



Fire Station Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Twin Falls Council Overflow Room @ 4:00 P.M.

203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

Committee Members Present: Bobby Charlton, Taenia Hudson, Debbie Dane, Matt Morrison, LeRoy Harcourt, Todd Rambur, Chris Reid, and Jim Olson

Committee Members Absent: Tami Gooding

Facilitators: Fire Chief Les Kenworthy, Deputy City Manager Brian Pike

Staff: Fire Administrative Assistant Danielle Kolb, Help Desk Technician Kim Hafer

1) Confirmation of Quorum/Call Meeting to Order

Fire Chief Les Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2) Consent Calendar

a.) Approval of meeting minutes from 10/15/2018.

3) Items for discussion

a.) Discussion and planning meeting with the group on the final Fire Station Report.

Discussion ensued on the following:

Taenia Hudson – thinks the community room may not be appropriately used by the community and be an issue. Hasn't heard a lot of positive things about the community room.

Chief confirmed with Taenia – she does not want to remove the space but maybe instead of calling it a community room, rename it a multi-purpose room and still have the space in the stations for training and other needs in the fire station.

Jim Olson – multi-purpose room – is it something you want to consider on an individual station basis? Can we cut some costs off one station from the other?

Brian Pike – Community rooms are about 50/50 in the fire service. They wanted to have an area to interact to engage the community, could other groups use it, yes. Part of the design and concept were for the community interaction. Rooms are not very big, about 400 sq. ft. Station 1 was for the community room/interaction, not much for Station 2, and Station 3.

Page 34 diagram, some basic features of a Fire Station for instance – the hot zone like the Bunker Rooms are going to be an essential element of a modern station. What you are going to find going through the stations from the programming teams stand point is that they found the space and have identified the essential needs for all the space in that is in the report.

Jim Olson – Better be in a position to be able to justify some of the things in report if questioned.

Brian Pike – There are alternate options in report. You have toured our stations, we have shown you modern fire stations, gender specific facilities, sleep rooms, and shown you different concepts. We want to assist the committee.

Bobbie Charlton - If we were to move Station 1, which I think it is recommended here, there is no costs for acquiring land in the report. How big of a factor is that going to play into the bottom line?

Brian Pike – A number of options. We could possibly use impact fees or we could include these fees into the bond. URA and city staff have talked about property to increase our response times. It is all going to depend on what the committee brings to the council for recommendations. It won't hurt anything by not having it not in the report. If that's what the committee recommends to council, it will be figured in somehow. Don't think we will have final numbers

before for property before we take the recommendation to council. We are talking about numbers-we have quite a range, like do we need a training facility.

Like we have talked about the training ground 13 acres over by animal shelter. Once we narrow these figures down to what we are asking for is needed and in addition to its going to last 40 to 50 years. Not a lot of extras in design, pretty basic design in the report. Expanding will be a Station 5 and a Station 6, before we talk about expanding stations.

Jim Olson – Training Facility at Station 2 – Is CSI interested in Fire Science program – can we maybe take out of bond and figure something out on own with CSI?

Brian Pike – Yes, we can leave out of the bond and wait until later on down the road with Station 2's training facility and see if CSI would be interested in partnering up.

Matt Morrison – Different Prototypes A & B - Flat roofs over cantilever roofs? – Don't want to spend \$50 million on new buildings/fire stations and in a couple of years have buckets of water/leaks in the roofs. Matt Morrison has dealt with flat roofs and recommends not going with them at all. This is his recommendation.

Bobbie Charlton – Is the training facility by Animal Shelter something we want to look at for a future/industrial community of an Industrial Fire Training Facility/Response Station to service the area.

Chief Kenworthy – would be a fire training facility now based on studies and station locations, and the needs would be priority based on the maps for call volume right now. Could be an option in the future maybe later on down the road if it was needed, then we would have the property. At this point our focus would be based on the study we had done on the station location on the four that we are talking about to serve the community, with call volume.

Brian Pike – At this time the Fire Department has no dedicated fire training space. The police department and other departments have those types of areas, and those facilities to train at. We don't have to build what Boise has, but we can have a place to start.

Chief Kenworthy – Keep in mind that engine companies need to be able to come together and train. Property was looked at out of the city, but the piece by Animal Shelter is inside the city and it is still response ready and available in all response needs.

