



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8  
Board of Fire Commissioners'  
Master Planning Workshop  
March 2, 2018**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board workshop held March 2, 2018 at the North Olympia Station 8-3. Commissioners Harper, Zvirzdys, Gleckler, Engle and Berman were in attendance. Chief VanCamp, Secretary Stumpf, Lieutenant Hall and member Prine also attended the meeting. Sandra Parker was also in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Stumpf presented previous workshop minutes dated February 16 and 23 for approval. Commissioner Gleckler moved to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Zvirzdys seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

**Agreement on vision and agenda:**

Commissioner Harper briefly reviewed the progress from the last meeting and asked if the group was still in consensus to move forward with planning based on the “two-station” model. It was confirmed that under this model, service would be provided from two stations, one centrally located on the East side, and one on the West side. Some facility would be retained on the South side of the District for use as headquarters, training center, and as a contingency for deployment when the district is short-staffed. The group was in agreement. Comments were shared that included: the need to show that we can staff two stations 100% of the time in order to gain community support. Concern for costs to build a new station. Commissioner Harper suggested we focus discussion first on the Eastside as a priority, then the West side, and then the South side. Discussion of the Puget Beach and 78th Ave. properties was deferred as neither of these would be of use under this vision.

**Short-term Solution Options and Assumptions:**

Chief VanCamp reviewed some options and assumptions: As a temporary measure, resident housing was not an ideal choice (based on his prior experience); however, it seems to be a necessary option. His assumptions included: using volunteers and career staff responding from Johnson Point Station 8-2; no less than six responders (which equal 1 FTE as per WSRB standards). He would like to obtain property near Station 8-2, which already has an established easement. He’s asked Officer Warfield to create an Ad Hoc group made up of Officers to develop an operations proposal. Questions were asked for clarity. A discussion ensued on issues related to having a resident program; what kind of member may be interested in participating; whether to purchase or rent property; number of responders needed, etc. The Board preferred a rental or lease option as opposed to purchase. The board expressed that having fewer than 6 residents located some distance from the station was acceptable, as this would still be an improvement. They also preferred a 3-6 month timeline to get something started.

**Use of Johnson Point Station 8-2:**

Chief VanCamp led a discussion on staffing Johnson Point Station 8-2. He recommended it be used for nights and weekends. Lieutenant Hall added comments that other resident programs in the county use a “duty shift” format, which works well. It was agreed that under a two-response-station model, this station would only be of use on an interim basis until a new station located at a more central location on the peninsula has been put in place and that as a result, no major capital investment should be planned.

**Future Options:**

Using a discussion template handout, Commissioner Harper reviewed assumptions and options being used to improve service within the District. Issues discussed included: timing and availability; assessed value of District property; how many members live within five miles of Johnson Point Station 8-2 and Boston Harbor Station 8-3; the right of condemnation; properties for sale in the area, ideal location options for property; etc. Also discussed was having a Levy Lid Lift and/or Bond to help with the costs.

Considerations for a new central east side station were discussed. Chief VanCamp suggested the District hire a realtor to assist with the acquisition of land if such a plan is implemented. He is having a map designed that zone in on the ideal location.

A lengthy discussion ensued on whether to keep or sell the Zangle and Libby Road properties. It was agreed that neither property is likely to be useful under the two-station model. The Chief agreed to work on obtaining additional maps showing 5-mile coverage on the west side. Once the five-mile coverage has been confirmed, the Board will consider selling both properties as part of the plan.

The group discussed the long-term use of the Boston Harbor Station 8-3 at length. Some improvements and capital investments would be needed and more information is necessary before a final decision can be made. The group agreed that we should plan to keep Station 8-3 at least another 25 years.

**Adjourn:**

The Board announced that next SPECIAL WORKSHOP meeting will be held on March 19, 2018, beginning at 9:00 am. This workshop will be held at the Boston Harbor 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 12:01 pm.

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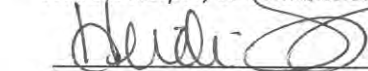
  
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Heidi Stumpf as District Secretary for TCFPD 8