

**Levy Oversight Committee
Minutes
September 21, 2010 Meeting**

Members Present: Sally Bagshaw, Seattle City Council; Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council, attended briefly before seeing to other City business; 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; Fred Podesta, Director, Finance and Administrative Services Department (FAS); Mary Pearson, Deputy Director, FAS; Dove Alberg, Director, Capital Development & Construction Management (CDCM), FAS; David Kunselman, Fire Facilities Levy Program Manager, FAS; Christina Faine, Fire Levy Communications Officer, FAS

Guests: Chris Grekoff, Garriel Keeble, Ross Budden, Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station #20, Michael Crow, Fire Station 20 service area

1. Minutes from the March 23, 2010 and June 22, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Public Comment
Members of Concerned Neighbors of Fire Station 20 expressed concern about sufficient budget to build Fire Station 20.
3. Levy Program Highlights (as shown in a PowerPoint presentation):

Program Overview

Sixteen major Fire Levy projects are underway. Many projects moved from construction into close-out/warranty, the phase that includes work such as documentation of as-built conditions, development of operations and maintenance manuals, and completion of punchlist and warranty work.

Marine Projects

Design work on the Chief Seattle, the last of the fireboat projects, is nearing completion. Following a Homeland Security Grant award, the project scope was expanded to include a larger pilot house and engines and a new firefighting system. The project has received \$2.6 million to date, with a total of \$5.5 million expected. Guido Perla Associates are the naval architects.

Fire Station 14 (SoDo)

Bassetti Architects have completed schematic design of the historic landmark building, and the project is ready to move into design development. Due to the complexity of the project, the project delivery method is changing from low bid to GC/CM, or General Contractor Construction Management delivery method. City contracting is reviewing the documents.

Fire Station 9 (Fremont)

The project, in the design development phase, is moving into the permitting phase. The project team has applied for a Master Use Permit. Among other things, Mithun Architects are integrating the historic tapper code, a historical version of the 911 dispatch system, into the detail of the building façade.

Fire Station 6 (Central District)

Weinstein Architects are in the construction documents phase of the new station. The Department of Planning and Developed (DPD) awarded the Master Use Permit (MUP), and the team has applied for the building permit.

Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill)

Hoshide Williams Architects are in construction documents with the seismic upgrade project. The original scope was modified to include an addition on the back of the building so the battalion chief can remain at the station. The station, a mirror image of Fire Station 16 in Greenlake, is a historical building. On September 1, the Landmarks Preservation Board granted the conditional Certificate of Approval. The project team submitted for the building permit. Firefighters will remain in the station during construction.

Fire Station 16 (Green Lake)

The seismic upgrade with Hoshide Williams is in construction documents. The Landmarks Preservation Board granted the Certificate of Approval on September 1. DPD received the building permit submission.

Fire Station 21 (Greenwood)

Following completion of the temporary facility, Powell Construction started construction on August 9. Demolition is under way – cabinetry, flooring, appliances, and other building materials will be salvaged. The Miller Hull Partnership designed the new station.

Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker)

The project is in construction with Synergy Construction, Inc. Work continues with framing and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing rough-ins. During construction, crews are housed in a temporary station. Schacht Aslani Architects designed the project.

Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point)

Kirtley-Cole continues with construction, with a tentative move-in date of October 5. Final inspections are under way. The artist, Pete Beeman, installed his free-standing sculpture. Miller Hayashi designed the station.

Fire Station 38 (Hawthorne Hills)

The project is in construction with Corstone Construction. Structural masonry work is completed, and roof framing is under way. Schreiber, Starling and Lane designed the project.

Fire Station 2 (Belltown)

Bayley Construction completed the major renovation of the historic building. Firefighters moved into the station on July 20, followed by the dedication on September 14. The project architect is Arai, Jackson, Ellison, Murakami Architects.

Fire Station 17 (University District)

Graham Contracting completed construction. Firefighters moved into the station on June 22. Approximately 200 neighbors joined Mayor McGinn and Councilmember Burgess at the dedication on August 14. Bassetti Architects designed the project.

Fire Station 28 (Rainier Valley)

The Berschauer Phillips Construction Company completed Phase II of the project, including conversion of the old basement into a stormwater vault and the new rainwater harvesting system. The recently installed public art has been well received. Schreiber, Starling, and Lane designed the new station.

Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill)

Kirtley-Cole Associates completed construction of the new fire station, followed by firefighter move-in on August 18. Kay Kirkpatrick's sculpture was installed. The dedication will take place on September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Rice Fergus Miller is the project architect.

Interim Facilities

There are 7 active interim facility projects. Firefighters have moved into interim Fire Station 21 (Greenwood). Crews continue to live and operate out of interim Fire Station 30 (Mt. Baker). Interim Fire Station 35 (Crown Hill) has been disassembled. Design work is ongoing on temporary stations for Fire Station 9 (Fremont), Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill), and Fire Station 14 (SoDo). Interim Fire Station 16 (Green Lake) received a building permit in early September.

Bids to Date

Interim Fire Station 35 has been added to the bid list. The vendor was pre-selected by the city. A quote has been provided, and, following negotiations, work will begin. The bid climate remains favorable for the Fire Levy program.

Financial Summary

All projects are currently on budget. 54 percent of the budget for the active projects has been spent or encumbered. 66 percent of the budget for all projects has been spent or encumbered. Fire Station 20 on W. Queen Anne has been added to the active projects; \$9.035 million is funded. Funds will be available beginning October 1.

Discussion Topics

Projects expected to be ready to go out to bid this year include Fire Station 6 (Central District), Fire Station 13 (Beacon Hill), and Fire Station 16 (Green Lake). Fire Station 37 (W. Seattle/High Point) is expected to open this year. Fire Station 20 is in the property acquisition phase. Purchase prices have been negotiated with the three owners.

Eleven projects are targeting Silver Certification Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED). CDCM has just been notified that Fire Station 28 in Rainier Valley achieved LEED Gold. Fire Levy staff work with the design teams to implement sustainable elements such as daylighting, efficient mechanical systems, recaptured water, and innovative energy systems — such as solar panels that heat water. Additional green features include drought tolerant landscaping, green cleaning products, and recycled building materials.

Questions/Comments

Kieu-Anh King said that several individuals are under consideration to fill the citizen representative position on the committee, formerly held by Professor William Bradford.