

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Via Teleconference

Special Meeting

Call to Order [10:37]

President Sylvia Hacaj called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call [10:58]

Director Chris Deppe, Vice-President Mike Logan, Director Eileen Nottoli, and President Sylvia Hacaj were present. Director Rachelle Sherris-Watt was absent.

Staff present included Interim General Manager Richard J. Benson, General Counsel Ann Danforth, and Clerk of the Board Lynelle M. Lewis.

Public Comment [18:49]

The following persons addressed the Board on the Closed Session meeting topics: 1) Sylvia Rosales-Fike spoke against the temporary relocation of the Police Department (PD) police; 2) David Fike commented on concerns about the proposed temporary relocation of the PD in El Cerrito and urged more community involvement; 3) Mark [last name not provided] commented on community concerns about negotiations to relocate the PD to El Cerrito, suggested bonuses/raises to police officers, opposed removing the kid's programs, and urged dual occupancy of the Public Safety Building (PSB); 4) Vida Dorroh asked about the timeframe for the temporary relocation of the PD to El Cerrito; 5) Paul Dorroh commented that the KPPCSD headquarters should be located within the District boundaries and not in El Cerrito; 6) Pat Gillette expressed concerns about moving the PD to El Cerrito; 7) Kevin Price suggested moving on to the next segment of the meeting; 8) Catherine DeNeegaard commented that the PD should remain in Kensington and encouraged return to in-person meetings; 9) Lynn Wolter asked why the Board is not considering moving the PD to the First Unitarian Church; and 10) Kevin Padian, Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) Board Member, supported the temporary relocation of the PD to El Cerrito and suggested the KPPCSD Board assure the public of the temporary nature of the move.

1. Architectural Consultant Services [13:40]

Interim General Manager Richard J. Benson presented an overview of the recommended action to approve contracting with Swatt Miers Architects to assess, review and prepare concept designs of Building E and the Annex Building in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.

Board members presented comments about the efforts to find other sites for the PD.

The following persons addressed the Board on the Special Meeting topic: 1) Sylvia Elsbury, Kensington Community Council (KCC), expressed concerns about housing the PD in the park and the lack of dialogue between the KCC and the community; 2) Stephanie [no last name given] asked if eminent domain proceedings had been considered for temporary or permanent locations;

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3) Catherine DeNeergaard commented that the architectural services contract was premature, suggested modular units for the PD, opposed relocating the PD in the park, and spoke on the value of KCC recreation programs; 4) Paul Dorroh commented on the disadvantages of meeting remotely; 5) Danielle Madugo voiced opposition to the architectural services contract and suggested continued evaluation of space for both agencies; 6) Katie Brohawn commented against relocating the PD in the park and on the timing of tonight's meeting during the school break; 7) Kevin Price commented that the PD should not be placed in the park; 8) Maureen Wetter commented that Building E and the Annex building were not a good place for the PD and suggested exploring other options; 9) Mark Constantini opposed relocating the PD to the park and supported the community programs for the kids; 10) Jenny [last name not provided] commented that it is premature to hire an architect, opposed relocating the PD to the park, and on holding the meeting during spring break; 11) Sylvia Rosales-Fike opposed relocating the PD to the park and the architectural services contract and suggested more community outreach; 12) Lisa Prange opposed relocating the PD to the park and to the architectural services contract, and urged more KCC involvement; 13) Sara Hundt opposed placing the PD into the park, supported the community programs, and suggested rethinking the proposal; 14) Derek Blevins commented that the architectural assessment should be postponed and expressed concerns about safety issues on Windsor; 15) Julie Yamashita opposed the architectural services contract and relocating the KCC; 16) Emily Jennings shared a youth perspective about the importance of the park to the community's youth and expressed opposition to placing the PD in the park; 17) Justin Sachs-Weintraub opposed the architectural services contract and suggested placing the PD in portables by the Library; 18) Kevin Padian, KFPD Board Member, supported the contract, commented that the PD were not evicted, and suggested options for Windsor; 19) Amy Draemel objected to housing the PD in the park and suggested reopening dialogue between the KPPCSD and the KFPD for a joint option; 20) Chris Robbins opposed housing the PD in the park and the architectural services contract and commented on the value of the after school programs; 21) Beverly James commented that the current buildings are not suitable for meeting the standards for a PD and suggested looking at other sites; 22) Farahj [no last name given] suggested the Board reconsider a different location for the PD; 23) David Fike commented that the Board should pause on the architectural services contract and provide more engagement with the KCC and the community; 24) Vida Dorroh opposed the architectural services contract; and 25) John Price opposed the architectural services contract and to housing the PD in the park.

Board members offered comments, responses to public comment, and suggestions to the Interim General Manager.

- Motion by President Hacaj, seconded by Director Deppe, to approve a contract with Swatt Miers Architects to assess, review and prepare concept designs of Building E and the Annex Building and a review of the parking lot as a potential site in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, carried (4-0) by the following roll call vote: AYES (Deppe, Logan, Nottoli, and Hacaj), NOES (none), ABSENT (Sherris-Watt).

Adjournment to Closed Session [1:57:23]

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to consider two items.

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Announcement from Closed Session

President Hacaj announced that the Board gave direction to its lead negotiator on the issue of the Memorandum of Agreement for the police contract.

Adjournment

President Hacaj adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Lynelle M. Lewis, District Clerk of the Board

APPROVED: May 12, 2022

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Richard J. Benson, Interim General Manager

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Sylvia Hacaj, President of the Board