

Old Eagles Lodge in Mural District being razed for parking lot

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The old Eagles Lodge next to the Valley PBS building on Van Ness Avenue in downtown Fresno is being razed for a parking lot. BONHIA LEE — The Fresno Bee

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Buildings are going up and coming down in downtown Fresno's Mural District.

[Granville Urban Development](#) has quickly gotten its newest residential project called [The Lede](#), at Van Ness Avenue and Stanislaus Street, off the ground. Concrete pads are down and framing has started.

On Tuesday, [ValleyPBS](#) joined the club.

The station, located across from The Lede on Van Ness, has started demolition of the old Eagles Lodge next door to make room for more parking space, said Phil Meyer, the station's chief executive officer.



ValleyPBS has owned the lodge property for a decade. The plans back then were to expand the building space and add things like education services, said Phyllis Brotherton, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

“The funding for that did not come to pass,” she said. “The building sat vacant for that 10 years.”

A donor recently stepped forward to fund demolition of the building. The property will be used for employee parking. Other potential uses include a solar car port or space for public art.

“We’re hoping to save a considerable amount of money on utilities every year,” Brotherton said. “We’re also wanting to beautify the area as well. It’s been sort of an eye sore for a while.”

PBS officials welcome input on possible public art projects in that space.