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**KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34**

Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Monday, February 27, 2006

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Union Hill Church  
20810 N.E. Union Hill Road  
Redmond, WA

**AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
REGARDING FIRE STATION RELOCATION**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  
- II. REVIEW OF FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR STATION RELOCATION
  
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes per person)
  
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

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**February 27, 2006**

- I. Call to Order** – A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006, at Union Hill Church, located at 20810 N.E. Union Hill Road, Redmond, Washington. Chairman Thomas Johnston, Commissioner Sherman Colson, Commissioner Peter Lucarelli, Fire Chief Tim Fuller, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Deputy Chief Loren Charlston, Deputy Chief Bob Oliver, Attorney Kinnon Williams, and District Secretary Anne Carlson were present.

The purpose of this meeting was to present the fire department staff recommendation of relocating Station 15 to Station 18 and hear public comments regarding the relocation plan.

The Fire District's Attorney, Kinnon Williams thanked Chaplain Osborn for the use of his church for the meeting. He introduced the Board of Commissioners and the fire chiefs who were present and went over the rules for the meeting.

**II. Review of Fire Department Staff Recommendation for Station Relocation**

Deputy Chief Hail showed a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the criteria and methodology used by Fire Department Senior Staff to recommend to the fire commissioners that Station 15 should be relocated to Station 18 in Redmond Ridge. He covered the partnership that has existed since 1946 between District 34 and the City of Redmond to provide fire and medical aid services; the locations of city, district, and surrounding jurisdictions' fire stations and how emergency responses are based on automatic aid where the closest unit is dispatched; an increased reliance on neighboring agencies to respond to district calls; how the incorporation of the City of Sammamish decreased tax revenues received by District 34; growth management act implications; a larger population in the north end of the district; low call volumes in the south end of the district; and the contract between Redmond, District 34, Sammamish, and Eastside Fire and Rescue that expired December 31, 2005 and allowed Station 15 to stay open until the opening of Station 18. After analysis, it was determined that tax revenues were not enough to fund four stations.

**III. Public Comments (4 minutes per person)**

Jeff Cook, 3439 East Ames Lake Lane NE, Redmond – While he is sympathetic to Station 15 area residents, emergency responders from Station 14 could not reach his house in even 10 minutes. He believes it would be necessary to raise taxes considerably for the district to maintain four fire stations, and he wants taxes to remain reasonable. He supports the idea of opening corridors to allow emergency vehicles quicker access to certain areas. He blamed the station closure on the City of Redmond for not building Station 17 when it was scheduled to be built years ago.

Paula Dekker, 3251 East Ames Lake Drive NE, Redmond – She does not want any station to close. This is the first time she was made aware of the lack of revenue to the district due to Sammamish's incorporation. She felt that the Redmond Ridge developer should have to fund the staffing of Station 18.

Simon Conant, 3530 289<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Redmond – Stated that the Redmond Ridge fire station should be a new service not a shift in service. He suggested that businesses in the Redmond Ridge area pay more to fund the station.

Ed Anderson, 25049 NE Red-Fall, Redmond – Stated his sympathy for residents in Station 14's area. He stated that there should be plenty of tax revenue from Redmond Ridge to fund Station 18.

*[Several people on the speakers' list gave their allotted time (20 minutes total) to Mike Roy, who was representing the Station 15 citizens group.]*

Mike Roy, 4321 229<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Redmond – Gave the same presentation to the audience that he gave to the fire commissioners at their regular meeting on February 22, 2006.

Frank Eminaro, 3660 East Ames Lake Drive NE, Redmond – Stated that Redmond apparatus are already understaffed with three personnel. He stated that the fire commissioners have let the public down.

Tom Hall, 24135 NE 43 Street, Redmond – Stated that the presentation was very complicated, and he does not want Station 15 closed.

Cherylyn McRae, 22309 NE 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond – She has a son with special needs who suffers from seizures, and she is afraid that her son could die if Station 15 crews are not there to respond to her home.

Mike Craddock (no address given) – Stated his awareness that the natural gas pipeline in the area will be dug up this year and felt that adequate coverage in the event of an explosion would not be present if Station 15 is closed.

Ron Doty (no address given) – Thanked the commissioners for the good service that Station 15 has provided over the years. He wanted to know when the district is going to evaluate the relocation plan to see if it worked.

Ken Jauch, 6705 238<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Redmond – Stated that the City of Redmond has procrastinated in building Station 17. Felt the Station 15 residents have been treated like second-class citizens. He spoke of King County not improving the roads in the district and mentioned school portables that were to be taken away years ago by the Lake Washington School District but are still there. Stated that Redmond Ridge should be self-sufficient. Proposed a state audit of the Redmond/District 34 contract.

Nick Cecil (no address given) – Wondered if the commissioners had researched how much money it costs to build a station and to close one. Disagrees with the Fire Staff's statement that the population has shifted from the south end of the district to the north. Stated that Bill Gates is building many more Microsoft buildings and that he sees new developments being built in Station 15's area.

Robert J. Benson, 4156 West Ames Lake Drive NE – Submitted a letter to the Board, expressing opposition to an increase in taxes.

**IV. Adjournment** – Kinnon Williams thanked the audience for attending and stated that the commissioners would consider all input and announce their decision regarding station relocation at their March 15, 2006 regular meeting to be held at Fire Headquarters.

Chairman Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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