Chief Kenworthy – there are some funding options out there, through grants, regional players, the city budget, theirs private industry out there that may want to partner with us, and maybe the college. We want to know what this group wants from your prospect and what the priorities are.

Chris Reid – Committee is going to have to go out and sell this to the citizens. This committee is going to have to be comfortable with what this group comes up with and takes to the city council and the citizens. You're going to have to answer the questions. Maybe think of this as priorities A, B, C. But which one is in the most dire need, etc. Prioritize the most needed.

Brian Pike – Priorities are great. We need to talk realistically about station 5. Identified Station 5 as a potential. But we do not have the ability to staff Station 5. Building the station is one cost, but staffing would cost 2 million a year, reoccurring. I would put training before Station 5. Station 5 is probably about 5 to 10 years out. Depending on how we grow.

Debbie Dane – Observations - When she saw the response of the city council they were not at all surprised of the cost of the stations when presented to them. Thought there would be some initial pushback and didn't see one person, they thought this was the time and we have got to do it. When all said and done they want them there. The well-being that we trust with our public safety. Little things that someone might quibble about, like cancer risks that we need to consider. Question for Chris Reid - What was the bond on the wastewater treatment bond? – Chris Reid said - \$38 million.

City questionnaires – Does the city do them? Citizen's survey. How are we? Would say in the Citizens survey that the citizens are happy with the fire service and the City as a whole.

Jim Olson – Citizens don't realize that with the population that Twin Falls has and the people who move in during the day don't know that we only have 12 firefighters on duty on a daily basis. The education piece to the citizens is going to be a big deal, they need to be educated. (Response times/etc.)

Brian Pike – Another point is we are adding five additional firefighters in this budget, where do we put them? We know we need to expand staff, we don't have sleeping quarters for staff, and we have three females in the current running, and we are not prepared for that, but we need to be prepared for that. I think at this stage we start working through stations and to get an idea and a feel from the committee. Do you need any additional information from us?

Chief Kenworthy – Not aware publicly or of anyone saying we don't need new fire stations. Not to say that we won't because they're obviously different opinions.

Debbie Dane – Questions Debbie had from citizens was they wanted information and things addressed when going door to door on wastewater treatment bond. Had a simple brochure with explanation to hand out to citizens. The longevity of it was a good point.

LeRoy Harcourt – Thinks we should have our first town/citizens meeting at Station 2. Everyone was in agreement.

Taenia Hudson – Health and Safety is an important and a major need. Training is a need. Need to look at tabling the \$900,000.00 for the training facility. The report was done very well, if I have questions about it, I could find the answers for it.

Chief Kenworthy – Let's start going through each station and start prioritizing like Chris Reid described. Everyone thinks Station 2 is the main priority.

Station 2 – Everyone is fully aware that Station 2 would be moved over by North College from the old Falls Avenue location. Do we want to look at the exterior of Station 2?

Jim Olson – (9 acre piece of property) – Fire district will help in some manor take care of a training facility on the 9 acre lot. So, maybe don't worry about the training piece at Station 2 at this time.

Debbie Dane – not willing to throw out Station 2's training and education building at this point. (4,000 sq. ft.)

Chief Kenworthy – To confirm with Debbie, if the 9 acre property had a training classroom on it would you still want the training building at Station 2? Debbie said she thinks she would.

How is the classroom going to be used at Station 2 (4,000 sq. ft.)? Office space, Classroom space
Clarification - If we develop the 9 acre site by the golf course we would probably look at putting that piece of the facility at the 9 acre site, not at Station 2. But there has been some talk with CSI about putting a Fire Science program and it could be too far away from town for them.

Brian Pike - Point for programming committee when they put this together, they weren't looking at the 9 acre lot for training. So, they needed the training and education building and land at Station 2's location. The training building could potentially still be used at Station 2 if partnered with CSI.

Brian Pike – if you as a committee decided you wanted to table the \$900,000.00 from Station 2's training building, and use for the 9 acre facility, then that would work to.

Brian Pike – Building costs are rising 11% more each year. If we moved forward with this and the community accepts, Travis would like to see us move to construct all three stations at the same time, because every year we wait its costing 11% more in funds. Agree with the committee and Station 2 is great priority. Cost scenario taking Station 5 off of is about a \$10 million reduction.

Station 2 – Land from District/ **Station 3** – Land in current location/ **Station 1** – Relocation – land cost/Impact Fees would have to be associated with growth.

