

KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 34

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Location: Station 11 – 8450 161st Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

5:00 p.m.

Station 11 Training Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS (4 minutes per person)
- III. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
 - A. Fire Station Relocation
- IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion regarding Acquisition of Real Estate
- V. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
- VI. CHIEFS' REPORTS
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting of February 22, 2006
 - B. Special Meeting/Executive Session of February 25, 2006
 - C. Special Meeting/Public Hearing of February 27, 2006
 - D. Special Meeting/Executive Session of March 14, 2006
- VIII. DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - A. Monthly Budget Report – February 2006
 - B. Approval of Monthly Vouchers 8153 to 8165
 - C. Investment Report – February 2006
 - D. Legal Usage – February 2006
- IX. OTHER
- X. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2006

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Johnston, Chairman
Sherman Colson
Peter Lucarelli
Anne Carlson, Secretary

Tim Fuller, Fire Chief

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2006

I. Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2006 at Station 11, located at 8450 161st Avenue N.E., Redmond, Washington. Chairman Thomas Johnston, Commissioner Sherman Colson (via telephone conference), Commissioner Peter Lucarelli, Fire Chief Tim Fuller, Deputy Chief Andy Hail, Deputy Chief Deb Ayrs, Attorney Kinnon Williams, and District Secretary Anne Carlson were present.

II. Public Comments

Ken Jauch – (Comments submitted by [email](#) to Secretary Carlson for inclusion in the minutes of the commissioners meeting of March 15, 2006 and attached to this document.)

John Lutz – Lives near Station 15. Felt the citizen committee's presentation was magnificent and logical. He would be negatively affected by Station 15's closure due to a heart problem.

Doris Gladney – Wondered why money could be spent on a fire station remodel when Station 15 was being closed. Chairman Johnston informed her that the station being remodeled is a City of Redmond station, not a district station. She asked if Station 15's proximity to schools was considered.

Laura Oliver – Feels that increased response times are not acceptable. Worries about wildland fires in the rural area. Wondered if the gas line was considered. Wants the right to vote for a levy lid lift.

Peter Tobin – Lives in Canterbury Woods. Thanked the committee for their hard work and the commissioners, especially Chairman Johnston, for fulfilling the duties of their election. He felt the human side of the issue has not been dealt with, just statistics. Does not care what call volumes are; just wants help there when necessary. Wants Station 17 opened by the City of Redmond and feels it is too expensive to close stations and relocate them to other areas. Wants the levy lid lift to go to a vote.

Muriel Burnstein – Her husband is ill and they moved from New Orleans to be close to their children. Has been happy with the fast response of Station 15 personnel in the past.

Mike Roy – Thanked the commissioners and chiefs, especially Deputy Chief Hail, for their hard work in researching the issues. The citizen committee wants Station 13 to house only an aid car; they feel Station 13's area would have coverage by other stations and jurisdictions. He referenced the committee's presentation contesting the presentation of the Fire Department.

Mike Craddock – Thanked the committee and Mike Roy for all their work. Feels that the gas pipeline construction concerns should delay Station 15's move. Construction on Highway 202 and increased traffic is a danger. Stated that Station 13's responses are mostly into Redmond and that the city transferred \$1 million from the fire department budget to Parks instead of building Station 17 when it was planned years ago.

Keith Brooks – Thanked Chiefs Hail and Fuller for providing data and the commissioners who have worked hard on this issue. Felt more work needs to be done. Is not opposed to paying more for better service and wants a levy lid lift vote.

Virginia Sollitt – Stated that people burn frequently in the area, causing particulate matter in the neighborhood. Does not feel people are very friendly in this area. Expressed concern about the amount of fireworks on the 4th of July. Would be willing to pay more for better emergency response.

Bill Oliver – Lives in Country Grove. Four years ago, a person was burning brush and the fire started a wildfire. Station 15 was there in two minutes but even so, the fire spread 50 feet within two feet of two houses.

E.G. Croner – Lives at 27004 NE Ames Lake Road. Station 14 can get to his house faster than Station 16.

Ron Dallas – Is unhappy that response times will increase.

Angela Latrell – Wanted to know why reserves were not kept to fund Station 15 because the commissioners knew five years ago that Sammamish was not interested in extending the contract and the funds would end.

Bob Foytz – Lives in Salish Estates. Wanted to know what happens next.

Frank Parchman – Emphasized that elected officials are required to maintain a level of service. To pit one neighborhood against another is wrong.

Sharon Tobin – Stated that the commissioners are giving the death sentence to people in the area when aid cannot reach them. Wants a levy lid lift vote.

Chairman Johnston told the group that Quadrant built Station 18 at no cost to District 34.

