

## St. Anthony gets good news, bad

*Will save \$8 million on building costs; delay will add 2 years to the opening*

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CONSTRUCTION on St. Anthony's new dining room and senior housing at 121 Golden Gate Ave. that was to start this year has been delayed at least two years, but the cost to build it has dropped by \$8 million.

The bad economy and fierce competition among builders cut the cost, said Sharon Christen, Mercy Housing developer.

Two years ago, with Mercy Housing as a new partner, St. Anthony's plan blossomed from three stories with just a few units of senior housing to a 90-unit, 10-story building. Estimated cost then, in 2008, was \$66 million.

But HUD rejected their financing request, insisting on more historical review. They reapplied in 2009 and expect to hear back in June or July.

HUD's grant, if approved, will bankroll construction. In return, St. Anthony and Mercy must house low-income residents for 40 years and cap

their rent at one-third of their income. Construction would start in 2012.

Christen gave a project update at the May 11 ABD 6 meeting and later talked to The Extra.

Christen expects City Planning to waive the area's 40-foot height limit and offstreet parking rule and to get Planning Commission approval by fall.

The housing part will cost \$41 million and the rest of the building \$17 million, Christen said.

The main floor dining room would accommodate 300 guests at a time, 75 more than now on Jones Street, where it serves 600 hot meals daily except Sunday. The second floor will be devoted to social services.

Senior housing will be on Floors 3 to 10. Seniors 62 and older are eligible if they make no more than \$39,600 if single, \$45,000 for a couple.

There is no accommodation for parking.

During construction, the dining room will move across the street to St. Anthony's administrative digs at 150 Golden Gate Ave. ■

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