KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



DATE: June 8, 2022

TO: Board of Directors

Kensington Fire Protection District

RE: Agenda Item 5g

Proposal for a Joint Public Meeting with the KPPCSD Board, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief to Present the Legal Regulations and Space Requirements for the PSB Renovation, and the Resulting Needs of the

Police Department and Fire Department

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Hansell, General Manager

Recommended Action

Provide the General Manager with direction on the scope, format, and goals of a proposed joint public meeting.

Background

The KFPD hosted a special board meeting at the Arlington Community Church on Tuesday, November 16, 2019 at 9:00AM to present the challenges in solving the seismic and space issues with the Public Safety Building. For reference, an audio of the meeting is available on the KFPD website under https://www.kensingtonfire.org/public-safety-building or directly at this link. The format included a presentation by the Fire Chief and the architects Ross Drulis Cusenbery, who had been studying the problems since 2015. The meeting included Q&A by the public during the presentations and lasted 2 hours.

Subsequently, a KFPD-KPPCSD joint board meeting was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00PM via Zoom to present the collaborative work of both agency general managers and chiefs over the prior five months on the problem. Former KPPCSD Interim-GM Bill Lindsey moderated the meeting, which lasted 4 ½ hours. Presentations were provided by staff and included reviews of the project history, the minimal operational facility needs of a Police Department and of a Fire Department, and the current PSB design variables and constraints (i.e. codes and site limitations.) Public questions were then received, followed by a discussion by the board directors. For reference, a video of the meeting is available on the KFPD website under https://www.kensingtonfire.org/public-safety-building or directly at this link.

Both meetings extensively covered the material facts in different formats, but focused on the data and variables rather than decisions. Should the KFPD board wish to host a special meeting on the latter (e.g. to explain the structural demands, legal regulations, and space requirements that led to the board's decision), then a clear direction to the GM is needed on the scope, format, participants, and goals of the meeting.