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MEETING NOTES

DATE: June 24, 2019, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

PROJECT NAME: **Fire Training Center Neighborhood Meeting**

ATTENDEES: Fire Department, Finkle + Williams Architecture, Chad Foster
(Public Works) and invited neighborhood members (invite list)

CC:

1. Meeting Invites/Notifications were mailed to the attached list of homeowners that are within the required radius for notification.
2. A Sign-in sheet of actual attendees is also attached. There were two councilpersons (plus one spouse), one family of four (Rodriguez) from the adjacent neighborhood, and two other interested individuals in attendance over the two-hours openhouse timeframe.
3. The following are questions and responses from discussion that night:
 - a. Q: How will immediate neighbors be impacted
 - i. Responses:
 1. Fire Department strives to be good neighbors
 2. Some minor traffic; limited sirens
 3. Most activity limited to work-day hours (8am-5pm)
 - b. Q: What is the admin building made of?
 - i. Response: Currently shown as metal siding.
 - ii. Suggested to make it meet Olathe expectations (Nicer than shown)
 - c. Q: Will this facility save the city money from sending fire fighters to train at other locations such as South Platte?
 - i. Response: Yes, there will be savings in overtime and the benefit of keeping units available to respond to situations in Olathe.
 - d. Q: How much smoke will this facility produce
 - i. Responses:
 1. Showed a video of actual training at South Platte Training Center.
 2. Only natural/clean materials are burned so the smoke is very similar to what would be produced in a residential chimney.
 3. There will be limited impact on neighbors.
 - e. Q: What is a Mod-X?
 - i. Responses

1. It is a modular building or set of modular components that stack to create an apartment building scenario. The purpose is to mimic a realistic response situation for the many types of apartments in Olathe.
 2. Current plan would include moving the existing Mod-X units from the Fire Admin Building to this site.
 3. Intent would be to add additional modular units to expand the possible training scenarios as budget allows.
- f. Q: What is the Mod-X design or layout
- i. Response: 2-story with four units/apartments. (Referenced images on display)
- g. Q: What is included in Phase 1? Will the Admin building be expanded?
- i. Response: The admin building is not being expanded. Phase 1 would include all the elements shown south of the round-about on the site plan, namely, the Admin/Classroom Building, the burn tower, the Mod-X and all associated driveways and paving.
- h. Q: What is the expected lifecycle of the Burn Tower?
- i. Responses:
 1. Other communities (South Platte and Lawrence) have had their burn tower buildings for 20-25 years.
 2. The padgenite panels that resist fire are replaceable to extend the life of the building components.
- i. Q: Does the site need two exits? Will there be a traffic light on Hedge Lane?
- i. Responses:
 1. Two exits would be desirable, but not completely necessary since traffic flow through the site will be minimal.
 2. No traffic light is being added on Hedge Lane. The traffic impact from the whole site is minimal.
- j. Q: What type of scenarios will the fire department be able to train on with the proposed Training Center layout?
- i. Response: The Training Center is designed to allow maximum flexibility to adapt to the maximum number of training scenarios. The burn town provides training on tall buildings (like Garmin) to one-story residences and everything in-between—both commercial and residential. Significant thought has been put into providing a variety of conditions for training even down to the width of the drive roads, cul-de-sacs and round-about, all of which are based on actual dimensions of Olathe city streets.
- k. Comment: Mr. Mickelson mentioned that the meeting was not well marketed and when he contacted Fire Admin., they didn't know the meeting time. Mr. Mickelson does not live in the neighborhood but heard about the meeting at the PC Meeting earlier in the week.

The information above represents our understanding of the items discussed and the conclusions reached during the meeting. Please advise at your earliest convenience if you have any additions or clarifications that should be considered.

Sincerely,
Kimball Hales, AIA