# **SHAPING FUTURES**

## City of Twentynine Palms Freedom Plaza



"As City Manager of a small City with an equally small staff, Tilden-Coil provided the expertise in construction that otherwise would be missing in delivering our Community Center and Visitor Center. Their knowledge, commitment, and expertise are unparalleled."

- Frank J. Luckino, City Manager, City of Twentynine Palms

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In need of a space that would be the heart of their community, the City of Twentynine Palms partnered with Tilden-Coil Constructors and Holt Architecture to make their dream a reality. Freedom Plaza, formerly known as Project Phoenix, is located at the intersection of Freedom Way and Twentynine Palms Highway in Downtown Twentynine Palms, and includes two new buildings and an outdoor performance area. This project was designed to host a wide range of events, including art shows, car shows, farmer's markets, sporting events, and musical events. Travis Clark, Community Development Director for the City of Twentynine Palms, said, "I think what it really means is creating that real center heart of the community, a place that the whole community could come together." This was the first ground-up project the City has completed in decades, so they needed a trusted construction partner to guide them through the development process.

#### Freedom Plaza Quick Facts

Architect: Holt Architecture Delivery: CM Multi-Prime Completion: February 2022 Scope: Multi-purpose community center, gymnasium, meeting/conference facilities, office space, culinary arts kitchen space, cultural and visitor center





Scan to view the 3D model of the gymnasium



Tilden-Coil's experience with Holt Architecture established the foundation for the team's success. Together, they navigated through scope changes and extreme procurement issues within the industry to deliver this project under budget and ahead of schedule. This included supporting key trades by ordering materials directly from suppliers and identifying alternate suppliers to receive materials on time. With these initiatives, the project finished ahead of schedule and allowed the City to kick off their youth basketball league the very next day in their new gymnasium!

The new 11,705 sf multi-purpose community center includes a gymnasium, meeting/conference facilities, offices, and a culinary arts kitchen that is used as a teaching space for students. The culinary arts kitchen was not originally included in the scope of the project, but due to better than expected bid results and additional funding support from Morongo Unified School District, the City was able to add the mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure to the kitchen.



Holt Architecture expedited the design and plan check, and Tilden-Coil completed the MEP infrastructure, shell, core, and kitchen hood all within the original project schedule duration, to ready the space for equipment furnished by Morongo Unified School District. Students utilize the kitchen as a culinary arts learning space.

Another key element was a new 4,213 sf Cultural and Visitor Center for Joshua Tree National Park. This new visitor center includes park information, a bookstore, and resources for youth to become junior rangers. Also included is a cultural museum that focuses on the surrounding Native American Tribes: the Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Tilden-Coil coordinated with the National Park Service, the City, the Native American communities, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Joshua Tree National Park Association to ensure all design and construction requirements were met.

Tilden- Coil serves by shaping futures. This means not only building quality facilities that meet clients' objectives, but also positively impacting the communities in which they build. Tilden-Coil sought opportunities to support the City of Twentynine Palms in a variety of unique ways beyond that of a traditional builder. Tilden-Coil supported the City's first basketball tournament in the new gymnasium, assisted with the dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of Freedom Plaza with the community, and helped the client share more about the construction process and project at the 2022 San Bernardino City County Conference. Tilden-Coil values its longstanding partnership with Holt Architecture on this amazing new facility for the City of Twentynine Palms, and is proud to receive a 10 out of 10 client rating from the City!

### **Partners**

Great accomplishments require great partnerships! Tilden-Coil recognizes the following prime contractors who played a major role in completing this project:

- Bogh Engineering, inc.
- Caston, Inc.
- CG Acoustics, Inc.
- Construction Electric, Inc.
- Continental Plumbing, Inc.
- Donald M. Hoover Company
- Ed Rose Construction, Inc.
- Floored Tile & Stone

- Letner Roofing Company
- McKernan Construction
- Montgomery Hardware CO
- P.G.C. Construction
- RND Contractors, Inc.
- S.C. Coatings Corporation
- Vic's Air Conditioning and Electrical
- World Fire Protection Inc.





Successful projects require collaboration across all team members: the owner, architect, contractors, and engineers. From day one of the project, Tilden-Coil brought a level of engagement and dedication that ensured all parties were able to clearly and openly come together to troubleshoot and resolve issues effectively to deliver an amazing new facility for the citizens of Twentynine Palms.

- Matt Acton, Principal, Holt Architecture