



SOUTH BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 8

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MINUTES of the Special meeting held August 22, 2011. Board members present were Commissioners Small, Parsons and Getchman. Chief VanCamp, Assistant Chief Kessel and Secretary Stumpf were also present. Guest Ken Yeager from URS and Cal Jordan of Calvin Jordan Associates were also in attendance. Community members Greg and Terri Olson and David Vahey were also in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to meet with local community members and representatives from URS to discuss and explore exterior design options for the new fire station project.

Brief History: Cal Jordan used a Power Point Presentation to provide a brief overview of the history and progress of the new fire station project including early stages of the design process. The floor plan for the station has not been finalized. The County still has to approve the site impacts and taxpayers will need to approve the Bond before the plan can be finalized.

The District is committed to explore community suggestions that impact neighbors. The following topics were discussed:

- Driveway Issues: Mr. and Mrs. Olson commented on the proposed location of the driveway – Hendershot to be used for public access and 78th to be used for fire apparatus only. They expressed concern for local children and a bus stop located at the corner of 78th and Hendershot. They also expressed concern for removal of trees and increased speeders if the road were paved. They suggested consideration to widen the gravel road on the East side of the property.
- Traffic flow: An average resident has 8 trips per day. Each vehicle traveling to and from the station is equal to two trips; therefore, the station would contribute approximately 12 or less trips per day. Our drivers are well trained to drive safely.
- Drainfield options: The Olsons noted the possibility of relocating the drainfield to another location on the 3 acre parcel. Using a retention pond to restrict outflow water was discussed.
- Lighting: Lighting will provide building security while mitigating excessive lighting towards neighbors.
- Signage: A low sign at the entrance and on the building was suggested. There will be no reader board or flashing lights. Street signs are mandated by the State.
- Noise: A noise abatement plan is already in place. The District's current practice is to only use sirens in high traffic areas. Restrictive guidelines are set. There will be no training center on the site.
- Water Use: The well will be used for domestic purposes only and will not be used to fill tankers. Efforts are already in place to decrease water use, allow for adequate drainage and recycle water for irrigation.
- Landscaping: landscape design will be used to reduce sound and visual impacts. Street shrubbery can be used to hide low lights.
- Exterior: A residential, craftsman approach will be considered for siding, roof and trim. Mr. Vahey suggested that the structure look somewhat like a fire station.
- Other uses: The possibility of a playground was briefly discussed. The property is only designated for a fire station.
- Water Control: All surface water is collected, then filtered, then run to the retention pond. The retention pond will restrict water overflow. Roof water is collected and stored for irrigation use. The volume of water leaving the site will be no more than the current flow – possibly less because of filtering and collection for irrigation.

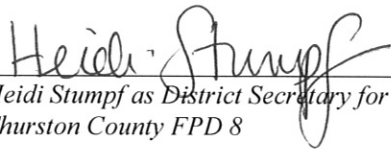
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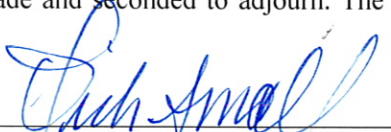
- Will the fire station still be built if the Bond doesn't pass? The Board will reassess and review their options at that time. Currently, the District could build the station by getting a loan and paying off the loan with Operating Funds; however, the Advisory Task Force recommended immediate staffing. The approval of the Bond Issue would be necessary to fund the construction so that Operating Funds could be used to pay for staffing.
- Mr. Vahey commented on citizens neighboring the District's property who are against the project. Mr. Olson thanked Assistant Chief Kessel for his efforts to visit neighbors and answer their questions regarding the project.
- Commissioner Small mentioned that the Bond Support Group would be happy to meet with individuals or groups to share facts on the project.


NEXT STEPS:

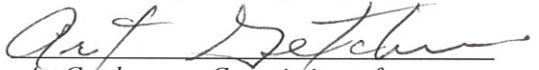
The District will examine driveway and drainage options. An Advisory Work Group (including the guests present at today's meeting) will meet again on August 29th and September 7th to further determine recommendations on exterior design topics. A Public Meeting for all community members will be held on October 4th.

Adjourn: The Board announced that next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, beginning at 8:30 am and will be held at Station 8-1. There being no further business the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm..


Heidi Stumpf as District Secretary for
Thurston County FPD 8


Richard Small as Chair for Thurston
County FPD 8 (pos. 1)


Ken F. Parsons, Sr., as Commissioner for
Thurston County FPD 8 (pos. 2)


Art Getchman as Commissioner for
Thurston County FPD 8 (pos. 3)