

**Levy Oversight Committee  
Minutes  
September 29, 2009 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council; Bruce Harrell, Seattle City Council; Dwight Dively, Department of Finance; Chris Gilbert, Local 27 Representative, Seattle Firefighters Union

**Staff Present:** Gregory Dean, Fire Chief, Seattle Fire Department (SFD), Susan Rosenthal, Assistant Chief, SFD; Kieu-Anh King, Central Staff, Seattle City Council; Brenda Bauer, Director, Fleets and Facilities Department (FFD); Mary Pearson, Deputy Director, FFD; Ted Maslin, Real Estate Services Director, FFD; David Kunselman, Fire Facilities Levy Program Manager, FFD; Chris Potter, Planning and Project Controls Manager, FFD; Christina Faine, Fire Levy Communications Officer, FFD

**Guests:** Valerie Paganelli, Adam Paganelli, Ross Budden, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station #20

1. The minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment  
Ross Budden thanked Councilmembers Burgess, Harrell, and Conlin, as well as Chief Dean, for their role in moving forward with the Fire Station 20 siting process. Valerie Paganelli echoed satisfaction with the process.
3. Levy Program Highlights (as shown in a PowerPoint presentation):

**Program Overview**

Eighteen major projects are underway. The majority of the projects are in construction or about to start construction. Fire Station 33 is moving into the close out/warranty phase, which lasts a year.

**Marine Projects**

The Port of Seattle determined that grant money is available for the Chief Seattle, the last of the fireboat projects. The project will receive a total of \$5.5 million of Homeland Security grants, with a total of \$2.6 million received to date. The Chief Seattle project, re-started following the grant decision, is in design development (re-design). Scope adjustments are being made to add new equipment to the boat. The grant will provide for infrared, a bigger pilot house, different engine configuration, and re-plumbing for increased water pressure.

**Fire Station 9 (Fremont)**

Mithun architects have completed pre-design. The Landmarks Preservation Board voted 5 to 4 in favor of designating the Annex as a Landmark, one vote shy of passing the designation. To memorialize the Annex, photos and drawings will be compiled. The Design Commission will see the project on October 1.

Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill)

The project, in pre-design, will transform two bays into one larger-sized bay. The battalion chief will stay at the station, located strategically on top of Beacon Hill. The neighborhood open house is scheduled for November 14.

Fire Station 16 (Green Lake)

The seismic project, almost a mirror image of Fire Station 13, will have one bay. The medic unit will move to Fire Station 17 in the University District. Residual apparatus bay space will be used for bunker storage. The neighborhood open house is scheduled for November 14.

Fire Station 6 (Central District)

The new station is in schematic design. The project did not receive stimulus grant funding. The Design Commission approved the project concept in July, with the next meeting scheduled in October. An open house will take place on October 3. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$4 million.

Fire Station 14 (SoDo)

The project, in schematic design, did not receive stimulus grant funding. Following the conclusion of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) hold, the project was re-started. Ladder 7, Aid 14, and the technical rescue rig will remain at the station. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$5.7 million.

Fire Station 21 (Greenwood)

The project, in the construction documents phase, did not receive stimulus grant funding. The building permit was received. The Planning, Land Use, and Neighborhoods Committee reviewed the development waivers, with the full Council approving the waivers in August. The design development scope equals the budget of \$3.6 million.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

The project is in the bid phase and was re-started following the end of the REET hold. The building permit was received. The construction documents scope equals the budget of \$4.3 million.

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point)

The project is in construction following the re-bidding. Kirtley-Cole Associates received the contract. The bid is on budget at \$3.6 million.

Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills)

The project is in construction with Corstone Construction. The groundbreaking was held on September 10. The bid is on budget at \$3.1 million.

Fire Station 2 (Belltown)

The project is in construction with Bayley Construction. The roofing is nearly completed, and the interior framing is underway. Crews are housed in temporary facilities during construction. The construction phase is on budget (\$7.1 million).

Fire Station 17 (University District)

The project is in construction with Graham Contracting. Work continues on the concrete and exterior brick walls of the addition. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary facility. The construction phase is on budget at \$5.5 million.

Fire Station 28 (Rainier Valley)

The project is in construction with Berschauer Phillips Construction Company. The main concrete ramp was poured, and finish work is underway in the station. Firefighters are living in the current station during construction. The construction phase is on budget (\$7.3 million).

Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill)

The project is in construction with Kirtley-Cole Associates. The groundbreaking event was held in August. With demolition of the 89-year-old building completed, work on the footings is underway. During construction, crews live in a temporary facility. The bid is on budget at \$2.7 million.

Fire Station 39 (Lake City)

The project is in construction with Howard S. Wright Constructors. Work continues on installation of mechanical ductwork and electrical conduits. Interior framing is underway. The construction phase is on budget (\$3.3 million).

Fire Station 41 (Magnolia)

The project is in construction with Kirtley-Cole Associates. Concrete slab placement and framing are completed. The construction phase is on budget (\$1.3 million).

Fire Station 33 (Rainier Beach)

The project is in the close-out/warranty phase. After completion of the new seismic and structural upgrades, crews moved back into the permanent station from the temporary facility. The dedication with the Mayor and Council President Conlin was held September 19.

Interim Facilities

There are ten active interim facility projects. Temporary fire station 33 in Rainier Beach is being dismantled and moved to Mt. Baker to house firefighters while FS 30 is under construction.

Bids to Date

Four projects bid since the last meeting. These include Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill), Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point), Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills), and Interim 30 (Mt. Baker). Contractor participation remains strong, with all projects bidding below budget.

Financial Summary

Projects are on budget and on schedule. 60 percent of the budget has been spent or encumbered.

Discussion Topics

Before the end of the year, Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker) will bid, and Fire Station 28 in Rainier Valley will open.

Proposed Execution Plan (Fire Station Program)

Three station projects, FS 25 (Capitol Hill), FS 27 (Georgetown), and FS 32 (W. Seattle Junction), will start in the fall of 2010.

Work on four stations will begin in spring 2011: FS 11 (Highland Park), FS 34 (Madison Park), FS 36 (Delridge/Harbor Island), and FS 40 (Wedgwood), followed by FS 8 (Queen Anne), FS 24 (Bitter Lake), and FS 26 (S. Park) in the fall.

In early 2012, two stations, FS 18 (Ballard) and FS 29 (Admiral District), will start.

The timing of two stations, FS 20 (W. Queen Anne) and FS 22 (Roanoke), remains to be determined.

Proposed Budget Summary

In the proposed budget, the battalion chief will remain at FS 13 on Beacon Hill, and the heavy rescue team will remain at FS 14 (SoDo). Land acquisition for Fire Station 20 is in the budget. FS 6 (Central District), FS 21 (Greenwood), and FS 30 (Mt. Baker) did not receive federal stimulus grant money.