



## Finn Hill Fire Station Siting

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# Community Feedback

February 8, 2012 Public Open House

January 2012 Stakeholder Interviews and Communications to the City

March 8, 2011 Community Meeting with Fire District 41

### **Process**

- Define the decision making process – who decides what and when
- Fully explore partnerships with other agencies
- Post the study timeline on the web
- Post comments from the public on the web site
- Communicate siting process in easy to understand language and pictures/charts
- Notify the public if the Fire and Building Strategic Plan shows we are short on fire fighters
- Make sure the process is transparent and involves the public
- Explain the need for a Fire Station and how the community will benefit
- Make clear why the City needs to do this now
- Define the study area and include regional gaps and opportunities
- Ensure that the Fire and Building Strategic Plan is coordinated with this study
- Investigate partnering with Bothell and Northshore

### **Funding**

- Consider staffing levels in the Fire and Building Strategic plan
- Do not add more staff/fire fighters during this economic time
- Make the most of all resources (take all into consideration)
- Explain how we can afford a new station in this economic condition
- Determine how to pay for a new station if Fire Station 24 (FS-24) and Fire Station 25 (FS-25) can't be sold in today's market
- Explain why it is cost effective to build a new station when FS-24 and 25 are only one mile apart

### **Site Selection**

- Consider sites outside the City limits
- Coordinate with Strategic Plans of neighboring Fire Districts
- Evaluate having two stations instead of one – to serve 15,000 people
- Consider traffic impacts and increased traffic caused from SR520 tolling
- Explain ranking and weight system for siting criteria
- Look at other sites – don't focus on just two identified by Fire District 41 (FD 41)

## **Response times**

- Assess if response rate targets can be adjusted and what the implications would be
- Use population based analysis so response times are best for the greatest number
- Emphasize the need to meet the greatest good for the most number
- Investigate if road improvements could improve response times

## **Building design**

- Look into what other public meeting areas are available in the area before including another meeting room in the new fire station
- Determine the most cost effective design solution for the station (not expensive)
- List all of the functions being considered in the design of the fire station so the public can see the design program
- Plan for the future growth of the area and possibly accommodating expansion of the station in the future
- Investigate including a public meeting space in any new or remodeled facility

## **Fire Station-24 Finn Hill Fire Station**

- Determine if FS-24 can be upgraded to current standards and made fully operational
- Explain why FS-24 has to close if FS-25 is relocated or upgraded

## **Fire Station-25 Holmes Point Fire Station**

- Look into ownership of the property next to FS-25 for expansion
- Assess if FS-25 needs to be remodeled to meet earth quake code
- Determine if FS-25 can be upgraded and expanded to meet current standards
- Consider negative impacts to expensive waterfront properties if FS-25 moves north
- Investigate keeping FS-25 building as a community facility if the station relocates

## **Big Finn Hill Park Site**

- Consider damage to greenbelt if bicycle parking is expanded and there are more bicyclists
- Denny Creek Neighborhood Alliance is opposed to using any of Big Finn Hill Park for a new fire station
- There are major traffic problems with this site especially during winter conditions
- Do not take trees down to build a parking lot – preserve open spaces
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) should apply if considering any of the park land
- Do not sacrifice remaining woods and wetlands in the park
- There is a cost to using park land – regardless if King County offers it for “free”