



FMW Renovation Update

June 16, 2019

Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
 So do our minutes hasten to their end,
 Each changing place with that which goes before,
 In sequent toil all forwards do contend.

— Shakespeare

Monday 🌩️

The project braces itself for the arrival of multi-Quakers at Interim Meeting on Saturday.

Three electricians install fire alarm wiring.

Not as exciting as a mythical elevator, but it's all on the list.

Eight carpenters install panic bars and trim on the three new Assembly Room doors.



Three plasterers continue to patch in the Meeting House.



Arturo , Mario , and Douglas (of Monarc) install shiplap siding at the entrance.



Two painters work on the lower corridor, which brightens up a bit.



Tuesday ☀️

Seven carpenters continue to work on the Assembly Room doors trim, which looks nicer from the outside, too.



Three electricians, three plasterers and two painters continue yesterday's work.

Two HVAC workers remove a faulty distribution branch box.

Four cornice restorers clean and patch the Quaker House cracked and grubby old cornice, which is now an interior feature.

Two masons continue with the bluestone flags in front.



The elevator is not returning phone calls.

The subfloor is still too damp to proceed.

A new opening appears in the Quaker House north wing, connecting the office hallway with the end of the new upper corridor.



Wednesday 🌤️

Seven carpenters and two plasterers and three electricians and two masons carry on as yesterday.

Two painters move to the Meeting House lower connecting hallway.

Two HVAC workers reinstall a branch box and install the last indoor air handler on the Lobby ground floor.

Three concrete workers break up a stretch of sidewalk to be replaced.

Douglas, Arturo, and Mario set up scaffolding to work on the exterior trim of the new Carriage House windows.



They then begin to install exterior fiber-resin architectural panels on the lower corridor but discover that a special saw blade will be needed.

Tyrone and Tyrone, also of Monarc, build a box for the elevator damper.

A window installer replaces an Assembly Room door unit.

A flooring supervisor tests the subfloor moisture yet again and discovers that it is down to 10%, which is low enough to allow the maple flooring to proceed.

The Schindler Elevator company submits a bill for storing the elevator, which suggests that there is an elevator somewhere.

Thursday ⚡

Many new things today.

The elevator writes from an undisclosed location to say that expects to arrive next Wednesday.

Six carpenters start to reinstall the old White House beams in the new hallway and continue finishing work on the ground floor corridor and bathroom and kitchenette.

A flooring worker installs maple flooring in the new Carriage House room.



Looks a lot like a light at the end of the tunnel.

Three stair specialists rip out the temporary stairs in the Lobby and start to install the new maple treads and risers.



Four concrete workers pour and finish portions of the new sidewalk.

The tiny Assembly Room bathroom acquires a new door opening



Four roofers install gutters and Lobby entrance roof panels.



Two painters work on doors and ceilings.

Arturo, Mario, and Douglas begin paneling the outside of the lower corridor.



Three electricians continue fire alarm wiring.

Friday ☀️

Three stairmasters work on the Lobby stairs.



Two masons start to install stone on the garden side of the Lobby.

Three electricians work on fire alarms and reconfiguration of wiring to accommodate the Assembly Room bathroom door relocation.

Three plasterers also work on the bathroom door relocation, as well as patching up from the fire alarm work.

Arturo, Mario, and Douglas make some progress on the fiber panels.



Four painters prime and paint inside and out.

Six carpenters reinstall the historic White House beams in the hallway (formerly the north end of the office). They must cut them down to fit, leaving us with some historic scraps.

They also add a jamb to the new door opening at the end of the upper corridor.



Looking Ahead

Well, it's complicated.

The new schedule update provided by Monarc at the end of the week now shows the Substantial Completion (formal occupancy) date as July 22 — five weeks away.

The pacing item is now the elevator, which has yet to arrive. If it does show up next week, accompanied by Schindler installers, the July 22 date is probably realistic.

Many parts of the work are already complete, and the remaining work will wind down over the next five weeks. As these things appear to go, completion will be not so much an event as a gathering feeling of newness.

With about 30 workers on site every day, change comes quickly, and a lot of loose ends will soon be tied up.

The upper corridor flooring will be installed, allowing second floor office tenants to use the corridor, which allows us to turn their current stairwell into office space.

The plumbing replacement in the Meeting House will be completed and the walls patched up.

New vinyl tile will replace the now removed asbestos tile in the Meeting House hallway and kitchen.

More painting and trim installation are ahead.

New pocket doors will be installed between the remaining Parlor space and the new upper hallway. The demolished Parlor shelves will be rebuilt.

Installation of metal veneer panels and stone on the lower corridor and Lobby will soon be complete.

Garden lights, cable railings, an irrigation system, grass and plants will be installed in the garden.

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

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

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

The relocation of the door of the tiny Assembly Room bathroom will be completed.

The Assembly Room cork floor will be redone and Assembly Room final paint and trim will be applied.

The fire alarm system, telephone access system, and cipher locks will be finished.

The crews will be cleaning up and moving out and inspectors will come to call.

Final checks will be written, and new furniture will be ordered.

In the meantime, let's try counting down from . . .

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