



Minutes

Fire Station Oversight Committee
Wednesday, September 2, 2015

Present: Steve Arnold, Chair; Craig Schneider, Dave Herbst, Jason Gonzalez, Pat O'Brien

Also Present: Trevor Frank, Dennis Limmex, Brian Myrland, Dave Berman, Chad Grossen, Tom Hovel

1. **Call to Order**—Meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Chairperson Arnold
2. **Approval of August 12, 2015 Minutes**—motion by Gonzalez, second by Herbst to approve the minutes of 8/12/15 was carried.

3. **West Station— sustainability items**

a. **Additional sustainability items—photovoltaic, solar hot water, other**

Architect noted that the solar hot water system will require about 170 sq ft of panel system, at a cost of \$15,000. The systems estimated 25 year payback, which is higher than the Madison station, is due to lack of incentives which helped reduce the Madison cost and payback. Discussion occurred on the solar hot water system and its effectiveness.

Motion by O'Brien second by Gonzalez to approve the use of a solar hot water system at an estimated additional cost of \$15,000; motion carried.

Architect noted that a full photovoltaic (pv) system to cover electric demand would likely require the full roof system, with solar hot water. Herbst expressed concern with locating a pv system on the roof, and the added expense when there is a need to reroof. Mayor noted work by the current solar committee and the solar committees viewing of solar installations in the Madison area. No cost estimate was available for pv panels. Myrland noted concern that sustainability measures may reduce the operational aspects of the building. After a great deal of discussion, motion by Gonzalez, second by O'Brien to approve the use of structure upgrades to handle a potential pv system, including necessary raceways. Limmex estimated the cost of the structure upgrades to accommodate pv is likely be \$10,000 or less. Motion carried.

There was general agreement that the committee has now covered the basic items for building sustainability.

b. **Update on geo-thermal testing**

Hovel noted that two quotes were received and the test well should be drilled sometime next week and that the report should be available at the end of the month. Cost is \$11,150

- c. **Focus on Energy consulting**
Hovel reviewed correspondence with Focus on Design Assistance. He noted the conservative range of credits available may not be worth the 40 or more hours of extra consultant time. Committee agreed to allow staff to use their judgment on whether or not to pursue Focus on Energy. It was noted that perhaps the ala carte program, as being used on the Verona Station, may be worthwhile. Limmex noted that Focus demanded materials usually have a higher cost.
- 4. West Station Cost estimate**--Limmix will be doing a more detailed breakdown by division of work, but the current estimate is about \$272/sq ft. Discussion occurred on use of burnished block, and it was decided to only use burnished block in the locker-restroom area.
- 5. Design Schedule**—Committee reviewed the design schedule. Limmex noted the bid times will be within the optimum time frame of late January into February. Committee noted that the staff committee should make the detailed decisions and if questions or policy choices are required they will come with options to the committee.
- 6. Tour of Madison Stations**—Tour to be 9/9 at 12:30 pm.
Committee decided to view west station. Group desiring to car pool will meet at City Hall at noon.
- 7. Announcements**
 - i. Next Oversight Meeting- TBD; next meeting, when scheduled, will be held at the new Verona Fire Station.
- 8. Adjournment**—motion by Gonzalez, second by Herbst to adjourn was carried at 6:48 pm.

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