



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8
Board of Fire Commissioners'
Special Master Planning Meeting
April 30, 2018**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board meeting held April 30, 2018 at Station 8-31. Commissioners Harper, Zvirzdys, Gleckler, Engle and Berman were in attendance. Chief VanCamp, Lieutenant Hall, Assistant Chiefs LeMay and McBride and Secretary Stumpf also attended the meeting. Several members and community members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Welcome

Commissioner Engle welcomed the audience and gave a summary of the previous Board workshops that led to this public presentation. He explained the purpose of the Master Planning process was to look at the future of the Department for the next ten years.

Presentation

Using a Power Point presentation, Commissioner Harper further explained the planning process and that the Board wanted public feedback before moving forward with any proposed changes. Using handouts, he provided a District Service summary that included:

- Phases of Master Planning Process – 0 – 3 (Mission, Vision, Goals; Staffing; Deployment & Facilities; and Apparatus, equipment and support functions
- Merger Integration Plan
- Current Situation - Facilities (staffed and unstaffed) and Properties
- Target Levels of Service & Response Times – by stations, zones
- WSRB Insurance Rating

Chief VanCamp continued the Power Point Presentation, discussing Staffing issues that included:

- Current staffing situation and performance
- Considerations for long range planning – community risk, financial impacts
- Personnel Challenges - Volunteer and Career Responders; recruitment; retention; training
- Improvements and implementation to Staffing Program – Culture; retention; career & volunteer integration
- Funding model for sustainable operations

Commissioner Harper concluded the discussion explaining the long term vision for facilities that included:

- Options explored : Two or Three Station Models – how best to provide consistent staffing
- Long-term facilities and deployment vision and how to get there
- Funding issues - Operating levy dollars comparison to other Districts in the county; financial resources and sustainability; lid lift impacts
- Next steps

Closing Questions

Following the presentation, the participants were given an opportunity to provide feedback and questions.

Questions asked included:

- Q – Has housing growth been examined? A – Yes, the County has indicated very little growth (estimated at ½ percent) due to zoning restrictions. Growth will likely be in “urban growth” areas that will eventually be annexed by the City of Lacey.
- Q – How are transient residents impacting taxes? A - There is little impact when Military or renters live in the area, as landlords still have to pay taxes.
- Q – Can you quantify improved staffing with a new (better located) station? A – Yes, studies have been performed and would be in line with our target.
- Q – Why did the Bond fail in 2011? What could be done to improve future results? A – We believe it failed due to political activity, finances and poor communication. This could be improved with better communication and the improved vitality of the economy.
- Q – What is the ideal location for the new property? A – 1 mile or so mile South of 61st and Johnson Point.
- Q – What are the four satellite stations currently being used for? A – They are being used to house apparatus. We believe they can be sold and save the District money.
- Q – Has there been any discussion with other Districts on a possible RFA or merger? A – Currently Lacey FD3 and the City of Olympia are probably not interested; however, we do partner with neighboring Departments for both purchasing discounts and Mutual Aid. In 2015, when FD8 and FD7 merged, they had very similar models. It would be a much greater effort to combine our rural district into the city – but it could happen in the future if circumstances change.
- Q - Will the property on 78th Street be sold? A – Yes, that is what is proposed in the current plan.
- Q – What is the trend in percentage of calls? A – Fire calls have decreased while EMS calls have increased.

Closing Comments

Comment cards were provided and guests were asked to turn them in or feel free to call or contact us in the future with questions, comments and feedback.

Adjourn:

The Board announced that next REGULAR meeting will be held on May 8, 2018, beginning at 5:30 pm. and will be held at the South Bay 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 8:45 pm.

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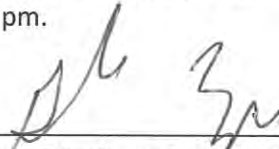
 Tom Engle, as Chair for TCFPD 8



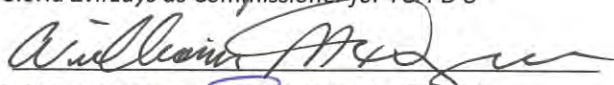
 Richard Gleckler, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8



 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