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Hudson County Community College Outlines Future Renovations at Meeting of the Board of Trustees

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — At last night's meeting of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees, development plans for two HCCC buildings at Journal Square – 70 Sip Avenue and 161 Newkirk Street – were made public.

Presentation 1: 70 Sip Avenue

The College purchased this four-story, 40,000 square foot building, previously owned by Independence Bank, in August 2002. Architecture is being handled by dicara | rubino architects. The MEP Engineer is the PMK Group, and MAST Construction Services, Inc. is the Construction Manager.

The plans include allocations for the following College departments:

- *Basement:* Facilities storage; Storage room for College publications; File room; Telephone server room; Two mechanical rooms; Pump room; Electrical room.
- *First Floor:* Enrollment Services Department (Admissions and Registrar personnel) offices and work area; Bursar's Office; Multipurpose room; Lobby/waiting room.

- *Second Floor:* Financial Aid; Continuing Education; Career Planning and Placement.
- *Third Floor:* Center for Innovation; Information Technology Department.
- *Fourth Floor:* President's Suite; Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dean of Student Affairs.

The completion of work at 70 Sip will create an additional 31,090 square feet for the College and effect the relocation of all of the above departments from other College buildings (mostly 162 Sip Avenue and 25 Journal Square), allowing for more classroom space in those buildings to accommodate rising enrollment numbers.

The College awarded contracts for demolition and construction. Construction is expected to continue until June 2003.

Presentation 2: Culinary Arts Institute

The College will build a new, state-of-the-art, four-story Culinary Arts and Conference Center, expanding CAI's current location at 165 Newkirk Street. The new building, expected to 56,487 square feet at completion, will be on the properties where the "red house" known as 171-173 Newkirk Street and the current CAI building and parking lot at 159-169 Newkirk Street exist. Both buildings will be demolished, with a new 57,000 square foot structure to be built in its place. This new building will house the Culinary Arts Institute, including the Hudson County Schools of Technology, Union City and Jersey City and a 300-seat Conference Center. Construction work will begin shortly with completion estimated for September 2005.

The architect on this project is Rivardo Schnitzer Capazzi. Morris Johnson & Associates, Inc. is serving as MEP Engineer. Di Stasio & Van Buren, Inc. is structural engineer. Post & Grossbard is kitchen consultant; and MAST Construction Services, Inc. is construction manager.

Plans for the first floor of the institute provide for administrative offices, a fine dining area and coatroom, production and line kitchens, and a banquet room. The second floor of the new building will house several conference rooms, offices for faculty and staff members, locker rooms and a registration area. The third floor will have several cooking labs and hospitality rooms. On the fourth floor, there will be additional cooking labs, classrooms and locker rooms. The basement will contain a linen closet and other rooms integral to the maintenance of the building.

This project is still in the preconstruction phase, which will last until May 2003. A contract for the demolition of 171-173 Newkirk (“red house”) was already awarded in November 2002. Additional contracts will undergo the bidding process and be awarded between February 2003 and July 2004. The Institute building project is expected to transpire in two phases: Phase 1 from June 2003 to September 2004, and Phase 2 from September 2005.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A JPEG file of the artist’s rendering of the Culinary Center is available. Please call (201) 714-7135 or send an email to jchristopher@hccc.edu.