

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 1, 2022

Present: Chair Elaine Jones, Craig Blake, Jennifer Pincus, Ahnu Shah, John Kraemer and Mark Sevier. Also in attendance: Combined Facilities Director William Barletta. The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Chair Elaine Jones.

Fire Station No. 2 Project Present: Fire Chief John Whalen, Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Neil Joyce (Construction Monitoring Services, Inc.) and Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA) Architect Kevin Witzell.

Mr. Witzell presented a plan which would enable the kitchen to be utilized by a disabled person in a wheelchair in comparison with the original plan noting that it would encroach further into the adjoining room, and two base cabinets and a storage cabinet would be lost.

Chief Whalen informed the group that the Station would be utilized by four personnel at a time: one Lieutenant and three firefighters/medics and that there will be no administration or dispatch at the station. He stated his opinion that it is reasonable to assume that there will be no hiring of a disabled firefighter into the foreseeable future and there is no reason to consider accommodations for a disabled employee who are not and cannot be certified as a firefighter.

Based on the Chief's opinion and after discussion on modifications to the original kitchen plan which would require one pantry for each of the four shifts utilizing two tall cabinets and an enlargement of the refrigerator, it was on motion voted with one abstention (Sevier) to utilize the original design of the kitchen space as modified to maximize the space for the pantries with a larger refrigerator.

Mr. Witzell informed the group that submittal of the stamped and signed plans without inclusion of the infiltration gallery will be made to the Planning Board for its meeting of March 23. This will allow the Planning Board comments to be incorporated in the April 1 submission for the 90% estimate. Mr. Joyce suggested that when the data is available an amendment of the plan could be submitted with an explanation.

Current plans are for Mr. Witzell to meet with the Building Inspector to verify the fire rating code requirements for the connection between the Phase 1 building and the existing Apparatus Garage.

In regard to energy efficiency, Mr. Sevier indicated that although his preference would have been for interior units, he was satisfied with the commercial rooftop units included in the present plan. It was noted that the current emergency generator does not meet code requirements and the new one will be sized and built out for the future (Phase 2) project. The uses and locations of the electrical and mechanical rooms including adjacency to the existing and future apparatus building were presented in response to questions.

The sizing and uses of the watch room and the first aid room were presented as follows: the 12'8.5" X 15 ¾' first aid room is sized to accommodate multiple personnel required, a gurney, stretcher, portable oxygen, and other medical needs: the 15' X 22' office room's adjacency will allow viewing of the front entrance to the existing station and will provide a conference area, work space and storage

to accommodate the twelve employees (three shifts of four) assigned to the Station. Furnishings for the day room will include a table with seating for four and lounge furniture.

Mr. Witzell stated that at this time the design is approximately 70% complete with the intent to increase by 10% weekly toward the 90% which will include the final cost estimate. The design of the staff bathroom changes previously discussed are incomplete at this time. The shower enlargement will also inform whether ceramic tile or fiberglass wall systems will be utilized.

Finishes and samples will be viewed in person on Tuesday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at a PBC meeting at the Police Station with the Architect, Chief Whalen, Ms. Pincus and Mr. Blake present. The meeting will be posted.

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting will be called by the Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. Jones, Chair