

## KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2020

### **Proposal to engage RDC to create a design for the public safety building that houses both the Fire and Police departments**

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the September 11, 2019, meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) the architectural firm of RossDrulisCusenbery (RDC) presented the current plan for the renovation of the Public Safety Building (PSB.) This plan has no space allocated to the operations of the KPPCSD or KPD. The firm did spend some time looking at the desired space requirements for the both departments (numbers presumably from the 2015 survey) and concluded that it wasn't possible to fit everything desired into the current footprint of 217 Arlington.

RDC then attempted to design a "best practices" fire department with the space deemed available, and presented those drawings. Director Deppe asked if RDC had attempted to fit both departments into the building using, if necessary, a less than ideal or a just essentials design, and they responded that they did not, as they not been directed to do so by the Fire District. After some further discussion it was suggested that if the KPPCSD were interested in such a design, the District should pay the architect's cost.

At the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the KPPCSD, Julie Stein, President of the KFPD, stated that the KPPCSD was welcome to initiate our own engagement with RDC.

Director Deppe contacted Mr. Cusenbery, presenter of the design from RDC, to ask about the possibility for collaboration. Mr. Cusenbery wanted formal approval from the Fire District before discussing the matter with the KPPCSD. Brenda Navellier, General Manager of the KFPD, also said that the KPPCSD would need to formally request permission from the KFPD to work with RDC, and that any such engagement would have to be done as a joint venture, and not something we could do on our own.

Since that time the KFPD has indicated that it would be acceptable for the KPPCSD to contact RDC directly and engage them to create a design. In December then director Deppe contacted RDC, and in January a proposal was received.

While there is no guarantee this would result in a practical design, we feel it is worth the effort to see if there is a way to fit both departments in the PSB.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss the proposal and if so desired accept the proposal. Since any design would ultimately need to be approved by both boards, step 5 would need to be contingent upon approvals of the conceptual floor plans.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

To cost to get to conceptual floor plans is estimated at \$10,993. While the last step is estimated to cost an additional \$4,658 it is probably hard to really calculate the total costs after conceptual floor plans are complete.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Director Christopher Deppe