

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
July 29, 2019

PRESENT: (see attached attendance form)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jerry Palm at 7:01 PM.

Commissioner Palm asks if Commissioner Stokes had a chance to look at the proposed floorplan. Commissioner Stokes comments that the building would have to be chopped up so much that it would need a complete re-design.

Commissioner Palm stated that the Commissioners went over the floor plan last meeting and that it seemed that all the rooms were necessary.

Commissioner Stokes states that he thinks we should sit down and draw out a new one like he mentioned a few years ago.

Commissioner Brandenburg comments that the size and sq footage has been gone over numerous times. It was agreed upon some time ago that all the specified rooms were needed.

Commissioner Palm states that we can't make changes because rooms are probably too small already.

Chief Acord asks if there are rooms that need to be cut out of the current floorplan.

Commissioner Palm says no.

Commissioner Stokes says that you can't cut from the current floorplan in its current design, would need a completely new floor plan because it was designed as a package deal.

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Commissioner Palm asks Commissioner Stokes what rooms aren't needed.

Commissioner Stokes asks how many bays are in the Winthrop hall, Chief Acord answers with 5 trucks inside 1 parked outside.

Commissioner Stokes states that almost everybody he talked to says hose storage should be on racks. Also mentions that the public bathroom could be used as the decontamination room for firefighters after calls. Stokes clarified by stating that there would still be multiple bathrooms.

Chief Acord states that he doesn't want bathrooms to be used as decontamination rooms because it would introduce toxins into public spaces.

Paul Sisson asks isn't the station designed to be a hot / cool zone? States that medically its becoming more important to keep the zones separate. Keep firefighters from health hazards.

Commissioner Brandenburg asks where is hose washed now? Chief Acord states that during winter its washed in the bays, and that the new station has hose washing room.

Commissioner Palm states that the two rooms Commissioner Stokes mentioned are needed for safety and can't be removed from the floor plan. Commissioner Palm asked if any other rooms would be removed?

Commissioner Brandenburg says something like this isn't going to come up in another 30-40 years, and doesn't understand why we are designing something that is a shell. To Commissioner Brandenburg this is the minimum of what is needed to be built, doesn't understand why it's even an issue.

Commissioner Palma asks why would we re-design to save 1000 sq ft?

DB understands that the building could be changed a little to maybe save money, but doesn't want to make it any smaller.

Chief Acord states that if changes were made to the design that the needs assessment that all 3 agreed to would not be satisfied if rooms were removed.

Ralph Carlberg says that the community needs to provide a building that takes care of the volunteers.

Karen Mulcahy states that the Elephant in the room is that the levy didn't pass and says that they need Les Stokes to jump on board. Commissioner Les Stokes says no, that the building is wrong and can't be redesigned. Says it needs a new floor plan.

Miles Milliken states that in his previous career he worked with a university, and they were building 2 buildings a year and those buildings were built to last 50 years. He says this is an opportunity to provide a building for firefighters that will make them healthier, safer, and happier.

Paul Sisson makes comment about site issue, as he wrote the report on property selection and served on the committee. He says that Commissioner Stokes says there should be a site south. States that all sites that were looked at that were "south" from the bridge are moving further away from the areas that should be served from the new station. He says you can't build a building on Berenstein because of conservation easement, can't build on Leduc property because you'd need a conditional use permit, which leaves post office site. Site is terraced, on flood plain, in river, and interrupted by easements. Those easements cut up property so bad you couldn't build there anyways. Reminds that the property is surrounded by hotels, and subject to westernization. He says wouldn't it be

nice if you could roll back the clock so there were more sites, but Varney site and Horizon Flats were the only ones available at the time.

Commissioner Brandenburg is ready to make a motion to accept floorplan.

Rick Rottman makes a comment, says if we can't move ahead maybe all commissioners need to resign.

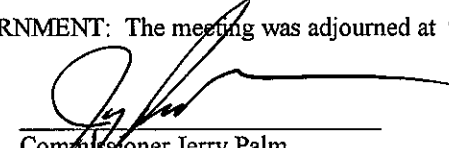
Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to approve the floorplan as of 7.29.19 (floorplan labeled as so) Commissioner Palm seconds. Commissioner Stokes abstains from the vote.

Pat Leigh states that she appreciates the work the commissioners have done, she likes the site, and believes that they need to continue. Pat Leigh took a photo of the crowd as they raised hands in support of the commissioners and their decision to approve a floorplan.

Sara Carlberg states that she respects Commissioner Stokes' input, and hopes that he gets on board to make the right decision.

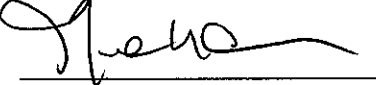
Roxy Miller says that everybody that raised their hands should be out in the public supporting and help to get station built.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:



Mark Crum, Secretary