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Fire Station Work Session Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Heber, the architect has made time for us tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to go over some of the questions you had during the prior board meeting. To keep costs DOWN and to use our time productively, please go over the below items Chief sent you last week and email him any questions or concerns prior to the meeting tomorrow. You are welcome to come here to the office to attend, I will make a Zoom meeting available to those of you who can't attend in person. Either way, please send your written questions to Chief prior to the meeting please and thank you.

Topic: Fire Station Work Session

Time: Oct 18, 2023 09:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Original message from Chief Marsella:

Ideas and concerns about a new fire station can vary based on the specific needs and circumstances of the community and the fire department. Here are some common ideas and concerns to consider when planning a new fire station:

I have written down some things to think about, Please send my any specific questions you may have so I can address them with the architect at the start of the week.

Why:

Insurance: Maintain affordable coverage and wildland fire protection.

Central Location: Locate the fire station in a central area to minimize response times and improve coverage across the community.

Modern Design: Design the fire station to be modern, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing, incorporating the latest in architectural and engineering advancements.

Sustainability: Incorporate eco-friendly and energy-efficient features, such as solar panels, LED lighting, and efficient HVAC systems to reduce operational costs and environmental impact.

Community Space: Consider adding a community room or space within the fire station for public education, community meetings, or emergency shelter during disasters.

Training Facilities: Include training areas and simulators for firefighters to stay up to date with skills and techniques.

Living Quarters: Design comfortable and functional living quarters for on-duty firefighters, including private sleeping areas, restrooms, and kitchen facilities.

Equipment Storage: Ensure ample space for the storage and maintenance of firefighting equipment and vehicles.

Future Growth: Plan for expansion and flexibility in the design to accommodate future growth and the addition of new equipment.

Concerns:

Budget Constraints: Concerns often revolve around the project's overall cost and the ability to secure funding for the new fire station.

Response Times: The potential impact of station location on response times is a significant concern, especially in areas where response times may be lengthy.

Community Opposition: Public opposition or concerns about the location, size, or design of the fire station can be a challenge.

Construction Delays: Delays in construction can affect the project timeline, potentially impacting the department's ability to respond effectively.

Operational Costs: Concerns about long-term operational costs, including utilities, maintenance, and staffing, must be addressed to ensure sustainability.

Environmental Impact: Ensuring that the new fire station is environmentally responsible and meets sustainability goals can be a concern, particularly in environmentally conscious communities.

Public Safety During Construction: Managing public safety during construction, particularly if the fire station remains operational during the building process, is a vital concern.

Zoning and Permitting: Securing the necessary zoning approvals and permits can be a complex and time-consuming process.

Equipment Compatibility: Ensuring that the new station is compatible with existing equipment and technology is crucial to maintain operational continuity.

Community Input: Concerns may arise if the community feels that their input and concerns have not been adequately addressed in the planning and design process.

Effective planning and open communication with stakeholders can help address both the ideas and concerns related to a new fire station, ultimately leading to a facility that meets the needs of the community and the fire department.

Thanks for your time.

Dave