



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8
Board of Fire Commissioners'
Master Planning Workshop
February 23, 2018**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board workshop held February 23, 2018 at the North Olympia Station 8-3. Commissioners Harper, Zvirzdys, Gleckler and Berman were in attendance. Chief VanCamp, Lieutenant Hall and member Armstrong also attended the meeting. Commissioner Engle participated by telephone. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Using handouts, Chief VanCamp reviewed the following documents:

- Revised option-3 document with corrected cost information
- Maps provided by TRPC
- Call volume data provided by TCOMM
- Analysis of new option 1a – using the South Bay station location for training and HQ, selling the training center

There was lengthy discussion of option 1a including the need to acquire additional property, extensive reconfiguration of the existing structure, significant paving requirements resulting in modification to storm water runoff, and commercial zoning of the property – all leading to higher cost.

Lieutenant Hall led the group through a staffing scenario exercise that evaluated the deployment choices that operational leadership would face under various staffing levels with various mixes of skills (leadership, firefighters, EMTs, etc.) under both two and three station models. (*Contact with Commissioner Engle was lost during the staffing scenario exercise.*) At the conclusion, the group summarized findings:

- It is significantly easier to staff two stations than three. District-wide response can be fielded with fewer staff and fewer apparatus. The skill level of available staff members is the most critical factor.
- Crews are less fragmented with the two-station model.
- Less demands are placed on the leadership system in the two-station model.
- The two-station model fails when there are not enough staff of the right skills to staff two stations. At that point, one peninsula suffers from delayed response from the other peninsula and/or relies on auto-aid.

The group discussed the alternatives for a long-term vision that would serve as the end goal for facilities and deployment. There was a consensus that a two-crew deployment model is the best vision for us to move toward, but also that we should maintain sufficient facilities on the south side to support single station response as a contingency if we are short staffed. This could also be used as for the headquarters, training, central inventory, and for three-station response when excess staff are on duty.

The group brainstormed likely actions that would be taken in each part of the District to implement such a vision:

East side: sell Puget Beach, sell 78th Ave. property, use Johnson Point as it is temporarily until a permanent east side location is established, buy land and build a full-size station centrally located on the east side, then sell Johnson Point

West side: there are more options to consider. We might consider selling Libby, keeping Zangle for contingency purposes, continuing to use North Olympia for a long time. We could consider buying land opportunistically for a future station to be more centrally located in the future after North Olympia becomes obsolete. This area will need more discussion.

South side: The group identified 3 options -- keep both the training center and the South Bay station, sell South Bay and set up a new HQ at the training center as in option 1, or sell the training center and move the training center to the South Bay station (option 1a distributed on Friday). These will require much more discussion.

For next steps in the planning process, it was agreed to discuss details of the issues and timing of the activities and choices that were identified: east side first, then west side, then south side. This may take two to three meetings to work through.


Adjourn:

The Board announced that next SPECIAL WORKSHOP meeting will be held on March 2, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am. This workshop will be held at the Boston Harbor 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 3:30 pm.

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