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To residents and business owners in Parnas

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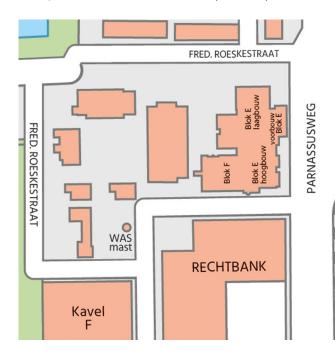
**Subject: Newsletter Parnas** 

Dear resident, business owner or other interested party,

Several developments are in progress in the Zuidas sub-district Parnas, situated between Fred. Roeskestraat, Parnassusweg, the A10 and the Buitenveldert cemetery. For example, the conversion of the monumental court building into a museum for contemporary art was started recently. In this newsletter, we will inform you of the progress of the developments in Parnas. The map on the back of this letter helps you locate the various plots and locations mentioned here.

# Progress at former court building

The Hartwig Art Foundation is establishing a museum for contemporary art in the former court building on Parnassusweg. The existing, listed block E will be completely renovated as part of this project, and the (non-listed) block F will be demolished to provide space for a new extension to the main building.



The contractor for this project – JP van Eesteren – informed the neighbourhood about the progress of the work in writing, and also during an information evening that was held on 1 October 2024. Right now, the internal demolition and the safe removal of monumental elements from the building are being finalized. The demolition of block F has also now commenced. From January 2025, the contractor will start constructing the basement at this location.

To safely carry out the building activities at the front of the building, the cycle path will be closed between Bagels & Beans and the bicycle tunnel on Parnassusweg, from 21 December up to 5 January. This will be the future location of the museum's entrance. An alternative cycling route will be signposted.

The contractor's building site has already been established. It also covers part of the space behind the Funeral Home Zuid that was previously used as a temporary parking lot. This area was temporarily used as a parking lot while the new court building was under construction, but is now no longer needed. Building traffic for the museum is routed via the ramp leading from Parnassusweg past the new court building. We opted for this route to avoid building traffic using Fred. Roeskestraat as much as possible. When entering and leaving the building site, trucks may have to go into reverse for part of the way. Occasionally, the 'reverse-beeping' sound

may therefore be audible in the immediate vicinity. For more information about the progress of building works, you can consult <a href="https://www.wijbouwen.nu/parnassusweg220">www.wijbouwen.nu/parnassusweg220</a>, which is where the contractor posts regular status updates.

#### Public space around the museum

The arrival of the museum, in combination with the developments on plot C2/C3 will affect the public space around these buildings. Consider for example the future entrance of the museum, the places to relax and layout of the surrounding greenery. The municipality is in charge of making a design for this public space. The neighbourhood will be asked to contribute to this design. In our previous newsletter, we indicated that we wanted to share a draft design with the neighbourhood this year. For various reasons, this has been delayed. Our intention is now to finalise our draft design for the public space within the next six months, and then set up the dialogue to engage the neighbourhood after the summer. Your feedback on the draft design will then be incorporated in the final detailed design as much as possible.

#### Development of plot C2/C3

Eventually, a new building with offices and apartments will be realised at 55 Fred. Roeskestraat (plot C2/C3), previously the location of the temporary court building. The neighbourhood was informed about this during a residents' meetings at an earlier stage. The zoning plan that provides for this development was approved by the City Council on 27 March 2024. However, an appeal against the zoning plan was filed with the Council of State. For this reason, the Central Government Real Estate Agency – who owns the plot – has been unable to proceed with the public sale of the plot, which is required to start the development. The appeal procedure will take some time to run its course. The public sale and subsequent development of this plot thus depends on the timing of the Council of State's ruling, and of course also on the judgment represented in their ruling. As soon as we get more clarity on this, we will inform you further.

#### **Temporary sports hall**

Plot F is located next to the new court building, alongside the A10. Eventually this is the intended location of an office building. In our previous newsletter, we already mentioned our intention to realise a temporary sports hall here in the meantime, to boost physical education facilities in the area. There is currently a great demand for such facilities in Amsterdam. It means that there will be a sports hall at this location for a period of approximately five years, and the design has already been completed. Unfortunately, the power grid is currently overloaded, and this has also caused a delay for this initiative as well. This development will be restarted, and the relevant permits will be applied for, only when the grid operator can guarantee the electricity supply both during and after the construction phase.

### Accessibility, safety and disruptions

As the building works at the museum also become visible on the outside, you will inevitably become more aware of them. During all activities, we will do our utmost to guarantee accessibility and (traffic) safety at all times, and to minimise the noise pollution. At the same time, we have to acknowledge that it is impossible to do this kind of construction work without causing any inconvenience. We make arrangements with the contractors and developers to keep the surrounding area safe and liveable. Building activities are allowed to take place from Monday to (and including) Saturday, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. If, for whatever reason, building activities have to be carried out outside of these hours, the contractor needs to apply for an exemption. In such a case, the neighbourhood will be informed. Of course, we would welcome your feedback if you have any questions or comments in relation to this.



## More information

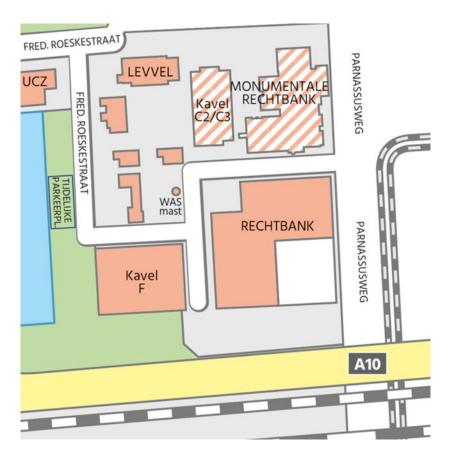
We hope this newsletter has given you all the information you need. We will do our best to keep you informed on the progress of these projects. More information about the projects in your area can be found on <a href="https://www.zuidas.nl">www.zuidas.nl</a>. Do you have any questions relating to the topics covered in this letter? Then you can reach us via <a href="https://www.zuidas.nl/contact">www.zuidas.nl/contact</a> or by telephone: 0800-5065. Our Information Centre in the WTC building (59 Strawinskylaan) is also open every Monday to Thursday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Via our website, you can register for the Zuidas newsletter and sign up for the monthly guided tours.

We wish you a very festive finale for 2024 and a beautiful start to 2025!

Kind regards,

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Map of Zuidas sub-district Parnas