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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING March 22, 2000

ATTENDEES: Comm. John Richardson, Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento
Comm. Gerard Philipp
Comm. Paul Lahey
Comm. Karen Pells

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (excused)
Treasurer: James Passikoff (excused)
Secretary: Renee Gaddis (excused)

Chairman Richardson opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

I. DISCUSSION / INPUT - BOARDMAN ROAD

Comm. Richardson presented Architectural drawings and asked a representative from the Chief Staff, EMS and the Union to come forward to view drawings.

- Parcel is 6.11 acres.
- Additional building: 1st phase early on - two bays (ambulance and medic vehicle)
To get medic service on South end.
- November: tentative vacancy of whole building.
- Phase 2 (not entertaining at this time): to take over whole building, roughly 8,000 -

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- 10,000 square feet. (Approx. 4,000 square feet for early occupancy)
- Chip Grundon, Local 2393 - asked if utilities were underground. Comm. Chiumento responded yes- steam lines, telephone and possibly electrical lines.
- Comm. Richardson stated that they are looking at what it would cost to pull everything out, including asbestos abatement.
- EMS Director Kloepper asked if the Board is convinced if retrofitting the current building is better than starting from scratch. Comm. Richardson and Comm. Chiumento stated no. Comm. Richardson stated that he had asked the architect to give us costs to renovate the whole building vs. new complete structure of 10,000 feet to the specifications of a fire house.

Comm. Richardson asked if anyone had a “wish” list if they decided to go with this building.

- Chip Grundon - handicap access, enough room for expansion for facilities for man power, at least a minimum of 6 to 8 plus 2. Space for exercise room.

Comm. Richardson stated that at this point they are entertaining a temporary structure for the temporary manning of what the first need of this Fire District is - to get a medic on the south end. This includes long range planning, feasibility of adding more.

EMS Director Kloepper asked if the Board decided if they were going to move just EMS or all the Administration staff.

- Comm. Richardson stated that the Board has not decided, but his personal feeling is for relief of needed space, as far as office space at HQ. He would like to move EMS operations, including the Assistant Director, and EMS Secretary as part of Phase 1. As part of Phase 2, would to move all Headquarters operations, to free up building and return to Engine Company for use, storage, and other needed requirements.
- EMS Director Kloepper presented Board with a module of layout for the Administration staff if everyone was moved.
- Comm. Chiumento stated that he would like to keep EMS and Administration at HQ and move Training down. Not necessarily the office, but to have a training area.
- DC Pells stated that he would not want administration separated, even if it was a year apart . It would be a detriment to it. If they decide to move, move everyone at once. As far as the operation, does not see it handling the daytime response problems. At a minimum, they should look at putting an engine there during the day to conserve both areas.
- Comm. Chiumento stated that he would like minimal cost to get the building up and running and a medic around the clock on the south end.
- Comm. Pells agrees with Comm. Chiumento. Wants to keep administration together.

Engine out of this future building during the day, if agreeable, is fine. Wants them to keep in mind the Union's concern with the safety and manning.

Comm. Richardson stated that they will take a 10 minute break then adjourn to Executive Session. (*No time given*).

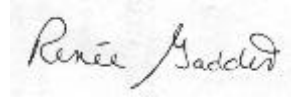
II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m and returned to Open Session.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn. (*No time given*)

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Gaddis". The ink is dark and the signature is written on a light-colored background.

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary