

**Levy Oversight Committee  
Minutes  
February 14, 2006 Meeting**

**Members Present:** City Council President Nick Licata, City Councilmember Jan Drago, Dallas Baker, Local 27, Seattle Fire Fighters Union; Finance Director Dwight Dively; John Franklin, Mayor's Office Jordan Royer, Mayor's Office.

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Gregory Dean, Fleets and Facilities (FFD) Director Brenda Bauer, Assistant Chief William Hepburn, Battalion Chief Molly Douce; Helen Fitzpatrick, Fire Department; Karl Stickel, Department of Finance; Dove Alberg, FFD; Chris Potter, FFD; Ellen Hansen, FFD; Hillary Hamilton, FFD.

**Guests:** Representatives from the Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20: Ross Budden, Valerie Paganelli, Garriel Keeble, Chris Grekoff, and Katie Frame

1. Valerie Paganelli spoke about the concerns of the community and their opposition to the plan to rebuild the station on an expanded site at its current location. She asked a series of questions and was told staff would develop answers to her questions.
2. The minutes of the December 13 2005 meeting were adopted with an amendment offered by Dallas Baker, who wished to document an exchange with Chief Dean about a work hardening room at the Joint Training Facility.
3. There was a discussion of issues facing the Fire Levy program
  - The Levy/Neighborhood Program Financial Update: The mayor is committed to completing the neighborhood stations program using a combination of revenue sources.

In the financial analysis commissioned by Fleets and Facilities, the consultant found that construction inflation will be significantly higher than anticipated and that the original cost estimates were based on suburban, rather than urban, stations. About 25% of the \$67 million gap can be attributed to the original low estimates. \$2 million can be attributed to the higher seismic requirements that were instituted after the levy was submitted to the voters, \$3 million to provide funding for sustainability, and the rest – the largest portion – to the unanticipated sharp increase in construction costs that is hitting all sectors.

The Mayor proposes to continue the program as adopted, review every two years and find the additional funding needed for each two-year period.

The Council has agreed to lift the funding proviso on the first four stations. They are also hiring their own consultant to review the Levy financials.

- Land Acquisition and Community Outreach: The City Council authorized purchase of property for Fire Station 38 by negotiated sale or by condemnation.

Neighbors of Fire Station 20 in West Queen Anne are concerned about the proposal to build a larger station at the current location. Communication with them is ongoing.

A mailing to the entire Fire Station 37 response area in West Seattle/Highpoint is planned for late February. Similar outreach will occur in the Central District response area of Fire Station 6 once sites have been evaluated and a final recommendation is made.

The master communications plan is being posted on the levy program web site.

- Joint Training Facility: The City has identified potential sites for mitigation. A proposal that would allow partial activity at the site is on its way to the Corps of Engineers.

Councilmember Drago asked about the timeline on these environmental issues and learned there is no firm timeline.

John Franklin asked if there is a building commissioning process under way. The project is still in the punch-list stage.

Dallas Baker asked for an update on the contingency in the project. We have reached agreement with the contractor, but still have to keep money in the budget for landscaping and are waiting for the Corps to give the go-ahead. The first priority is for the contingency to go to completing the landscaping that was in the original proposal. Mr. Baker noted that that was what he was hoping.

#### 4. Other Questions

Councilmember Licata asked what percent of land Libraries acquired by condemnation and whether levy program staff had studied what they did in terms of outreach. He learned that their outreach plan had been studied and that the levy communication plan was quite similar to that of *Libraries for All*. Staff agreed to supply both plans to Mr. Licata.

Chief Dean explained how stations are sited and stressed the importance of their relationship to each other.

#### 5. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

**Levy Oversight Committee  
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April 25, 2006 Meeting**

**Members Present:** City Council President Nick Licata; City Councilmember Jan Drago; John Franklin, Mayor's Office; and William Bradford, community representative; Ryan Ellis and Kenny Stuart, Local 27, Seattle Firefighters Union (representing Dallas Baker, Local 27 representative).

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Gregory Dean; Fleets and Facilities (FFD) Director Brenda Bauer; Dove Alberg, FFD; Chris Potter, FFD; Ellen Hansen, FFD; Heather Marx, FFD; Monica Lake, FFD; Scott MacColl, Council Central Staff; Brad Tong, Shiels, Obletz, Johnsen; Karl Stickel, Department of Finance (DOF); Candice Chin, DOF, and Ruri Yampolsky, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs.

**Guests:** Valerie Paganelli, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20;

1. There was no public comment.
2. The minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. 1% for Arts Program  
Dove Alberg introduced Ruri Yampolsky, Acting Director of the City's Public Arts Program, to talk about the 1% for Arts component of the Fire Levy Program.

Art installations are planned for Fire Stations 6, 21, 28, 30, 32, 37, and 39 at the exterior of each station, where there is interface between the community and the station. It may be possible to add another small piece inside a station.