Commissioner Lucarelli stated that if significant district population and tax base in the southern area of the district had not been lost to Sammamish through annexation, the commissioners would not be in the situation of considering the closure of Fire Station 15. There has been a sizable population shift to the northern area of the district, through high population density construction, that must be addressed. He stated his appreciation for the committee's professionalism and hard work.

III. Commissioners' Reports

Chairman Johnston read a statement regarding the work that has been done by the ad hoc citizen committee and listed the committee's four final points:

- Determine the costs of staffing four fire stations in the district and let the taxpayers decide
- Place an aid car only at Station 13
- Relocate the crew at Station 13 to Station 18
- When Station 17 opens, consider Station 13 for relocation

Motion from Chairman Johnston to hire a consultant to measure voter support, within Fire District #34, of a levy lid lift for the purpose of staffing and equipping four fire stations, rather than the current three. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lucarelli, who spoke in favor of the motion. Commissioner Colson also spoke in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to relocate personnel and equipment from Station 15 to Station 18 on May 1, 2006 for a six-month trial period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson.

Commissioner Lucarelli spoke in favor of the motion. He stated that when he became a commissioner, Station 18 was almost completed. Two of the most difficult things in the fire service are to site and build a new fire station, and the other is to close an existing fire station. In almost all circumstances, funding would never be requested to locate a fire station on a department's border. District 34 had no control of the changing demographics when Sammamish incorporated, and a large part of Fire District 34 chose to annex into the new City. After listening to staff and those at the public

hearings and in his professional opinion regarding the information, the best course of action at this time is to close Station 15 and transfer the personnel and equipment to Station 18. During a six-month period, positive and negative impacts will be consistently monitored and reviewed by fire department staff and the Commissioners. A district-wide survey will be conducted to determine the amount of support for a levy lid lift in order to support four fire stations rather than the current three stations. In terms of future planning, the commissioners are looking at consolidating Stations 13 and 15 into a better location so that the entire district will be better served through appropriately sited and deployed fire stations.

Chairman Johnston spoke against the motion. He would like to see the motion applied to moving Station 13, not Station 15.

Commissioner Colson spoke in favor of the motion. He stated that fire department administration has done a thorough study. He believes their information and feels the information can be looked at in different ways.

**Vote: Johnston – No
Lucarelli – Aye
Colson – Aye**

Motion passed.

Motion from Chairman Johnston to postpone consideration of the three remaining citizen committee proposals until a financial impact study is considered by the Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Colson. Motion passed unanimously.

A blind survey will be done in District 34 by an outside consultant. Members of the citizen committee asked if they could have input to the survey. Commissioner Lucarelli stated that the consultant is given the task, and then develops and extracts the information without bias. The committee asked if they could know in advance when the survey would be done so they could mount a campaign. A request for qualifications will be published and hopefully proposals received by the April regular meeting. The next election would be in September or November. Submittal of a ballot measure must be 85 days before the election.

IV. Executive Session 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. No action taken.

V. Attorney's Report – None

VI. Chiefs' Reports

A. Fuller – There have been articles in the Eastside Journal and Seattle Times regarding the City of Redmond's levy lid lift vote on May 16, 2006. This addresses current city deficiencies.

B. Hail – The department's physical fitness committee recommended that new cardiovascular equipment be purchased for Station 18 to keep Station 15 whole in case the Training Division moves to Station 15. Free weights can be moved from Station 15 if necessary. Deputy Chief Hail informed the commissioners that the Training Division has decided not to recommend moving to Station 15 at this time because it is located too far away. They may relocate to a building next to Station 31 in Woodinville.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2006 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Chairman Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2006 special meeting/executive session. Motion seconded by Chairman Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 special meeting/public hearing. Motion seconded by Chairman Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from Commissioner Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2006 special meeting/executive session. Motion seconded by Chairman Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. District Secretary's Report

- A. Budget Report – Chairman Johnston reviewed the district funds and February 2006 budget report from King County.
- B. Vouchers – Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of March 15, 2006, the Board by a unanimous vote does approve for payment those vouchers included in the aforementioned list or lists and further described as follows:

Expense Fund Vouchers: No. 8153 through No. 8165 for a total amount of \$7,136.33
- C. King County Investment Pool – The February 2006 investment report had not been received by the date of this meeting.
- D. Legal Usage – There were 15.1 hours of legal use in February 2006.

VIII. Other – None

IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Johnston, Chairman

Sherman Colson, Commissioner

Peter Lucarelli, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Anne Carlson, District Secretary
Board of Commissioners
King County Fire District 34

Attachment

[NOTE: Copy to Anne Carlson is for distribution to all this may concern and for inclusion in the Record and Minutes of the Commissioners meeting of March 15,2006. And, Ms. Carlson, please make sure you charge everybody, so concerned, at the rate of fifteen (15) cents per page for copies.]

