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City of Arvada Recognizes Teams That Built City's New Police Stations

The city of Arvada took time at its May city council meeting to thank the design and construction teams who helped create the city's two new community police stations.

A statement of recognition written by Deputy Chief of Police Gary Creager said, "The work of everyone involved from Barker Rinker Seacat and Adolfson & Peterson contributed significantly to the successful completion of the building project and the implementation of decentralized policing.

The statement went on to say, "The diligent work of their [A&P] employees assured the construction project was completed on time and within budget. In fact, several design elements that were initially too costly to include in the original contract were later added as a result of money saved by A&P in other portions of construction."

The stations are part of a community-based policing model designed to allow Arvada Police to be fluid, collaborative and more immediately responsive to community needs. The new stations allow officers to police a more localized service area, increase their ability to create community ties and familiarity.

"A&P appreciates the city's recognition of our team's efforts to innovate and collaborate through the design and preconstruction process," said A&P project manager Chad Jelinek. "We feel strongly that the projects we build are the result of a total-team effort, and though we're being recognized for our service, we know that there were many subcontracted partners who worked side-by-side with A&P and the architects to realize the city of Arvada's vision for these facilities."



New Hunger Relief Center Begins Construction in Denver



Visualization by Norris Design / Design by Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture The \$3.4-million project replaces a cramped and deteriorating building constructed in the 1950s.



Photo courtesy of GH Phipps Denver Mayor Michael Hancock takes the controls to "bulldoze hunger."

After more than 18 months of planning and fundraising, Metro CareRing broke ground May 14 on its new Hunger Relief Center at East 18th Avenue and Downing Street. GH Phipps Construction Cos. is building the 15,000-sq-ft center.

During the event, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock revved up a bulldozer brought in for the occasion to "bulldoze hunger"—but not the building. Construction begins early this month, with completion expected in early 2015.

The \$3.4-million project replaces a cramped and deteriorating building constructed in the 1950s. The new facility, de-

signed by Denver's Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture and located on the existing site, will more than triple the space for Metro CareRing's growing list of services, including a free "shopping" market, case management to teach self-sufficiency and job readiness, warehouse and loading dock, a food preparation area, nutrition education center, classrooms, gardens, a greenhouse, and recycling and composting facilities.

The nonprofit provides services in the seven-county metro area, with an emphasis on distributing fresh food through its free market. The demand for services has skyrocketed since Metro CareRing moved into the current facility in 1999. Then, the

nonprofit offered 22,000 services annually; Metro CareRing says the number of services grew to 133,000 annually by 2013.

The lead donor on the project is the Anschutz Foundation, at \$1 million, and the City and County of Denver contributed \$590,000. GH Phipps has been committed to helping Metro CareRing since the firm was awarded the job, including providing weekly volunteers as well as donations raised through in-house fundraising patterned after the reality TV show "The Biggest Loser."

During construction, Metro CareRing will operate out of space in St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1615 Ogden St.

Nonresidential Construction Spending Expands in April

Nonresidential construction spending inched up in April, according to the June 2 release by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the second consecutive month spending has increased following March's upwardly revised spending report. Nonresidential construction spending expanded by 0.4% on a monthly basis in April and has increased for the month totaled annualized basis.

Construction spending has improved with the weather, said Anirban Basu, Chief Economist at ABC Builders and Contractors. "As a result of the unusually harsh winter weather, spending declines appeared large during the winter months and subsequent monthly gains have perhaps been a bit exaggerated as well. While the monthly numbers may be skewed, the year-over-year advance of 3.9% seems to realistically capture the rate of improvement in nonresidential construction spending."

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"The U.S. economy has recovered its momentum since the first quarter, suggesting that nonresidential construction's steady recovery will remain in place," said Basu. "Indeed, measures of business confidence have improved significantly and there are indications that capital spending is set to accelerate."

Ten of 16 nonresidential construction subsectors posted increases in spending in April.

Lodging construction spending is up 1.9% on a monthly basis and is up 16.9% on a year-over-year basis.

- Office-related construction spending grew by 1.7% in April and is up 20% from the same time one year ago.
Construction spending in the transportation category expanded 3.4% on a monthly basis and has expanded 8% on an annual basis.
Religious spending grew 1.8% for the month but is down 5.9% from the same time last year.
Education-related construction spending gained 2.7% for the month and is up 2.9% on a year-over-year basis.
Commercial construction spending rose 1.2% in April and is up 5.9% on a year-over-year basis.
Sewage and waste disposal-related construction spending gained 4% for the month but has fallen 5.5% from the same time last year.
Amusement and recreation-related construction spending expanded 4.4% on a monthly basis and is up 3.2% from the same time last year.
Health care-related construction spending grew 0.9% for the month, but is down 6.2% on a year-over-year basis.
Conservation and development-related construction spending expanded by 3.6% for the month and is up 19.7% on an annual basis.
Spending in six nonresidential construction subsectors declined in April.
Spending in the water supply category fell 0.2% on the month and is down 12.8% from the same time last year.
Manufacturing-related spending fell 1.1% on a monthly basis but is up 6.7% on an annual basis.
Highway and street-related construction spending fell 1.1% in April but is up 4.8% compared to the same time last year.
Communication construction spending was down 11.7% for the month but is up 21% from the same time one year ago.
Public safety-related construction spending fell 0.9% on a monthly basis and has declined 12.4% on a year-over-year basis.
Power construction spending dipped 1.2% for the month and was 1.6% lower than the same time one year prior.

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