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Update on the ongoing work at the American Swedish Institute (ASI)

The major building work at the ASI started in April 2011, and has shown progress.

To cite the special “Campus Expansion Newsletter” (to which you can subscribe on the ASI web site):

“The month of May brought many changes to the ASI campus. With the museum closed to visitors since May 2, the hustle and bustle around here has changed from crowds of visitors enjoying exhibits and programs to Adolfsen & Peterson's construction crew busily readying the campus for work on the Nelson Cultural Center and Mansion renovations. Late last week, work began in earnest as the heavy machinery moved in.

“Although from the start of the project our goal was to relocate the white duplex that stood at 2620 Park Avenue, it ended up not being feasible. Instead of a standard wrecking ball demolition, however, the house

was deconstructed in a way that salvages for reuse or recycling between 85% and 90% of the structure. The majority of those reclaimed materials were brought to the Reuse Center and are already finding new uses in other homes and buildings. This method is more common on the East and West coasts of the U.S. where landfill costs are significantly higher than in the Midwest.

“Work is happening inside the Turnblad Mansion as well - and not just in the spaces on the lower level that are being renovated. After the “Swedish Life in the Twin Cities” exhibit closed in April, everything was removed from the third floor ballroom, which now appears almost as it did originally – for the first time in 15 years. In the future, plans are to use this space as a venue for programs and events.”

Timeline for 2011

July 2011

- * Drilling of geothermal wells begins
- * Structural steel erection
- * Masonry at elevator and stair tower

August 2011

- * Exterior framing and curtain walls

September 2011

- * Exterior wall work
- * Begin interior finishes in Mansion

October 2011

- * Link between Mansion and Nelson Cultural Center in place
- * Mansion renovation interior finishes complete

November 2011

- * Turnblad Mansion re-opens
- * Exterior of Nelson Cultural Center is enclosed

December 2011

- * Elevator installation



Picture from <<http://www.americanswedishinst.org/ASI/Home.html>> showing the state of construction on May 30, 2011.