



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8  
Board of Fire Commissioners'  
Master Planning Workshop  
January 12, 2018**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board workshop held January 12, 2018 at the North Olympia Station 8-3. Commissioners Harper, Engle, Zvirzdys, Gleckler and Berman were in attendance. Chief VanCamp, Assistant Chief McBride, Lieutenant Hall, Secretary Stumpf, members Armstrong and Prine as well as Ms. Parker also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Chief VanCamp explained that the ESIP document from the merger has run its course and a post-merger plan was needed. He then reviewed the items in the Master Planning binder. As he did, follow-up items and areas of concerns were noted.

**Follow-up items:**

**Tab 2: Statistics**

- Suggestion to look into integrating the grid response time report with Google maps to make it easier to understand.

**Tab 3-4: 2010/12 Citizens' Advisory Documentation**

- Provide documents reflecting design options and related costs for upgrades that were considered for the Johnson Point and Puget Beach stations

**Tab 7: WSRB**

- Describe minimum standards WSRB requires to meet active station status

**Tab 8: Maps**

- Provide station-35 (Willamette) 5-road mile coverage area map
- It would also be helpful to have a map that highlights areas that are currently beyond 5 miles or are at risk: Fish-Trap, Johnson Point, Deerfield Park/area north of 44<sup>th</sup>, etc.

**Tab 12: Facility Profiles**

- Provide investment to-date in the 78<sup>th</sup> Ave Property
- Identify any wetland areas at the South Bay station

**Areas of concern or observation that may require follow-up:**

**Tab 2: Statistics**

- Reports reflect calls by incident location, *not* responding station
- Use to monitor department goals for consistency of service over time and between locations
- Reports all responses, including service calls. Likely overstates actual average response time for emergency calls as defined in Target Level of Service (TLOS)

**Tab 3-4: 2010/12 Citizens' Advisory Documentation**

- Recognition that there were issues with the 78<sup>th</sup> Ave property purchase and the process related to the advisory task force groups. Documentation is included for background reference as it has some useful data and provides perspective on how public perceptions evolved.
- Agreement that the current planning process needs to be transparent and focus on our current situation/future, not the past.
- Staffing was and continues to be the key issue and must be addressed – not facilities alone.

- Affirmed that identification of unneeded facilities to be surplussed is a key intended outcome of this planning process.

Tab 5: Strategic Plan and Tab-1 Planning Process

- Continue documenting plans in the general format as shown. The Master Planning Process document (page 1 of Tab 1) is intended as a model, including greater focus on future strategies and objectives.

Tab 7: WSRB

- Department overall rating of 5. Was close to 4 in last audit. WSRB identified areas for improvement that would most likely impact our rating: pre-fire planning, staffing, documentation of training/maintenance
- Department rating of 5 is the best a property in the District can get and requires being within 1,000 feet of a hydrant and within 5-mile road distance from an active fire station.
- non-hydranted residential properties are rated 6
- properties beyond 5-miles (currently about 40 lots at the tip of Fishtrap) receive a 9
- Not all insurance companies use WSRB ratings, but WSRB documentation indicates significantly higher insurance premiums for properties rated above 8.
- East side of district receiving benefit of being within 5-road miles of station-35 (Willamette).
- Johnson Point area benefited from recognition of the Johnson Point station as active, based on number of members who lived within 5-mile of the station and could respond to a fire call.
- A WSRB audit is expected in 2019. Recognition of the Johnson Point station as active is in jeopardy without changes to improve staffing.

Tab 9: 2 or 3 Fire stations

- Demonstrated that it is theoretically feasible to meet WSRB 5-mile requirements and provide reasonably consistent response time from two centrally located stations, one on each peninsula.
- While such an approach would be optimal for ongoing operating cost, currently no stations are in place for such a design
- Operationally, to provide appropriate support between stations, some presence at three locations appears necessary

Tab 12: Facility Profiles

- Concerns that the subjective condition assessments are not consistent (ex: training center vs. North Olympia station)
- separate lots owned behind North Olympia station
- existing satellite stations are not designed for, nor are they in condition for ongoing staffing. Could consider neighboring properties to supplement.

**Parking Lot:**

- New Cell Tower discussion

**Next meeting:**

- Follow-up on additional information requested
- Begin with the two alternatives defined in Tab-10: Master Plan Overview, brainstorm additional ideas for solutions and concerns to be addressed. These may be short/long term, comprehensive/area specific.

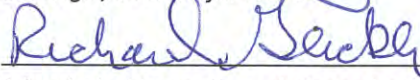
**Adjourn:**

The Board announced that next Special workshop will be held on January 19, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am and will be held at the North Olympia Station 8-3. There being no further business the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

**ATTEST:**




Tom Engle, as Chair for TCFPD 8



Richard Gleckler, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8



Michael Berman, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8



Gloria Zvirzdys as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

William Harper, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8



Heidi Stumpf as District Secretary for TCFPD 8