



KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DATE: April 17, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
RE: Updated Sketch of Combined Use PSB
SUBMITTED BY: Tim Barry, Interim General Manager

Background

At the Feb. 21st board meeting, the board gave staff direction: "Approve obtaining a price from Marjang to provide a layout of the first floor of the Public Safety Building for police services." The preliminary sketch provided by Director Watt (Exhibit A) was sent to Marjang Architects and their 3/4/24 response was: "From a cursory view of the plan, the locker room and admin aid room are not large enough to be code compliant for accessibility. The furniture at the chief's area is also not compliant. Also, the added item in the lobby/egress path would likely not be allowed. This plan will not be able to be executed as diagrammed." Karen Mar of Marjang agreed to provide a new sketch at no cost to the district. She stated that when we receive that sketch(s), "and if the District chooses a desired sketch, Marjang would price the cost of conceptual drawings and working drawings but we would insist that a representative of the KPPCSD be part of the process to ensure their needs are being addressed in the re-design to avoid a waste of time and resources."

On March 25th we received Marjang's revised sketch (Exhibit B) of the downstairs area of the PSB designed for use by KPPCSD and it was distributed to the board. Karen Mar's accompanying message was: "Attached is a preliminary layout that meets ADA requirements for office areas. The cuffing bench, previously shown in the break area could still possibly fit in an area where counter is currently shown however, we do not recommend this for an office environment, especially since a hold room is not being provided and this may be a public safety situation."

The items formerly located in the lobby and the removal of the door before the elevator will also not be possible as the door separates the "house" areas of the firestation from the public areas downstairs. The counter/storage with printer for fire alert information also cannot be taken over as a janitorial area.

In general, we do not feel that the area downstairs is adequate for police activities from a public safety perspective. Please let us know if you have further questions or concerns."

Discussion

It is expected that directors will discuss this sketch. If the board's intent from your direction at the Feb. 21st board meeting has been satisfied with the submission of this sketch from Marjang, then staff will await any further direction from the board on the matter.