May 23rd, 2019

Dear and respected Devotee,

Thank you for all your support in 2019. KS Chitra program was excellent and we met our target. Our sincere appreciation for all those contributed for the success of the program. After the successful Shadadhara Prathista in February, the Temple construction has been progressing in spite of heavy rains in the months of March and April. The median cut and the approach to Ave K was completed in early April.

The median cut opened to public on the auspicious day of Tamil New year and Vishu on April 14th. Our priest BadriNarayan performed the puja and dedicated the new entrance for the benefit of our devotees. Our youth devotees helped us cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the driveway and median cut.

Our GC (General Contractor) started the structural steel work for the three buildings (Main Temple, Multi-purpose hall, and Wash room), painted/fabricated and staged steel for erection. During the erection process GC identified two issues:

1. A connection issue on the awnings in the Multi-purpose hall: The engineering team was quickly involved to resolve the issue. The challenge for the engineering team was to identify a solution that was non-intrusive and aesthetically pleasing to view from outside. The awnings supported the glass store front and they did not want the additional supports to be visible.
2. Bar Joist in the main Temple: The GC identified an issue with the bar joist running through the east skylights. Engineering team resolved this by marginally shrinking the skylights on the west side of the main Temple. The east skylights were left as is, due to the changes to modify are not trivial from time and cost perspective.

Issues Resolved:
The Architect and the Structural Engineering team took time and both issues have been resolved as of last week. The steel erection, after a delay of three to four weeks, is going very well in full swing and will be complete by this week. Before May ends, the steel structure, which forms the basis for the Sri Ganesha Gopuram will be erected and the steel tower will be visible from the Temple parking lot.

Once the steel erection is complete, the insulation and outside façade will be worked on all three buildings simultaneously. As soon as the insulation/façade is complete, GC will proceed with the installation of the bar joist and decking.

Shilpi(s) Visa petition:
In parallel we have applied for the R1 visa’s to bring Shilpi(s) for the Temple Indianization. The house near the Temple is being repaired, renovated and reconstructed to welcome the Shilpi(s) coming from India. House will be made ready and CO obtained by end of June.

Issues and Rain caused a delay:
The above two issues and the heavy rains (31 days after Feb 23rd) have forced us to lose about two months on the construction schedule. As the American construction of the Temple was to be complete by the 30th of June, the Temple management has already engaged with the Bank to apprise them of the reason for the delays. Bank is convinced of the rain situation and the identified issues. They are working with us for extending the loan to finish the Temple construction without any further delay.

On behalf of the temple management, we want to update all of you the unexpected delay and extend special thanks to you and your family for continuing to support the Temple Construction. We are looking forward for your continued support and participation for the successful completion of the Temple and Kumbhabhishekam.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Board of Trustees