

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
February 8, 2011 Meeting**

Members Present: Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council; Chris Gilbert, Local 27 Representative, Seattle Firefighters Union

Staff Present: Gregory Dean, Fire Chief, Seattle Fire Department (SFD); William Hepburn, Assistant Fire Chief, SFD; Kieu-Anh King, Central Staff, Seattle City Council; Catherine Cornwall, Senior Policy Analyst, City Budget Office; Jennifer Devore, Budget Analyst, City Budget Office; Dove Alberg, Director, Capital Development & Construction Management, Finance and Administrative Services Department (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

1. Minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Levy Program Highlights (as shown in a PowerPoint presentation):

Program Overview

Eighteen major Fire Levy projects are underway. Three projects are getting started with the pre-design phase, while construction is taking place on three stations. A third of the projects are in the closeout/warranty phase.

Marine Projects

Design of the Chief Seattle fireboat, with an expanded project scope, is complete. Following the award of a Homeland Security grant, the project scope was expanded to include a larger pilot house and engines, as well as a new firefighting system. The project has received a total of \$5.6 million in grant funds. Guido Perla Associates are the naval architects.

New Fire Station Projects

Three new projects are in pre-design. SHKS Architects are in the initial phases of design with the seismic upgrade of Fire Station 8 on the top of Queen Anne. Fire Station 20 on W. Queen Anne, a new facility, is in pre-design with Schacht Aslani Architects. Weaver Architects are in pre-design with the seismic upgrade of Fire Station 27 in Georgetown.

Fire Station 14 (SoDo)

Bassetti Architects completed schematic design of the historic fire station renovation. Prior to bidding on the General Contractor/Construction Management (GC/CM) project, 34 attendees went on the pre-submittal tour in December 2010. A grant is still pending related to the dive function housed at the station.

Fire Station 6 (Central District)

Prior to going out to bid in the first quarter of 2011, the project has been delivered to the contracting division. The appeal to the Department of Planning and Development's (DPD) Determination of Non-Significance on the Master Use Permit (MUP) was withdrawn. The building permit review continues.

Fire Station 9 (Fremont)

Mithun Architects continue with the construction documents phase. The Master Use Permit review is under way. At the end of March 2011, the Type IV Council Concept Review for development waivers is expected to take place. The building permit review continues. The project received a lot of support for integrating historic elements into the design.

Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill)

The construction documents phase moved forward on the seismic upgrade project with Hoshide Williams Architects. With the modified scope, the battalion chief will remain at the station, and an addition will be added to the back of the station. Once the new station is open in Mt. Baker, the battalion chief will move temporarily from Fire Station 13 to Fire Station 30 during construction. DPD issued the building permit. 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)

Hoshide Williams continue with the construction documents phase. DPD issued the building permit. Fire Station 16 will bid before Fire Station 13. Fire Station 16 is linked to the schedule of the temporary station located a block south at the former Marshall Alternative High School. The project manager prepared letters to inform neighbors of parking impacts. The project will go out to bid in the first quarter of 2011.

Fire Station 21 (Greenwood)

Powell Construction is moving forward with construction of the new station in Greenwood. Masonry work continues. The site utilities are complete. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary station. The Miller Hull Partnership designed the new station.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

Firefighters will move into the new fire station, designed by Schacht Aslani Architects, at the end of March 2011. Synergy Construction completed the metal siding, sewer tie-ins, and interior drywall work. During construction, crews were housed in a temporary facility.

Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills)

Corstone Construction nearly completed work on the new fire station in Hawthorne Hills. The Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was received. The firefighter move-in date is scheduled for February 15 followed by the community open house on March 12. The art will be installed imminently. Schreiber, Starling and Lane designed the project.

Interim Facilities

There are eight active interim facility projects. During work on Fire Station 8, a site has been located on Queen Anne at the old high school gymnasium to house crews. Temporary Fire Station 16 (Green Lake) has bid. Crews continue to live and operate out of interim Fire Station 21 (Greenwood). With permanent Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker) nearly complete, firefighters are planning to move out of interim Fire Station 30 in March. The Boy Scouts of America were pleased with having the temporary fire station as a neighbor. Design work continues on interim Fire Station 14 (SoDo).

Bids to Date

Temporary Fire Station 16 went out to bid. The base bid was -54.27% under the engineer's estimate without alternates. We continue to see the most volatility in the small project market.

Financial Summary

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 \$196 million, or 66 percent, has been spent or encumbered.

Discussion Topics

Projects expected to open this year include Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills), Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker), followed by Fire Station 21 (Greenwood) in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Projects expected to go out to bid in 2011 include Fire Station 6 (Central District), Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill), Fire Station 16 (Green Lake), and Fire Station 9 (Fremont).

Consultant negotiations have begun for Fire Station 34 (Madison Park), Fire Station 36 (Delridge/Harbor Island), and Fire Station 40 (Wedgwood). Consultant selection will take place mid-year for Fire Station 24 (Bitter Lake), Fire Station 25 (Capitol Hill), and Fire Station 26 (South Park).

Three projects have schedule adjustments or are on hold. Fire Station 22 (Roanoke) is on hold pending further work on State Route 520. The schedule of Fire Station 29 (Admiral District) is dependent on Fire Station 32 (W. Seattle Junction). FAS staff completed 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.

The Fire Station 6 (Central District) Master Use Permit (MUP) appeal has been withdrawn, and a mitigated agreement was reached.

Community members met on February 9 with Fire Levy staff to discuss the Fire Station 9 (Fremont) design. At the crux of the matter is concern around taking down the Annex structure. More work will take place on the design.

FAS staff discussed the Fire Station 36 (Delridge/Harbor Island) Street Vacation process with the N. Delridge Neighborhood Council on February 14.