

## **Fire Station 8 Task Force Draft Framework Questions**

- 1) The charge says that the Working Group should consider sites that improve fire/EMS response times, but the charge does not establish a specific level of improvement. How do you define improved response times? Is it an amount of time or percentage?
- 2) The charge says that the Working Group should consider (a) site(s) that do “not adversely affect response elsewhere in the County.” How do you define adverse impact?
- 3) County Staff have indicated that the fire station would cost approximately \$14 million for capital expenses. Are you willing to advocate that the County Board expand the budget? If yes, by how much?
- 4) Would you advocate that the County build a fire station with 2, 3, or 4 bays?
- 5) How would the construction of a 2-, 3-, or 4-bay fire station meet the County Board charge to balance capital and operating costs?
- 6) Do you think that the fire station should only be built on County-owned property?
- 7) Would you advocate that the County Board should spend money to acquire private land to build a new fire station?
- 8) Are you willing to advocate that homes be displaced to build a new fire station? How many homes are you comfortable displacing?
- 9) If there aren't willing sellers, are you willing to advocate that the County use eminent domain?
- 10) Are you willing to consider building a fire station in an existing County park?
- 11) Are you willing to advocate that the County Board should allocate additional funds to construct the fire station in a Resource Protection Area?
- 12) County Staff has expressed that viable sites would need to be a minimum of .8 acres up to a maximum of 1.5 acres. Larger lots could provide a larger buffer, while smaller lots would limit the amount of buffer provided. Given this range in acceptable lot size, would you support a site that only meets the minimum lot size required? Or would you support a site that meets the maximum desired lot size?
- 13) How would you define providing equitable service? Would it mean that everyone gets the same response time? Would it mean that the greatest percentage of people get the best

response time they can? Or would it mean that no person gets a worse time than they receive now?

- 14) To what extent does the historical significance of Fire Station #8, including the service it has provided to the Halls Hill/Highview Park neighborhood and to Arlington County over many decades, weigh in the consideration of the elements outlined in the County Board charge?

**Added Questions:**

- 15) Taking into account that a new fire station would have a useful life of more than 25 years, to what extent does the Fire Department's projected staffing needs affect your consideration of the elements of the County Board charge?
- 16) How do the population projections for the next 25 years alter fire/EMS needs for the Fire Station #8 service area and elsewhere in the County?

**Site Condition Considerations for Fire Stations with 3 and 4 Bays:**

- Footprint (in square feet and acres)
- Buffer (in square feet and acres)
  - Residential
  - Non-residential
- Parking Spots
- # Fire Apparatus
- Current Personnel Needs
- Future Personnel
- Inclusion of Pumping Station (Y or N)
- Capital Cost
- Operating Cost