

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
November 17, 2009 Meeting**

Members Present: Dwight Dively, Department of Finance; 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; Brenda Bauer, Director, Fleets and Facilities Department (FFD); Dave Goss, Acquisitions Manager, FFD; Dove Alberg, Director, Capital Programs Division, FFD; David Kunselman, Fire Facilities Levy Program Manager, FFD; Chris Potter, Planning and Project Controls Manager, FFD; Frank Coulter, Senior Project Manager, FFD; Christina Faine, Fire Levy Communications Officer, FFD

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

1. The minutes of the September 29, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Public Comment

Valerie Paganelli has been involved with the Fire Station 20 project for four years. She looks forward to the station moving ahead while continuing to provide citizen oversight.

With the siting issue addressed and resolved, Ross Budden expressed interest in watching the Fire Station 20 project unfold.

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

Program Overview

Eighteen major projects are underway, with many fire stations in construction. Fire Station 21 in Greenwood is the next station that will go out to bid.

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 retrofit of the Chief Seattle, re-started following the grant decision, is in design development (re-design). Scope adjustments are being made to add new equipment to the boat. Guido Perla Associates are the naval architects.

Fire Station 6 (Central District)

The new station is in schematic design with Weinstein A/U. Daylight and energy modeling is underway. The Design Commission unanimously approved the project concept on October 15. The neighborhood open house was held on October 3. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$4 million.

Fire Station 9 (Fremont)

Mithun architects are in schematic design. The project was restarted following a Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) hold. On October 1, the Design Commission unanimously approved the concept design. The neighborhood open house will take place on January 9, 2010. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$3.4 million.

Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill)

Hoshide Williams Architects are in schematic design with the seismic upgrade project. The original scope was modified to include an addition on the back of the station. The center column will remain in the apparatus bay because the battalion chief will now stay at the station. The geotechnical investigation is complete. The neighborhood open house was held on November 14. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$650,000.

Fire Station 14 (SoDo)

The project is in schematic design with Bassetti Architects. The project, restarted following a REET hold, includes an additional apparatus bay. The technical rescue unit will remain. The neighborhood open house will take place on December 2. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$5.7 million.

Fire Station 16 (Green Lake)

The seismic upgrade with Hoshide Williams is in schematic design. The neighborhood open house took place on November 14. The pre-design scope equals the budget of \$600,000.

Fire Station 21 (Greenwood)

The project, in the construction documents phase, is at the Department of Executive Administration (DEA) preparing to go out to bid. Once the temporary facilities are available, the project will bid, and construction will begin. The Miller Hull Partnership designed the new station. The design development scope equals the budget of \$3.6 million.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

Following a REET hold, the project was re-started. The project successfully bid on September 30. The groundbreaking was scheduled for December 9. Schacht Aslani Architects designed the project. The bid is on budget at \$3.02 million.

Fire Station 2 (Belltown)

The project is in construction with Bayley Construction. The electrical and mechanical system upgrades continued. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary facility. The project architect is Arai, Jackson, Ellison, Murakami Architects. The construction phase is on budget at \$7.1 million.

Fire Station 17 (University District)

The project is in construction with Graham Contracting. The concrete brick walls of the addition are complete. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary facility. Bassetti Architects designed the project. The construction phase is on budget at \$5.5 million.

Fire Station 28 (Rainier Valley)

The Berschauer Phillips Construction Company neared the completion of construction. The architects and engineers are developing punch lists. The dedication is scheduled for

December 5. Phase II of the project will involve demolition of the old station and the conversion of the basement into a water retention system for water collected on the site. Firefighters are living in the current station during construction. Schreiber, Starling, and Lane designed the new station. The construction phase is on budget (\$7.3 million).

Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill)

The project is in construction with Kirtley-Cole Associates. The concrete foundation walls have been placed. During construction, crews are living in a temporary facility. The bid is on budget at \$2.7 million.

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point)

Kirtley-Cole Associates continue with construction. The demolition is complete. Sitework and excavation for the building footings is underway. The bid is on budget at \$2.7 million.

Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills)

The project is in construction with Corstone Construction. DPD is reviewing the foundation submittals. The disposition process for the current station is underway. Schreiber, Starling and Lane designed the project. The bid is on budget at \$2.87 million.

Fire Station 39 (Lake City)

Howard S. Wright Constructors continue with construction. Work continues on both installation of the exterior metal siding and interior work. The construction phase is on budget (\$3.3 million). The Miller Hull Partnership is the project architect.

Fire Station 41 (Magnolia)

The project is in construction with Kirtley-Cole Associates. Sitework continues with installation of the trench drain and replacement of the final apron slab. During construction, crews are housed in temporary facilities. The construction phase is on budget (\$1.3 million).

Interim Facilities

There are nine active interim facility projects. Construction of temporary Fire Station 30 is well underway with the tents and trailers coming from temporary Fire Station 33 in Rainier Beach. Temporary Fire Station 13 on Beacon Hill will consist of a tent only, located to the south of the current apron. The Parks Department is developing a new entrance, further south of the current entrance.

Bids to Date

Fire Station 30 in Mt. Baker has been added to the list of projects that have bid. Contractor participation was high, and the project bid below budget.

Financial Summary

Projects are on budget and on schedule. 62 percent of the budget has been spent or encumbered.

Discussion Topics

The dedication for Fire Station 28 in Rainier Valley will take place on December 5.

The Council will sign the budget on November 23. \$2 million will be appropriated for Fire Station 20 (W. Queen Anne) design.