

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
March 31, 2005 Meeting**

Present: Council Member Jan Drago, Council Member Nick Licata, Dallas Baker Local 27, Seattle Fire Fighters Union; Jordan Royer, Mayor's Office; John Franklin, Mayor's Office; Scott MacColl, Council Central Staff; Karl Stickel, DOF; Candice Chin, DOF; Fire Chief Gregory Dean, Battalion Chief Molly Douce; Fleets and Facilities (FFD) Director Brenda Bauer, Lee Belland, FFD, and Ellen Hansen, FFD; Monica Lake, FFD; Ken Johnsen, and Brad Tong, Shiels, Obletz, and Johnsen (SOJ).

1. Lee Belland called the meeting to order and introduced Ken Johnsen to make a presentation on the Fire Station 10 Project

2. **Presentation on Fire Station 10 Project** – Ken Johnsen, SOJ

Ken Johnsen showed a rendering of the project and told the committee that schematic design has been completed and signed off by both the Fire Department and the Police Department. Design development is well under way.

The project is using the General Contractor Construction Method (GCCM), and Hoffman Construction has been selected as general contractor and is now participating in weekly project meetings.

Open space on Washington Street gives an opportunity to design an interpretive display that shows the history between the International District and the Fire Department. Council Member Drago's suggested that this should include Pioneer Square.

Groundbreaking is planned for September, with preparation of the site, followed by start of hard construction at the end of the year or early in 2006.

Environmental review is complete with notice of DNS coming soon, along with the alley vacation process, review by the International District Special Review Board, the Master Use Permit, and the construction permit.

Councilmember Drago noted this will be a huge improvement to the area. She also asked if the buses will move off Washington (yes), and if the bus stop on Fourth Avenue could be moved north, which is being discussed with METRO.

In response to a question about budget, Ken Johnsen replied that they are working hard to save money and value engineer. The layout has helped reduce costs for excavation and shoring, and the surface parking approach is also saving money. Using metal is a good and cost-effective solution.

The City is applying for Homeland Security money to fund some project elements, and there are also financial incentives from City Light and Seattle Public Utilities.

Dallas Baker asked when there would be another meeting with firefighters from Station 10 and learned that architects are now finishing up on the design to try to incorporate input from the firefighters. There will be another meeting with them in the near future.

3. Presentation on Joint Training Facility Project – Brad Tong, SOJ

Progress on this 13-acre project is 35-45% complete. The \$26.3 million budget should be maintained. Value engineering is ongoing to augment the construction contingency, and they have not had to cut program to save money. They are targeting for silver LEED certification.

Construction is scheduled for completion in February 2006, and they are currently ahead of schedule.

Brad, Ken Johnsen, and Council Member Drago promised to look into SPU charges to hook up the water.

4. 2004 in Review

Lee Belland reviewed the handout and answered questions.

5. Looking Ahead for 2005

Lee Belland reviewed the handout and answered questions after pointing out that the Fire Station 10 budget could change.

6. Questions and Answers

Scott MacColl asked how FFD is dealing with the construction climate. John Franklin replied that the City is monitoring the marketplace and materials costs regularly. We will have to wait and see, then strategize on the best approach for the levy program.

Council Member Drago said being flexible on schedule could help.