TO: Kinnon W. Williams
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My Dear Mister Williams:

You deserve an award. You have earned this award. You, Sir, are a RUDE SON OF A BITCH. Now you might want to ask what you did to deserve such a distinguished award. Well, here it is in no uncertain terms:

* At the February 22, 2006, meeting of the Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District 34, you were RUDELY and continuously talking and thereby interrupting the others present, causing a distraction, making it difficult for others to hear, and deliberately making it difficult for Mr. Mike Roy of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to make his presentation. You certainly are nefarious and we believe you are almost, but not quite, crazy enough to be talking to yourself, so, of course you had to have somebody to be talking to. Therefore, the runner-up award goes to the also extremely RUDE Fire Chief Tim Fuller, who obviously didn't give a whit about what Mr. Mike Roy had to say nor about the facts, figures, and logic that Mr. Roy was presenting. So it is little wonder, what with the RUDE behavior of the likes of you, and the empty-suited-chief, that the Commissioners seemed to have their minds already made up; filled with the garbage fed by the ilk of you and Fuller; to close Station 15 and transfer its personnel and apparatus to Station 18. What are these people paying you, \$400 per hour for you to sit there and make a jackass out of yourself and disrespect a respectable citizen, an earnest and honest person such as Mike Roy? You and Fuller have no shame; such unconscionable behavior!

* At the February 27, 2006, public meeting of the Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District 34, you were so fucking RUDE that you didn't even introduce yourself; nor explain where you supposedly got the authority to run the meeting; nor explain the logic or legality of silencing the Commissioners. What a bunch of cowards. You're such a cocky, arrogant bastard that you didn't even mention the purpose of the meeting and I'm not even sure you set out an agenda because it certainly wasn't available a few minutes before the start of the meeting. You squelched any questions by the public--thereby making it a public farce, not a public meeting, in direct, premeditated and deliberate defiance of the Washington State Public Meetings Act, a law you are supposedly sworn to uphold! Being the low-life-bottom-feeding-scum-sucking-sleazy-shyster that you are, instead of finding, as required, a neutral place for this meeting, and just as some right-wing-nut-religious-zealot would do, you invoked the chaplain and you invoked the goldanged church where you selected to conduct this faux meeting, The liar that you are, it wasn't even in the church, it was in the community hall behind the church! These lies of yours represent a debauchment of duty and morality--the lowest form of deceit. You must have been asleep during your law school classes on separation of church and state. You exhibited your true nature to be a fascist-pig-Nazi, a tinhorn dictator, by the way you attempted to run that meeting by despicably trying to silence any public fact or opinion; or question; and you deliberately attempted to preclude the free speech Constitutional rights of Mr. Mike Roy, the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the public--the very taxpayers whose Fire District 34 this is. Furthermore, you violated the rights of citizens to question the Commissioners as to their reasons for closing a fire station; and you violated the intent of the Open Meetings Act by requiring citizens to register their names in writing before being allowed to speak! Then you had the gall to put on a phony-baloney-bullshit-slide-show by another sycophantic empty suit, Andy Hail, who deliberately tried to deceive the public by not mentioning the intended closure of Station 15 (thereby reducing emergency service levels and coverage); and who also did not mention that the problem centers around Station 13 becoming more of a financial burden upon District 34 while it unfairly benefits the City of Redmond! Both of you sneaky bastards, you and Hail, deliberately avoided mentioning the ludicrous procrastination by the City of Redmond, year after year, in building their "planned" new Station 17 that would ameliorate the unfair financial burden that Redmond puts upon our District 34. Your despicable behavior, Mister Williams, dictates, and we demand that the Fire District 34 Commissioners fire your-sneaky-crooked-criminal-dumbass and that the Washington State Supreme Court disbar you from ever trying to practice law ever again!

Oh yes, Mr. Williams, I hope I'm there because I sure don't want to miss it when you get your well-deserved comeuppance!

I am the first to admit that I am not an expert on the subject of body language. But it is intuitively obvious that Commissioner John Sherman Colson has had his mind made up as early as the public meeting of December 19th, 2005, and does NOT want to be confused with facts or logic, what with the ever present scowl on his face and his crossed arms signifying his defiance. One don't have to be an expert to see that defiance. And it doesn't take a genius to comprehend the SNUB implicit in, as you directed your secretary to say you're "tooooooo busy" to meet with the spokesmen of the Citizens' Advisory Committee for an hour or so this week before the supposed final decision meeting as the other commissioners did.

