using the front door, a pair of concrete workers decide that we won't miss the front steps.



A flooring supervisor declares the new subfloors still too damp to install maple floors.

An HVAC worker works to bring a balky new system back on line to help dry thing out.

Seven carpenters install drywall, a door jamb, and the Lobby garden doors.



Two electricians work on fire alarms and also trench the new front porch slab to relocate an electric wire that will light the new Building Directory display case.

Somehow, someone cuts one of the bundle of wires that is intended to run down the door jamb and provide life to the telephone access system kiosk.



Until that is sorted out and corrected, the installation of the new Lobby front doors is on hold.

Six roofers install fascia and gutters on the new Quaker House upper corridor.



A pair of masons cut up bluestone into risers for the front steps.



Three ironworkers add more railings.



Monarc has been waiting for the elusive Schindler elevator supervisor to come and declare the shaft ready for the elevator. He does come and announces that the three-phase 30-Amp main elevator circuit breaker we have provided should really be a 35-Amp breaker — a special order item. So there's that.

Friday 🌞

A little less crowded today.

Seven carpenters install door trim, hang drywall, and install important accessories.



The HVAC installer puts some more Freon in the upstairs system, restoring it to health.

Three concrete workers excavate for the new wheelchair ramp at the Decatur Place door.



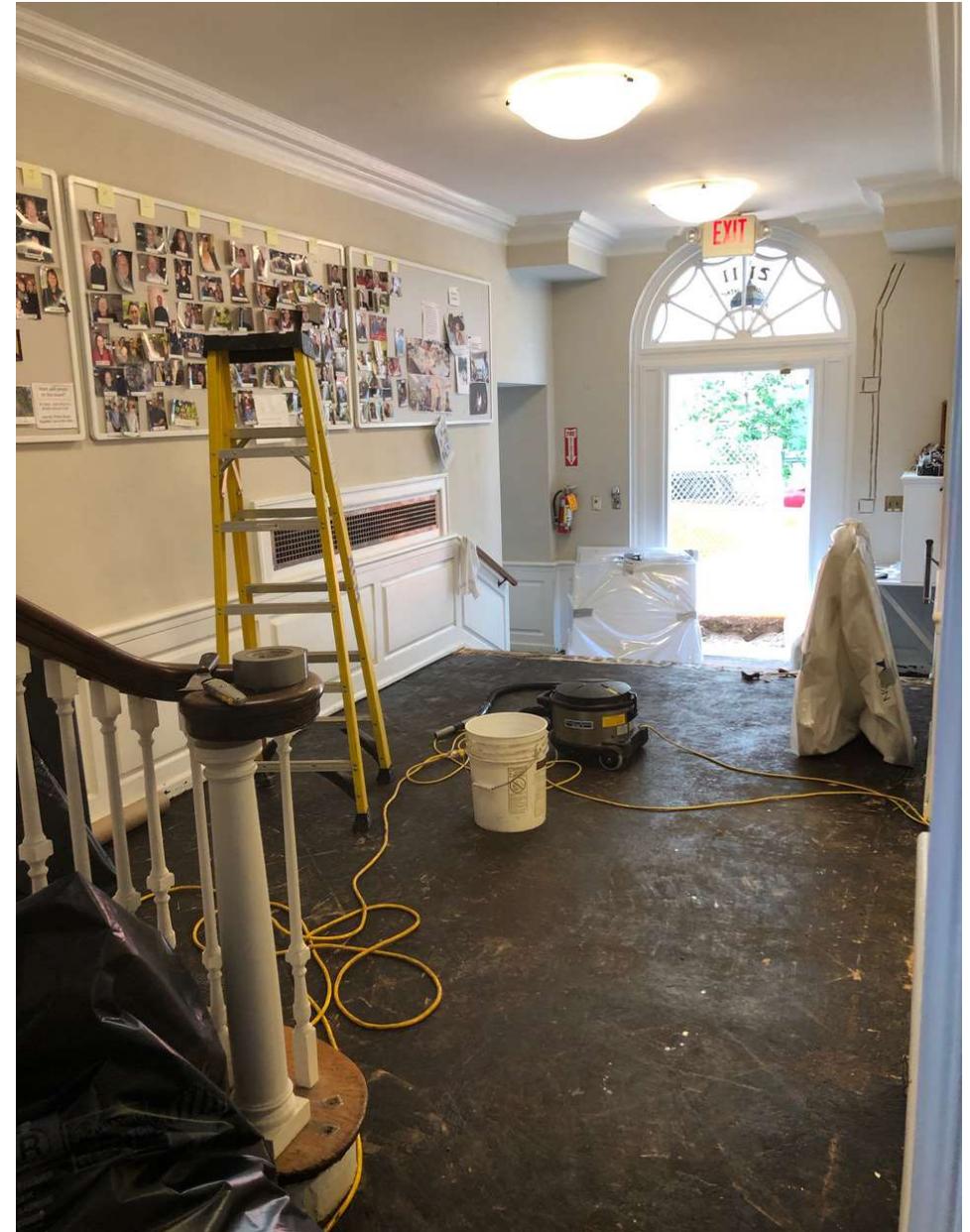
Three electricians work on the fire alarm system.

The lab results come back. The air is declared safe for babies and kittens.

The asbestos workers say they will come back tomorrow, take all the plastic wrapping off, and give us back our hall and offices.

Saturday ☀️

And here they are, good as new.



Looking Ahead

Some day soon we will be able to walk from the East Garden to Quaker House Living Room without taking the Metro.



Coming up . . . more paint and trim and some wood flooring.

The new air conditioning units are chugging along, drying out the subfloors for installation of the maple flooring in the upper corridor.

The new Carriage House Room will get maple flooring, a cabinet and countertop, and a big, square hanging light fixture.

Cabinets and counters will be installed in the Carriage House kitchenette and the new ADA bathroom.

The actual elevator will surely arrive next week and be installed.

The bluestone will extend out onto the front steps.

The window in the Main Office will be replaced by a door into the Lobby.

An accessible ramp will be poured at the present Meeting House entrance to provide wheelchair access to Decatur Place Room.

The door of the tiny Assembly Room bathroom will be demolished and then reinstalled around the corner.

The terrace grades will be adjusted and cleaned up, moving toward laying down some automatic sprinkler systems and turf.

Outdoor cable railings will be installed atop the retaining walls.

Metal veneer panels and stone will be installed on the lower corridor and Lobby.

More doors will get thresholds and locks and handles.

The telephone access system and cipher locks will be installed.

This list will start to get shorter.

With some hesitation, we count off . . .

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