



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8
Board of Fire Commissioners'
Master Planning Workshop
January 19, 2018**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board workshop held January 19, 2018 at the North Olympia Station 8-3. Commissioners Harper, Engle, Zvirzdys, Gleckler and Berman were in attendance. Chief VanCamp, Lieutenant Hall, Secretary Stumpf, members Prine and Zvirzdys as well as Ms. Parker also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Chief VanCamp reviewed the addendum documents for the Master Planning binder. Commissioner Harper briefly reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Questions were asked for clarity. Chief VanCamp explained that the WSRB's evaluation criteria was based on active *responding companies*, not solely on station location. We currently are graded as having three companies – one at North Olympia Station-83, one at South Bay Station-81 and one made up of members living in the North end responding from Johnson Point Station-82. Further, he explained that the grading criteria includes *partial credit* as well.

2017 Master Plan Overview

Chief VanCamp reviewed tab 10 - 2017 Master Plan Overview. He explained that theoretically, the District could be covered by two strategically located stations and with two companies. The plan offers two options – 1) to sell all our current properties except for the Training Center, which would be expanded and remodeled for use as the headquarters and build two new ones (at new locations) centrally located on each peninsula and 2) to use the current facilities with a hybrid staffing – operating from two sub-stations and retain the current South Bay Headquarters and Training Center. Apparatus would be standardized and multi-use. Key concerns would be public support and financial.

OPTIONS

The following options were clarified:

- 1) Eliminate Stations at South Bay, North End, Zangle, Libby, Johnson Point and Puget Beach. Keep the Training Center (as Headquarters) and purchase the adjacent property in order to expand property size. Purchase new property in East and West areas of the District to build new sub-stations.
- 2) Keep South Bay, North End and remodel Johnson Point (8-2) for residential space. Eliminate Libby and 78th street properties. Possibly keep Puget Beach for future use. Use Zangle for residential space.

BRAINSTORMING OPTIONS *(Consider deployment & staffing 2 companies. Also consider end state and interim measures)*

- 3) Keep South Bay for headquarters. Keep Libby and Puget Beach properties for future growth. Keep Training Center. Remodel Johnsons Point and Zangle for use as sub-stations.
- 4) Remodel North Olympia for headquarters. Keep Training Center. Sell all other properties. Build a new sub-station on east side.
- 5) Short-term plan: stay as we are, improve staffing and explore development plans for the future. Long-term plan: Evaluated conditions once staffing issues stabilize. Continue to consider moves and remodels.
- 6) Short term plan: Stay as we are and create a resident program near Johnson Point (such as renting a house) in order to address WSRB challenge. Once a long-term solution has been established, move the resident program to the North Olympia area in order to address the Fishtrap challenge.

- 7) After we establish a clear plan, identify all the properties we can sell that are not viable for the future. Begin disposal as soon as possible. Earmark that revenue for new construction.
- 8) Hybrid plan of Options 1 & 2. Keep South Bay as headquarters. Build two new sub-stations in central locations on each peninsula to allow for 5-mile coverage. Staff all three as in option 2. Keep the Training Center and sell Zangle, Johnson Point, Puget Beach and Libby.
- 9) Employ option 6 (residence program), then petition to merge with FD3.

Following the brainstorming session, it was agreed that all the options would be displayed in a matrix-style form for further discussion.

Areas of concern or comment:

- Commissioner Engle commented that 90% of our calls are EMS which should be considered when making decisions.
- Commissioner Berman commented that the current Training Center has limited space.
- Ms. Parker commented that she is concerned about public negativity.

Considerations

- EMS response
- Residential construction standards
- Replacement of perfectly functional firestation
- Public support & understanding for initiatives
- NIMBY
- Future development
- Currently technology limitations
- Sub-stations may not be staffed full time due to training, social, etc. when staff are at the headquarters

Next meeting:

- Request input and new options from the public
- Narrow the options down
- Begin developing pro and con trade-offs of options

Adjourn:

The Board announced that next Special workshop will be held on January 22, 2018, beginning at 5:00 pm and will be held at the North Olympia Station 8-3. There being no further business the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

ATTEST:

Tom Engle, as Chair for TCFPD 8

Richard Gleckler, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Michael Berman, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Gloria Zvirzdys as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

William Harper, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Heidi Stumpf as District Secretary for TCFPD 8