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Re: PL2021-186 - Fire Station #4 at 4201 West 84th St

Mr. Johnson - Thank you for speaking with me last week and responding to my first questions. As we briefly discussed, I have reviewed the plan diagrams and descriptive info and have the following additional questions and comments. I'd welcome responses from the appropriate departments before the Sept 23 hearing. Please include these in the public comments for the Sept 23 hearing by the Planning Commission and also for the City Council review.

1) An LED message board sign is out of character for this residential neighborhood. The project description says there are no plans to have the building used for general public, non-fire station, purposes. Can the identifying sign be simply positioned ON the building, or could there be a low-profile (no LED / messaging) sign.

2) How much space is between the S retaining wall and the existing shed at 8416? Is it enough for landscaping maintenance staff and equipment to reach the areas on the SW corner and South property line, outside the curved arc of the retaining wall?

3) The 11 residential yards South of the station (8416 to 8504) have seasonal back yard flooding along the tree-line / under the power lines after snow melt or heavy rains. What is the predicted water-flow impact (for these homes) of removing the 3 large trees and positioning some of the building inside the hill on the West side of current station property?

4) Who will use the dorm and fitness center areas now? Are we creating a "private gym" for city staff or volunteer fire-department personnel and their families? What are the city's liability risks for an injury a person experiences while using the fitness center? Why not just cover the costs for a health-club / gym membership, so professionals maintain the equipment and monitor safe use?

Recommendation/suggestion -- As a cost-savings, ongoing caretaking savings and also to guard against mis-use, e.g., "convenience use" of the dorm rooms for temporary visitor housing, I feel those areas could be left as minimally-finished open/meeting areas for now with contingency plans for future construction /build-out if and when the fire department staffing-model changes.

Thank you

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