

**Levy Oversight Committee  
Minutes  
July 17, 2007 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Ken Nakatsu, Mayor's Office; Dwight Dively, Department of Finance; Chris Gilbert, Local 27 Representative, Seattle Firefighters Union

**Staff Present:** Assistant Chief of Resource Management, John Nelsen (Seattle Fire Department); Director, Brenda Bauer, Fleets and Facilities (FFD); Deputy Director, Mary Pearson, FFD; Director, Real Estate Services, Ted Maslin, FFD; Capital Planning Manager, Chris Potter, FFD; Fire Facilities Levy Program Manager, David Kunselman, FFD; Brad Tong, Shiels, Oblatz, Johnsen (SOJ); Justine Kim, SOJ; Ellen Schroer, Department of Finance; Kieu-Ahn King, Council Central Staff

**Guests:** Valerie Paganelli, Ross Budden, Chris Grekoff, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20, Paul McDevitt

1. The minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment  
Valerie Paganelli introduced the guests. Ross Budden asked about the historic designation of neighborhood fire stations.
3. Levy Program Highlights (as shown in a PowerPoint presentation):

**Fire Station 2 (Belltown)**

Arai, Jackson, Ellison, Murakami Architects are designing the renovation project, which is in schematic design. The project, a historic landmark building, was reviewed by the Landmarks Committee on July 13. Structural testing is completed.

**Fire Station 14 (SoDo)**

Bassetti Architects are designing the renovation of the facility. The station, located in a liquefaction zone, is in pre-design. Work continues to determine the best design solution regarding the existing piles that the building rests on. Structural studies are underway.

**Fire Station 17 (University District)**

Bassetti Architects, with Rice, Fergus, Miller Architecture, are in schematic design with the renovation/expansion project. The work will double the size of the building, resulting in more efficient circulation. The Landmarks Committee reviewed the project, a historic landmark, on June 1.

**Fire Station 28 (Rainier Valley)**

The replacement facility, with Schreiber Starling and Lane Architects, is in design development. This project is the furthest along in design of the stations currently undergoing improvements. The project is currently in the Master Use Permit process with the Department of Planning and Development. There is split zoning on the site, with single

family zoning in the back of the property; Council approval is required. The artist, selected by the Public Art Advisory Committee, has completed an initial design of the sculpture.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

Fire Station 30 is in pre-design with Schact Aslani Architects. The Design Commission reviewed the project on June 21. About 75 people attended a community open house on June 23.

Fire Station 31 (Northgate)

Snyder, Hartung, Kane, and Strauss are designing the seismic upgrade/expansion, which is in design development. A bay is being added to the building. Submittal for the building permit is expected in the third quarter. A second community open house is scheduled for July 28. Approximately 400 neighbors attended the first open house in January.

Fire Station 33 (Rainier Beach)

Weaver Architects are designing a seismic upgrade and an addition. The project is in pre-design. The existing building presents an interesting architectural challenge. Staff are carefully looking at environmental considerations on the project site. The first community open house will take place August 18.

Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill)

Rice Fergus Miller Architects are in pre-design with the rebuild of the one company station. Artist selection is proceeding. Design Commission review is scheduled for July 19. The first neighborhood open house is scheduled for August 18.

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point)

Fire Station 37, a rebuild/relocation, is in pre-design with Miller Hayashi Architects. The site acquisition is completed. The parcel owned by a neighboring church was purchased. The project was reviewed by the Design Commission on June 21. Over 200 people attended the community open house on July 1. Artist selection is underway.

Fire Station 38 (Ravenna/Bryant)

Schreiber, Starling and Lane are designing the Fire Station 38 rebuild/relocation, which is in pre-design. Environmental remediation is needed since an auto body shop and gas station previously occupied the site. The Design Commission reviewed the project on June 21.

Fire Station 39 (Lake City)

Miller Hull is designing the rebuild/relocation. The project is in pre-design. Design Commission review is scheduled for July 19. Artist selection is underway. The first community open house will take place July 28. The site may be able to accommodate a drive-through apparatus bay.

Fire Station 41 (Magnolia)

Fire Station 41 is in pre-design, with Hoshide Williams Architects designing the renovation/expansion. The project went to the Architectural Review Committee on July 13. About 200 neighbors attended the community open house on June 21.

#### Interim Facilities

The first three projects that will require interim facilities include Fire Station 2 (Belltown), Fire Station 17 (University District), and Fire Station 31 (Northgate). The interim facilities will consist of trailers and industrial tents most likely set up in a vacant parking lot. Site costs, signalization on the street, utilities and communication are being analyzed. FFD will either lease or purchase tents and trailers based on the most cost effective option.

#### Joint Training Facility

Phase II work is underway. Gary Merlino Construction has put Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control measures in place and is installing structures for the closed-looped system. The work is 20 percent completed, with an anticipated completion date of October.

#### Fire Station 10

Permanent electrical power was installed the last week of June. Brick work continued. The Fourth Avenue sidewalk will be opened by July 28 in time for Seafair. The project is on schedule for substantial completion in December 2007. Much of the hardware for the fire alarm center is staged in a warehouse.

#### Land Acquisition

The community had a number of opportunities to engage with staff regarding Fire Station 6. Staff gave a presentation at a District Council meeting and held two community meetings. Department of Finance staff are working with the Department of Executive Administration to issue the Fire Station 20 (W. Queen Anne) Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Planning on Fire Station 22 (Roanoke) continues to be put on hold pending the State's plans for SR-520.

#### Budget

The entire program and each project are in budget.

#### Discussion

Art Component:

New stations will receive art. The art program has a budget of approximately \$90,000 per station. The Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs staff and manage this effort.

Artist Selection Process:

The selection committee includes at least one community member, the project architect, the FFD project manager, and a representative from the fire station. The committee reviews slides from a pool of artists prior to making a selection on which artists to interview. The project manager from the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs or the artist generally attends the project open house.

Construction Market:

A fair number of contracts are in place, while other projects are not ready to go into construction. In 2007, the amount of non-residential construction increased 23 percent.

Outreach/Marketing Projects:

As projects move closer to bid times, staff will notify organizations such as the Associated General Contractors. Fire Levy staff will work closely with the Daily Journal of Commerce by

providing information about upcoming projects and supplying them with renderings. In the past, the publication has featured images of upcoming projects on the front page.

Questions

Ross Budden asked about the historic designation of stations. Mary Pearson, Deputy Director of FFD, said that the Landmarks Commission has designated the stations as historic, and controls and incentives on the properties have been finalized. One more administrative step will happen at Council this summer, which will finalize the process.