Tubac Fire Board Station #1 Remodel Committee

Background

The Tubac Fire Board established this committee to explore remodeling Station #1.

Committee Members

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Committee's Recommendation to the Fire Board

We have determined that it is feasible to remodel Station #1. There are alternative options to do so which we briefly describe below. Also, there are feasible methods of financing such a remodel. We will not specifically recommend either the alternative remodeling option to select nor the financing method; both of these topics are beyond the purview of the Committee's mission as established by the Board. We strongly recommend that an updated Station #1 be considered by the Tubac Fire Board because it is a feasible option.

Remodeling Options

Fire Station #1 is of sound construction and can be cost-effectively remodeled to correct long-standing and well known safety, operational and statutory deficiencies. No additional land is required.

Paul Mickelberg of WSM Architects confirmed the most pressing issues after a tour of Station #1 on May 9, 2020:

- 1. Ventilation of diesel exhaust
- 2. Work spaces around apparatus
- 3. Separation of office space from apparatus bay
- 4. Decontamination facility
- 5. Workout space
- 6. Sleeping quarters
- 7. ADA compliance

There are two primary remodeling options which we explored. Details of each are attached.

The first, dubbed Option A, is a remodel of the existing building footprint to rectify gaps in fire station's best practices (including select ADA compliance issues) as identified by the architect, Paul Mickelberg. He estimates the conceptual project budget at \$892K.

The second, Option B, includes the addition of a new equipment bay plus a more extensive remodel of the remaining current space. It rectifies the gaps described in Option A plus it provides for more space for equipment flexibility both now and in the future. He estimates the conceptual project budget at \$2.6 million.

Gabe Buldra of James Vincent Group noted, "Ultimately either approach that the district looks at from the two options or resurrecting a new station, anyone of these options are going to be a multiyear approach. Nothing is going to be able to get done within a one year time window."

Next Steps

We highly recommend that the Board attend a presentation of the two options from Paul Mickelberg. We also recommend that the Board attend a financing presentation from Gabe Buldra of the James Vincent Group subsequent to the Mickelberg presentation. The Committee found both presentations to be invaluable in developing our recommendation.

If the board proceeds with any of these options or others which involve a substantial sum of monetary commitment on the part of the taxpayers, the committee strongly recommends that community input is sought in a variety of public forums.

The committee is hoping to take a tour of Station #1 in the future when appropriate safeguards are in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community and the Tubac Fire District in this endeavor. We are available to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Option A works within the existing building footprint with no additions. It assumes that all Firefighter living functions occur in the modular building, cooking, dining, bathing, and sleeping, along with medication storage. It leaves the vehicles in the apparatus bays as they are currently. The fire fighter access for a call would be down the ramp and into the door near the tower.

Two of the former ambulance bays have been converted into a fitness room and turnout gear storage and maintenance / laundry.

The existing restrooms would be remodeled to meet ADA, no showers are provided as the modular provides those. The hallway would act as the air lock we discussed. The wood stud wall built in the shorter apparatus bay would be removed and a decontamination area provided along that wall. The apparatus bays would be provided with rooftop (high) and wall mounted (low) exhaust systems. Since there is no clearance between the existing structure and the vehicles ductwork would need to be run over the roof. This option does not address the issue that the apparatus bay spaces are too small for the vehicles and for safe circulation around them.

The admin area would remain as is and be provided with minimal remodeling, new finishes, HVAC, and lighting. The admin area will function as a standalone area and can be secured from the fire station as needed.

Option B provides a new apparatus bay addition that is sized correctly for the four vehicles on site. They do not function as drive through bays however. The old fire station has been remodeled into the rest of the living area, fitness and turnout gear spaces. The existing admin area remains as is with the same remodeling as option A with the exception of adding a patient area and restroom for staff use near the public lobby. The admin area in this option will also function as a standalone area and can be secured from the fire station as needed.

The existing restrooms would be remodeled to provide for ADA access and showers. The existing septic field would need to be relocated as the new addition occurs in that location.

Neither of these options provide for extensive site work, paving grading etc. Only that which would be needed for the construction.

The conceptual budget attempts to show in costs per square foot numbers that we have been seeing recently. Many of the costs are placeholders and more information / study would be required if the decision to move ahead was made.

Conceptual Project Budget			Option A	Option B
			Remodel Existing Building Fire Fighter Living Quarters in Modular Building	Expand and Remodel Existin Building Fire Fighters Living Quarters in remodeled buildin no modular building
ject Development Costs			45.000.00	
Permits Wastewater Fees	allowance	-vieties eastis eveters	\$ 15,000.00 \$	\$ 30,000
wastewater rees	Option A Option B	existing septic system Relocate septic field		\$ 20.
Legal & finance	Орион В	Relocate septic field		20,
Elec Service- Upgrade	allowance		\$ 20,000	\$ 20.
Gas service fees			??	1,
Legal Easements (utility & access)	allowance		\$ 2,000	\$ 2.
Survey			\$ 5,300	
Water meter fees			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,
Traffic study	allowance		\$	
Construction Materials Testing	allowance		\$ 5,000	\$ 7,
Special Structural inspections	allowance		\$ 1,500	\$ 2,
Phase I ESA	allowance	Incl Asbestos Survey	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,0
	allowance		\$	\$ 3,
Archeological Survey -Letter report	allowance		\$	· \$
Reimbursables			\$ 5,000	
SUBTOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS			\$70,800	\$112
NSTRUCTION COSTS				
Option A Remodel	sf	cost/sf		
Existing Administration Offices	1,448	\$80.00	\$ 115,840	
Fire Station Remodel	1,820	\$200.00	\$ 364,000	
Apparatus bay exhaust	2,128	\$25.00	\$ 53,200	
Total Building Area	4,942	\$25.00	55,200	
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Site Work Estimate	No Site Work			
Off Site Utilities		\$0.00 NA		
Site Work Rough		\$0.00 NIC		
Site Work Finish		\$0.00 NIC		
Site Security		\$0.00 NIC		
Em Generator		\$100,000.00 Allowance \$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
Option B Remodel & Addition	sf	cost/sf		
Existing Adminstration Offices	1,448	\$80.00		\$ 115,
Fire Station Remodel	3,394	\$200.00		\$ 678.
Fire Station Addition - Apparatus bays		\$325.00		\$ 1,014,
Total Building Area				,,,,,
Site Work Estimate	Limited Site Work	40.00.114		
Off Site Utilities Site Work Rough		\$0.00 NA		
Site Work Rough Site Work Finish		\$25,000.00 Allowance \$50.000.00 Allowance		
Site Work Finish Site Security	Fencing	\$40,000.00 Allowance		
Em Generator	rending	\$100,000.00 Allowance		
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FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture & Equipment Budget		??	\$	1.
House Alerting Package			\$ 25,000	\$ 75,
Radio/ Telephone / Data Installation				
Fire Station Warning Lights / Signage	on road	Not Included		
Signage		Not Included		
SUBTOTAL FFE			\$ 25,000	\$ 75,0
Other costs Relocation Costs			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,
Design Fees A/E SUBTOTAL OTHER COSTS			\$ 72,000 \$ 82,000	
SUBTOTAL OTHER COSTS				
TIMATED PROJECT COST AT COMPLE	TION		\$ 810,840	\$ 2,402,
Cost Escalation not Included				
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