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JCC releases new renderings, gives construction update

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The Jewish Community of Louisville Inc. released additional details about the fundraising and proposed look of the \$42.5 million community center project at Dutchmans and Cannons lanes.

So far, the JCC has raised about \$40 million from about 400 donors but the goal is to eventually reach at least 500 donors before the close of the campaign, said Stacy Gordon-Funk, senior vice president and chief philanthropy officer for the Jewish Community of Louisville.

On Jan. 14, the JCC held an event to kick off the “community” phase of the fundraising effort in which the JCC targets the “whole community,” any donors who support community development. Gordon-Funk said this is the final fundraising phase for the project.

The organization brought in Doron Krakow, president and CEO of the JCC Association of North America, to speak at the event about the significance of Jewish Community Centers to the community and express appreciation to those who have supported the project so far. The event also was a showcase of the fundraising and construction process for the center.

“While we’d like people to be a donor, we just want to invite them in to be part of our family,” Gordon-Funk said.

The exterior structure of the 107,000-square-foot facility have gone up on the 29-acre property and all other cladding and exterior work will be done at some point in the spring of 2021. The construction is on schedule for completion in late January or February 2022.

Gordon-Funk said that it would take JCC about thirty days to complete the move from the old JCC structure to the new one. After which, the old structure will be demolished and left as green space.

The existing JCC, which is branded as The J, was built in 1955.

I wrote in August 2018 that the Jewish Community Center of Louisville would build a modern, but smaller community center and an indoor aquatic center. At that time, the center had an agreement to acquire the neighboring Anshei Sfard synagogue properties.

Public records show that JCC acquired that property in May 2019 from Congregation Anshei Sfard Inc. for \$3.5 million.

The architect for the project is the Louisville office of Cincinnati-based GBBN Architects Inc.; the general contractor is Louisville-based Calhoun Construction; Louisville-based PLC Management LLC is the owner’s representative on the project.



The expanded indoor aquatic center will accommodate additional training lanes and areas for families.



An exterior view of the JPlay, a supervised play area for children to use while parents use the facility.



The education wing and early learning center will have a private entrance for participants



Classrooms that support the JCC's early learning center in the education wing of the building.

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