Jim Olson – He doesn't see anything in the report about fire poles in any of the stations. Pike said the poles were extremely expensive. Matt Morrison stated that they hardly get used.

Taenia Hudson – she could pass on the fire poles, but the bi fold doors in the fire stations are a must. Per the maintenance and repairs, and faster opening. Expensive but they serve more purpose. Wants a training facility here. She is passionate about not losing the training facility.

- Station 2 – Priority #1 - EMS Building Components – Add additional bay space and 2 additional sleep rooms if we received a partnership/etc. with like/MVP/etc. EMT/Paramedics.

Chief Kenworthy - Reminder we are wanting to look at building for 40 years in the future.

Matt Morrison/Kenworthy – ALS – County by County – Decided by County. Some other models. EMS Building Components in stations – great selling point – Debbie Dane, Taenia Hudson, Jim Olson.

LeRoy Harcourt – Are the floor plans set in stone? (No) Floors plans are just concepts.

Chief Kenworthy - All in agreement to keep the funds for training and EMS component for Sta 2.

Brian Pike – Station 2, looking at attaching a Police Micro Station. North end Police Station.

Calls for service are on that end of town, most of their tools are in their cars. This space is used to meet on the North end of Twin Falls with victims/individuals if needed. Have its own access, wouldn't disturb fire.

Police would have a place on the North end to utilize instead of coming all the way back downtown. Police wouldn't be taking people through the Fire Stations at night and interrupting the Fire Dept. But there is good things to come out of Station 2 having a Police satellite station.

- Conclusion from Committee on Station 2 – (Include all)
 - EMS Building Components
 - Training Room/Training Storage/Restrooms
 - Police Micro-Station (North end of Town)

Chief Kenworthy – What is the #2 priority from the committee? If the bond didn't pass, how would we proceed on a priority basis?

Brian Pike - Programming Committee's Priority - Station 2, Station 3, and Station 1.

-Station 3 – Priority #2

EMS Building Components – 1 Bay and 2 additional sleep rooms

Brian Pike - Add One Apparatus Bay – Clarification on this? Brian Pike would like to get a little more information on this.

Bobby Charlton – Can the new Station 3 be built in place with the old station there and accessible with the additional bay?

Brian Pike - Been told by Pivot North that they can leave Station 3 operational and build the new station, even with the additional bay. Parking becomes problematic but can make adjustments. Say they can build without impacting old 3's operational abilities.

-Station 1 – Priority #3

Chief Kenworthy – Any discussion we want to have about Station 1 specifically. Discussion about rebuild over remodeling?

New Construction and Relocation

Taenia Hudson – Needs new construction/relocation. Then they can stay in Station 1 location until their new Station 1 is all ready for them.

Brian Pike – Always just thought that Station 1 would be remodeled. After looking at turning the bays, the apron, etc. There is just too much needed for Fire Station 1. Bones of Station 1 are good. The Police Department is in need of a facility. It make a lot of sense to re-purpose this building for law enforcement, and make this campus an entire law enforcement campus. Bays are in a good place for Police, they already have vehicles all over the city. Have funded \$5 million in for this to re-purpose for Police.

-Station 5 – Priority #4

Taenia Hudson – My thought is we don't have staffing but in 2022, 2025, if we build it, they will come. \$10 million added to bond. I would like to know what the projected coverage is for Station 5. If we know we can get that and it is going out to where a lot of growth is. Thinks it is something we need to talk about. Obviously we don't have to build something that is going to sit empty.

Debbie Dane – Comfortable including Station 5 in the bond. But wants to hear bond information from Zions and then will have a better idea for recommendation to Council.

Brian Pike – Primary concern is staffing the Station, growth east, and the pressures. What's the trigger for Station 5? We have the property purchased at Hankins and Filer, and based on studies it's the right location. Biggest question is when? The funds to staff it. \$2 million reoccurring that we don't have. Can only ask for 3% - 2 years of freezing everything to staff that Station. That is some of the struggles we have. But we do have an area that is continuing to grow.

Questions for bond person - How realistic would it be to bond Station 5 out now?

b.) Upcoming Meeting(s)

- a.) Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
- b.) Tuesday, December 4, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
- c.) Monday, December 10, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

c.) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Danielle Kolb, Administrative Assistant