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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING DATE/TIME/PLACE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an informational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District 34 will be held at:

Redmond Ridge Community Center
10735 Cedar Park Crescent NE
Redmond, Washington

at

7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

for a presentation by Ken Klima
regarding the Public Opinion Survey conducted by Hebert Research

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2006

Time: 4:00 p.m.



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

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Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Location: Redmond Ridge Community Center
10735 Cedar Park Crescent NE
Redmond, WA 98053

AGENDA

Thursday, September 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- II. ROLL CALL

- III. OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

- IV. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY RESULTS BY KEN KLIMA OF
HEBERT RESEARCH, INC.

- V. ADJOURNMENT

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**KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 34
SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

September 21, 2006

I. Call to Order

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Redmond Ridge Community Center, located at 10735 Cedar Park Crescent N.E., Redmond, Washington, on September 21, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Thomas Johnston.

II. Roll Call: Tom Johnston, Chairman Kinnon Williams, Attorney
Peter Lucarelli, Commissioner Andy Hail, Deputy Fire Chief
Sherman Colson, Commissioner Anne Carlson, Secretary

III. Overview of Public Opinion Survey

Commissioner Lucarelli welcomed the public attendees and gave an overview of the history of the Fire District since the incorporation of the City of Sammamish.

- The Sammamish incorporation took one-third of District 34's revenue.
- The population shifted to the northeast portion of the district.
- Quadrant Corporation built Station 18 free of charge to mitigate the effect of the large development.
- The District could not afford four stations.
- Three public meetings were held, focused on the residents of Station 15.
- After lengthy analysis, the decision was made to relocate Station 15's personnel and equipment to Station 18.
- The commissioners received the message that residents living near Station 15 wished to vote on raising taxes to fund four fire stations.
- The commissioners decided to hold a survey to see district residents' support for raising taxes.

The random, telephone survey was done by Hebert Research. Commissioner Lucarelli introduced Research Director Ken Klima from Herbert Research.

IV. Presentation of Public Opinion Survey Results

Mr. Klima reviewed the research project, which including the following categories.

- Objectives
- Awareness of Services
- % of citizens using services in the last 12 months
- Resident satisfaction rating of the department
- Residents' satisfaction with the operations of the department
- Reasons for satisfaction rating
- Awareness of the District's website
- Awareness of District's newsletter
- Support for raising taxes
- Support of holding an election

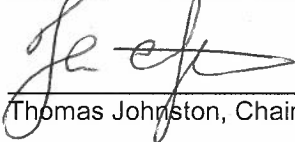
- Group differences over a vote
- Reasons in favor of raising levy or a vote
- Reasons opposed to raising the levy or a vote
- Final Comments
- Key Findings
- Valentines from the Community

The commissioners responded to questions and comments from the audience regarding the costs of building and staffing a fire station, when an election might occur, and better ways for the District to communicate to the public.

- The commissioners told the audience that there is not enough information or enough time to proceed with an election in 2006. Without knowing how staffing changes occurring in the department will affect the City's 2007-2008 budget, there is no way to know the District's contract costs. It is possible that a levy lift to \$1.50/\$1,000 may not be enough to support four stations even if the voters approve a levy lid lift.
- The commissioners stated their belief that three, well located fire stations would best serve the district with the funds available. Therefore, they will continue to search for suitable property where both stations 13 and 15 could be consolidated into a new station.
- The commissioners are also working with an engineering firm to identify and obtain emergency access corridors through some dead-end streets that would improve response times to many areas of the district.


VII. Adjournment – Commissioner Johnston adjourned the special meeting at 9:00 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