

AGENDA REPORT

City Council Work Session - 11 Feb 2020



TITLE

Fire Station 1 Replacement Community Education Space and Scope Expansion

Presenter(s) BJ Jungmann - Fire Chief; Garrett Beck - Park, Recreation and Facilities Director

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is seeking council feedback and direction on the expansion of the guiding principles to include a community education space within fire stations.

BACKGROUND

In late 2019, Council Member Kealy attended a conference, which included a tour of a fire station. This fire station has numerous public safety community education components included on the campus. Council Member Kealy was interested in looking at the feasibility of a scaled back version of the education components in the fire station 1 replacement.

Currently the fire department provides public safety community education in many forums throughout the year. The department works to get into every kindergarten, 2nd grade and 4th grade class for 30 minutes to provide fire safety education. In addition to the elementary education, the department provides education to the public at events like the fire department open house, Fire Muster and senior education sessions. The fire education provided at both the fire open house and Fire Muster is provided using a neighboring department's fire education.

The Frisco Fire Department in Texas who has this public safety community education on their campus has over 58 elementary schools in their city. The department also has 35 staff members assigned to their safety education, administration and prevention division. The city of Frisco Fire Department was able to secure donations to build their public safety community education space.

Staff has explored the feasibility of a scaled down safety town concept. Staff has reached out to Frisco Fire Department as well as staff at the National Fire Academy that have experience with these types of facilities. CNH Architects have also provided a preliminary program space analysis to determine the feasibility of the safety town concept. The initial design would require approximately 1,000 additional square feet to the fire station as well as additional site work to address the topography challenges on the site. In addition to the capital investment, the department would need one additional FTE to coordinate and operate this feature. The additional FTE would be a public education coordinator.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$14.6 million is allocated in the 2020 Facility Capital Improvement Budget as part of the Phase 2 Fire Station 1 Replacement Plan.

RELATED ENDS & OUTCOME STATEMENT(S)

Safety: Fire and EMS Services are reliably provided to the community.

City Services: People find the City of Burnsville delivers quality essential services in a cost effective, timely manner.

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