

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
December 14, 2010 Meeting**

Members Present: Sally Bagshaw, Seattle City Council; Chris Gilbert, Local 27 Representative, Seattle Firefighters Union

Staff Present: Gregory Dean, Fire Chief, Seattle Fire Department (SFD); Assistant Chief Susan Rosenthal, SFD; Kieu-Anh King, Central Staff, Seattle City Council; Fred Podesta, Director, Finance and Administrative Services Department (FAS); Mary Pearson, Deputy Director, FAS; David Kunselman, Fire Facilities Levy Program Manager, FAS; Frank Coulter, Capital Planning and Project Controls Manager, FAS; Christina Faine, Fire Levy Communications Officer, FAS

Guests: Chris Grekoff, Garriel Keeble, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station #20, Michael Crow, Fire Station 20 service area

1. Public Comment

Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20 expressed interest in seeing the process through to the end and appreciation for the progress on the Fire Station 20 project.

2. Levy Program Highlights (as shown in a PowerPoint presentation):

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point) is now complete; hundreds of neighbors turned out for the opening celebration on Saturday, December 4.

Program Overview

Sixteen major Fire Levy projects are underway. Three additional projects are wrapping up pre-design negotiations.

Marine Projects

Design of the Chief Seattle, with an expanded project scope, is nearly complete. The Port of Tacoma notified the City that an additional \$375,000 in grant funding has been secured. The project has received \$2.6 million to date, with a total of \$5,875,000 expected. Guido Perla Associates are the naval architects.

Fire Station 14 (SoDo)

Submittals for the General Contractor Construction Management (GC/CM) are due January 11. Bassetti Architects is the project designer. The architects and firefighters met to discuss the firefighters' wish list. Moving the beanery (kitchen) upstairs and other adjustments depend on funding from a DIVE grant.

Fire Station 6 (Central District)

After the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) issued a Determination of Non-Significance, they received an appeal on the Master Use Permit (MUP). The appeal is scheduled for January 26. FAS is going through the process with the Hearing Examiner's Office. The building permit review is in process. Weinstein Architects continue with the

construction documents phase of the new station. The project will go out to bid in the first quarter of 2011.

Fire Station 9 (Fremont)

The project is in the construction documents phase with Mithun Architects. The Master Use Permit review is under way. In February, the Council Concept Review for the development waivers is expected to take place. The project has received a lot of support for integrating historic elements into the design.

Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill)

Hoshide Williams Architects are in construction documents with the seismic upgrade project. Fire Station 13 is linked to Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker). Once the new station is open in Mt. Baker, the battalion chief will move temporarily from Fire Station 13 to Fire Station 30. The building permit review is in progress. The project will go out to bid in the first quarter of 2011. Firefighters will remain in the station during construction.

Fire Station 16 (Green Lake)

The seismic upgrade with Hoshide Williams is in construction documents. The building permit review is in progress. Fire Station 16 will be bid separately from Fire Station 13. Fire Station 16 is linked to the schedule of the temporary station, located at the former Marshall Alternative High School. The project will go out to bid in the first quarter of 2011.

Fire Station 21 (Greenwood)

Powell Construction completed demolition and grading. Formwork and backfilling are under way at the foundations. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary station. The Miller Hull Partnership designed the new station.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

The project, in construction with Synergy Construction, will open in early 2011. Copper siding is being installed. Because of the slump in the construction and metal markets, the bid for copper came in at a very reasonable cost. The new station is much more visible than the old one and provides a compelling juxtaposition with Franklin High School. Schacht Aslani Architects designed the project.

Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills)

Construction continues with Corstone Construction. The building shell has been weather-proofed. All mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work is nearly finished. Site and utility work is completed around the building. The anticipated firefighter move-in date is early 2011. Schreiber, Starling and Lane designed the project.

Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill)

Designed by Rice Fergus Miller, Kirtley-Cole Associates completed construction of the new fire station in August. Approximately 250 neighbors joined Mayor McGinn at the dedication on September 25. The project was awarded LEED Gold.

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point)

Kirtley-Cole completed construction of the new station, followed by firefighter move-in on October 5. About 400 neighbors, Mayor McGinn, Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, and

Councilmember Tom Rasmussen attended the grand opening for the community on December 4. Miller Hayashi Architects designed the station.

Interim Facilities

There are six active interim facility projects. Some tents and trailers are temporarily in storage. Crews continue to live and operate out of interim Fire Station 21 (Greenwood) and interim Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker). Design work continues on interim Fire Station 14 (SoDo).

Bids to Date

No bidding activity took place in the fourth quarter of 2010. In the first quarter of 2011, four projects will go out to bid.

Financial Summary

Fire Station 8 (Queen Anne) has moved forward in the schedule, while Fire Station 25 (Capitol Hill) will start at a later date. The projects are all within budget. The total amount spent or encumbered on active Fire Levy projects is approximately \$100 million, or 55 percent of the budget. For the entire Fire Levy program, approximately \$194 million, or 66 percent, has been spent or encumbered.

Discussion Topics

Projects expected to go out to bid early next year include Fire Station 6 (Central District), Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill), and Fire Station 16 (Green Lake). Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker) and Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills) will open early next year.

The elimination of the Fire Levy Communications Officer position in 2011 as part of the adopted budget will result in a significant decrease in community outreach.

The Fire Station 36 site includes a plot of land owned by Seattle Department of Transportation. A street vacation process is under consideration.

New projects include Fire Station 8 (Queen Anne), Fire Station 20 (W. Queen Anne), and Fire Station 27 (Georgetown). Fire Station 8 on the top of Queen Anne is a challenging seismic upgrade project. Councilmember Burgess is interested if the current location is in the optimal location for the response area. Schacht Aslani are designing Fire Station 20 on W. Queen Anne. The next opportunity for public comment is during the Design Commission's review of the preliminary design. All of the real estate transactions for the new site are complete. Weaver Architects will soon begin pre-design for the seismic upgrade at Fire Station 27 (Georgetown).

FAS staff have been asked to do an additional site search for property for Fire Station 32 (W. Seattle). Optimally, the fire department would like another site near the current one large enough to provide space for training.

Neighborhood fire stations continue to receive recognition for innovative, sustainable, and operationally advantageous design. Fire Chief Magazine awarded the 2010 Renovation Gold Award to Fire Station 17 (University District). The new Fire Station 28 in Rainier Valley received the FIERO Honor Award and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

(LEED) Gold. Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill), another new station, received the LEED Gold award.

3. Minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting were approved.