Selection panels for artists on specific projects will include artists, professionals, city staff from Fleets and Facilities and the Fire Department, and a community member.

The application deadline for the master roster call for artists is Friday, April 28, 2006.

It is hoped that the artist for Fire Station 28 will be selected this summer.

At the end of the presentation, the Oversight Committee approved the arts program.

#### 4. Discussion of Levy Issues and Projects

##### Joint Training Facility

Committee members were brought up to date on the project, including the progress toward resolving the Army Corps of Engineers issues. Last week's Fire Department's orientation session for new recruits took place at the facility.

##### Land Acquisition

- Staff provided an overview of the issues surrounding siting of Fire Station 20.
- The City Council approved purchase of land for the new site for Fire Station 37 in West Seattle.
- Staff is still evaluating sites for Fire Station 6 in the Central District.

In response to a question about what will happen to stations that are no longer needed, staff responded that when historic stations are no longer needed, they will be sold at fair market value so that the revenue can be returned to the levy program. If other City departments want these stations, they will be given first opportunity and will pay fair market value.

Committee members wanted to make sure that adequate notice would be given to neighborhoods about siting recommendations before the Council begins its process to consider legislation. Staff answered that there will be approximately 30 days between a site selection notice going out to the community and legislation making its way to the City Clerk's Office.

##### Fire Station 10 Project

The soil removal and mitigation is 80 percent complete. The bids for steel, concrete, electrical, and mechanical have been received. Hoffman has determined that it is advantageous to re-bid the mechanical work.

##### Small Boat

Sea trials begin in another ten days, with a Seattle delivery expected in June.

##### Large Boat

Construction is 30 percent complete. The blessing ceremony for the naming of the boat takes place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 5. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

**Levy Oversight Committee  
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July 25, 2006 Meeting**

Members Present: City Council President Nick Licata; City Councilmember Jan Drago; John Franklin, Mayor's Office; and Dallas Baker, Local 27 Representative, Seattle Firefighters Union

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Dean; Dove Alberg, Fleets and Facilities (FFD); Mary Pearson, FFD; Scott MacColl, Council Central Staff; Ken Johnsen, Shiels, Oblatz, Johnsen (SOJ); Brad Tong, SOJ; Karl Stickel, Department of Finance (DOF); Candice Chin, DOF

Public Present: Valerie Paganelli, Ross Budden, and Kathy Milam, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20

1. During Public Comment, Valerie Paganelli spoke on behalf of Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20. Ms Paganelli acknowledged the 4-4 split vote of the Council Public Safety Committee members that occurred on Friday, 7/21 and the comments made at the meeting. Ms Paganelli stated the Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20 would be submitting comments before the full council vote on Monday, July 31.
2. The minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Discussion of Levy Projects

Mary Pearson, FFD, provided an update on the land acquisition activities for Fire Station 38. Other acquisition work for the new site for Fire Station 37 and the siting for Fire Station 6 are progressing with no new issues.

Ken Johnson, SOJ, informed the Levy Oversight Committee on the status of the Fire Station 10 Replacement Project. There are no new issues and the foundation and lower floor walls are going in. The project team is performing well and weekly construction meetings continue. At the next meeting, project pictures will be distributed to provide a visual status. The project continues to hold a no safety incident report. The soil clean-up has nearly been concluded and the project is 90% bid out. Hoffman is self-performing the concrete work.

Brad Tong, SOJ, brought the committee members up to date on the Joint Training Facility project, including the progress toward resolving the Army Corps of Engineers issues. Classroom instruction is in full swing, and departments are also conducting limited outdoor training on the props. The project team is currently working with regulatory agencies to obtain final acceptance of the conceptual mitigation plan, and design of the water recycling system for fire training is close to 60% complete.

Dove Alberg, FFD, highlighted the Emergency Power Supply project and the small fast attack fire boat project, which were completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2006. All six generators have been installed at the six community centers that the City has designated as emergency shelter facilities: Bitter Lake and Meadowbrook community centers in North Seattle, the Queen Anne and Garfield community centers in Central

Seattle, and the Delridge and Rainier Beach community centers in South Seattle. The project was completed in budget and on schedule.

The small fire boat completed construction in May and was in route for delivery to the City at the end of June. The project was completed on schedule and under budget.

The Committee members were informed that construction on the large fire vessel is 55% complete, and the project continues to be on schedule and in budget with an expected delivery date of December 2006.

The Emergency Supply Caches project went out to bid for three sites -- the Sunny Jim facility in south Seattle, Haller Lake facility in north Seattle and the Westbridge facility in West Seattle. The fourth site located at the Catherine Blaine School in Magnolia, will be bid separately and the construction schedule will be coordinated with the school holiday break in December.

A brief status on the 2006 neighborhood station projects (Fire Station 2, Belltown; Fire Station 17, University District; Fire Station 28, Rainier Valley and Fire Station 31, Northgate) acknowledged completion of the architectural/engineering design team contract negotiations.

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.