

Lakeview Commons back on track for 2011 completion

By Kathryn Reed

B.J. Sullivan, president of Clark & Sullivan Builders, assured the South Lake Tahoe City Council his company would have Lakeview Commons done by October.

Last fall his firm successfully sued to have work on the multimillion dollar project at El Dorado Beach stopped, citing a flawed bid process.

Clark & Sullivan won again, so to speak, on Tuesday when the council unanimously decided to award the contract to the Sparks company. Their bid is \$400,000 higher than Reeve-Knight's, the original contractor selected for the project, for a total of \$4,897,837.



Lakeview
Commons --
what it should
look like in
eight months.

However, the bid comes in below the \$6 million allocated by California Tahoe Conservancy to pay for the upgrades to the site, which include putting in a boathouse for non-motorized watercraft, restrooms, terraced landscaping, an invasive aquatic species decontamination station, improved walkways,

and an improved picnic area all along the lakefront across from Campground by the Lake.

"I'm not sure if we rebid it, if we would get a lower bid," city engineer Jim Marino told the council Feb. 8.

That was the council's other option – to start all over. But that option was not discussed by the council.

Also part of Tuesday's decision was signing off on the settlement agreement with Reeve-Knight, the firm that did the initial work on the project. They will be paid \$142,500 for that work. This comes out of the CTC grant.

According to City Attorney Patrick Enright, the company wanted about \$50,000 more than that.

Councilmember Angela Swanson asked if the public would have access to the area as work is completed. Sullivan said that has not been looked at, but will be considered as work begins in May.