

Questions for Don Dommer from the Audience at June 10th KPOA meeting

1. Given that the current plan doubles the size of the existing building, why has a plan not been provided that reduces the size to provide off street parking?

The proposed square footage of the new public safety building has already been reduced from “optimal programming” to fit into the current site. The plans included shown in the June 2017 facility assessment/master plan are conceptual only.

2. How about a smaller structure at the present site for the fire department and relocating the police to Kensington Park?

That is an option that could be discussed.

3. Why is there a “community meeting room” in the new plan? With space at such a premium, this seems superfluous. The Community center has meeting rooms and is slated for improvements in the near future too.

The community meeting room was included for public training programs and additional meeting space for the community. In this day and age, public safety buildings are designed with a community meeting space. However, this is an option that could be discussed.

4. How about building a smaller fire station and contributing funds to the KPPCSD Community Center?

The current public safety building is functionally obsolete. A smaller facility would be even less functional than the current building.

5. Why not buy rundown house north of present building?

The neighbors’ residence to the north of the present building is not available for sale at this time nor would we refer to their home as “run down”.

6. Why rebuild on questionable site?

All of Kensington is in a very high fire hazard severity zone, the majority of the Arlington runs along an earthquake fault line and we have been unable to identify any other site centrally located in the community.

7. Given that most calls to the El Cerrito Fire Department (3 stations) are reporting medical emergencies rather than fire, how are you matching the Kensington Station staff and apparatus accordingly?

This question is unclear.

The El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department staff three full-time stations that are trained to be all-risk responders for the community.

8. Where would the services be housed during construction?

Unknown at this time.

9. Can the Police Department be separated and put on a different site?

This is an option that could be discussed.

10. Is there a way to swap properties with other commercial space?

The current public safety building is not a commercial use space. There are no commercial use spaces available in the center of the community.