KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



DATE: September 08, 2021

TO: Board of Directors

Kensington Fire Protection District

RE: Agenda Item 5c

Public Safety Building Renovation - Progress Update

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Hansell, General Manager

Recommended Action

Accept Report. Discuss and Direct Staff as needed.

Background

MarJang Architects, ZFA Structural Engineers, and the rest of the design team began work on the PSB renovation project in August. We have been meeting weekly to plan and review progress. Attached is the current schedule that details the aggressive timeline needed to provide updated construction estimates. A quick schematic design period this month will allow for the first estimate to be received in time for the October 13th, 2021 board meeting. Note that the last estimate was provided in the Summer and Fall of 2020 based on very conceptual diagrams. Substantial inflation has occurred in the construction industry since that time due to a COVID backlog of raw materials, assembled parts, labor shortages, and deferred demand. The push to bring on a Municipal Advisor, as noted in my General Manager's Report this month, is necessary to be prepared to deal with the financial options available to the district as we receive updated construction estimates. The expedited design and permitting work is also necessary to meet any "shovel-ready" requirements of State and Federal grant opportunities. As the design team moves ahead, it is anticipated that the scope of work will be refined to include elements that were not identified in the prior conceptual work. Obviously, this will have to be balanced with the Alquist-Priolo expense limits placed on the project budget.

Simultaneous to the renovation work, I am quickly moving forward with the temporary facilities planning. Indeed, this project has to precede the renovation in order to be ready for pre-demo move-in. In many ways, it is just as complicated a project as the renovation itself and has to proceed through all of the same steps: design, permitting, bidding, and construction, let alone pricing, as necessary, to complete the budget picture. Based on recommendations from Mack5, I have contacted two architecture firms, FOG Studio in Benecia and Kappe Architects in San Rafael. Both firms have relevant experience and are able to accommodate the fast-track schedule. I have received one proposal and should have the second prior to the board meeting. The final budget proposal includes an \$80K allowance for the temporary facility soft costs. This estimate includes engineering and permitting costs, not just the architect's scope.

I am starting other associated work such as contacting the CC County Bldg Dept for the PSB, and the City of El Cerrito for the temporary facilities site. Negotiations with the Unitarian Church on the use of their parking lot have begun but are pending more info from the initial design phase.

09/04/2021 KFPD Public Safety Building Schedule

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