Then we get to the questionable wisdom of Commissioner Peter R. Lucarelli who is quoted as being in favor of closing Station 15 because it is unfortunately located on/or near the edge of our district. Well, it wasn't there to start with, Sir, but "stuff" happened when Sammamish incorporated. By this illuminated logic, Redmond should close their Station 12, which is actually located in Bellevue--but in fact Mr. Lucarelli did not attempt to close Station 12 whilst he was employed by Bellevue--strange how that works--another know-it-all, rich in deceit but about three quarts short of being a pragmatist. [Parenthetically, were Mr. Lucarelli to look at a map, he would learn that our new Station 18 is virtually on the north edge of our District 34; right near the vast expanse of the Redmond Water Shed where there hasn't been a fire in more that a century; and by his esteemed logic all the stations should be located on the District's epicenter.] Actually, I'm glad he didn't close Station 12 because those "Redmond" firefighters saved my life when I was almost killed by a teenage driver while rolling along on my motorcycle within the city limits of BELLEVUE! Those "Redmond" Station 12 guys were there lickety-split, Johnny-on-the-proverbial-spot, preventing my bleeding to death.

Mr. Lucarelli, being the professional that you obviously are, I sure you will want to take heed of my suggestion. That in the interest of speeding up emergency response times southbound from Station 14, that you look into, spend some time and effort trying to get 264th Ave. NE 'punched through' in the vicinity of NE 40th St. where 264th dead-ends within 'spitting distance' of where it continues at NE 40th. This would save a helluva lot of valuable time by eliminating four right angle turns and perhaps probably a mile of wasted travel time and travel distance everytime Station 14 responds in that southbound direction toward the extremely dangerous SR-202, the Redmond-Fall City Highway. Even if this were to save one life, don't you believe it's worth it? As a bonus, we'd save travel time and expense everytime they returned this new way. If not you, Mr. Lucarelli, don't you agree someone ought to look into this assinine dead-end-road time-wasting situation?

Last, but not least, we get to Commissioner Thomas C. Johnston who also has a lot to learn about safe-guarding our Constitutional rights and protection of freedom-of-speech. Johnston, I would like you to know that the way that you directed or allowed your little Nazi to run that meeting at the so-called church, really pissed me off and I was still livid when I started writing this. I would also like you to know that I was having a few second thoughts and considered ripping this message to shreds. That was until and before I recently heard you were angry that the citizen-taxpayers in the audience at the meeting in the "church" on the 27th "RAILROADED" the meeting. If you really believe that, and you cannot admit the opposite was actually true, that the one and only Kinnon Williams caused any and all trouble by his rude and antagonistic-tinhorn-dictator-attitude and by not following the usual and customary rules and legal procedures for public meetings, then you are one pitiable soul. When you say the citizens "RAILROADED" that meeting, you exhibit the behavior of an abuser--blame the victim!

It makes it easier to believe you may have mistreated the principal at Alcott School. What a crass and cowardly thing to do--to harass and intimidate the principal of Alcott School for allowing the distribution of a flyer prepared by the Citizens' Advisory Committee. If I had had my way about how that flyer is worded, concerning whether insurance rates would increase were Station 15 to be closed, I would have cited the source material that unequivocally says that fire insurance rates are dependent, in part, by how far one's house is located from the nearest fire station. Frankly, I'm fed up, I've had enough of these Commissioners attempting to mislead District 34 taxpayers that closing Station 15 will not effect insurance rates or emergency response times. It is a lie and Mr. Johnston's intimidating actions with the Alcott principal, and reporting her to the Lake Washington School District Superintendent, are despicable and will be reported to the American Civil Liberties Union if he makes any more threats or if any more intimidation occurs. Hear this, Johnston, you owe that Alcott principal an apology, a public apology in writing with a copy to the Superintendent; what a goddamned bully!

And another apology is indicated from whoever was responsible for writing and allowing the publication of the Volume 1, Issue 1, December 2005 issue of the KCFD 34 Newsletter because therein is basically states that the closing of Station is a forgone conclusion. And,

In conclusion, we demand that the Williams, Fuller, Hail, Colson, Lucarelli and Johnston cease and desist from the collusion and the conspiracy they are obviously in with the City of Redmond, and with Quadrant, to hurry up and close our Station 15 while keeping our Station 13 open largely to serve the motor vehicle crash, carnage and mayhem problems and issues of the Avondale Road corridor that belong to the City of Redmond. And that to help the City with its Avondale problem, we suggest that they offer the City of Redmond to be able to staff, equip and operate Station 13 with the City's own personnel and apparatus so that the City can solve its own Avondale issues and problems; this on a temporary basis until Redmond stops procrastinating and actually builds its much too delayed Station 17; and this so that District 34 stops financially subsidizing the City of Redmond!

Other than that, have a nice day and thanks for listening,

Ken Jauch

DISCLAIMER: The opinions herein are those of Ken Jauch and may not necessarily represent those of other members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee--maybe, maybe not!