



## MEETING SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME:	Olathe Fire Station No. 9
DATE:	August 19, 2024   5pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION:	Olathe Community Center
ATTENDEES:	Sign-In Attached
CC:	City of Olathe – Planning Dept.

### Neighborhood Meeting Summary

A neighborhood meeting was held at the Olathe Community Center on August 19, 2024. Members of the Olathe Fire Department, Parks Department and several members of the Design Team were in attendance and available to answer residents' questions. The meeting was open-house style format with presentation boards on display showing the site plan and rendered views of the proposed Fire Station. There was also a digital presentation of images and plans on rotation on the projector screen. The attendance sheet is attached here along with resident's written questions. Included below is a summary of questions and the team's general responses.

We are also attaching a few emails that the Fire Department have received from residents expressing their thoughts.

#### *Why was this site selected?*

- It helps us better distribute our emergency resources. We knew we had a need for better coverage in the northern part of our community.
- This area has been and is steadily developing. And, development always brings an increased demand for service.
  - Our call volume for this area has increased more than 200% over the last 10 years.
- This location allows us to easily travel east-west/west-east (College) and north-south/south-north (Woodland).
- The location helps us better meet our emergency response time benchmarks (e.g., travel time).
- This two-acre site was purchased by the City in 2019 as we prepared for the future location of Olathe's next fire station.
- In 2023, the feasibility for a station at this site was evaluated as part of a larger study on future fire station needs.
- We are very mindful of others in our community.

*Will the station impact local traffic?*

- The impact on local traffic will be minimal.

*Will it be hard to see fire department vehicles as they enter onto College Boulevard?*

- The site provides good sightlines for both fire trucks and traffic when turning onto College from the station. It also allows easy access to major roadways.

*How much noise will we hear? Are the sirens loud?*

- The station was purposely designed with its "residential" side (quietest areas of the building like the bunk rooms/sleeping areas) on the west portion of the facility.
- Sound will be limited.
- Most emergency travel from the station will be along an east or west route (College Blvd.), which is conducive to directing the sound of the fire trucks away from neighborhoods.

*Will the lights and sirens keep me up at night? Or, wake my child from their nap?*

- We have a very good track record of being a positive part of the community.
- We rarely have issues about the station or our operations.

*Will someone be there all of the time?*

- The fire station will be staffed 24/7/365.
- At times, the crew will be gone while on emergency calls, training, etc.

*Will there be a light at the intersection?*

- We do not anticipate the need to add a signal at the intersection in front of the station.

*Does the trash enclosure have to be where it's shown? Could it be moved or screened?*

- With the limited buildable area on the site due to utility constraints there is not really anywhere else on the site for the trash enclosure. It will be constructed of architectural materials to match the building and screened with landscaping.

*Where does the storm water runoff go?*

- Storm water runoff will not change, the detention basin on site will still filter all stormwater runoff at the same rate it currently flows to the inlet that takes water south under College Blvd.

*Will there be access from the park to the station?*

- No, there will not be direct access from the Park to the station.

*When do we break ground for construction?*

- The current schedule is for construction to begin 1<sup>st</sup> quarter next year, 2025.





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Please write your questions on this card and give to any Fire Department or Design Team personnel.



1. Will there be a light at the  
INTERSECTION?
2. When are the truck sirens  
turned on?

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Concerned about the noise  
and the bright lights

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Pat Peterson

I am concerned about the water flows into the creek that is on my property. I live just South of this project

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I LIVE AT 20531 W. 110<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
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THE BACK OF MY HOUSE LOOKS DIRECTLY AT THE BACK OF THE FIRE STATION. THERE IS A BREAK IN THE TREE ROW ALONG THE PROPERTY LINE THAT WOULD BLOCK MY VIEW IF IT WAS PLANTED WITH ADDITIONAL TREES.