

Responses Batch #3

1. Did the deed for the land have stipulations in regards to having a fire station? Serving that neighborhood only? Or anything else?
Response: The current Fire Station #8 site, located at the intersection of Lee Highway and N. Culpepper St, was an assemblage of 5 parcels. All parcels were purchased by the County and have no deed restrictions associated with the parcels.
2. For County staff, how can the historic presentation group express their options and opinions on what to do to honor the members?
Response: Historic Preservation staff could work with the Center for Local History to coordinate oral history interviews with former and current fire fighters and other community stakeholders of Station #8 (to capture their personal experiences and document the earlier years of the station. Staff could also work on creating a historic marker (likely the tabletop style so we can include photographs), based on the historical timeline prepared by Libraries staff and supplemented with information from the oral history interviews. Also, thought should be given to involving a member the Historic Landmark Review Board (HLRB) and possibly the Arlington Historical Society and what role they could play in these efforts in working with the Task Force.
3. How does Arlington Hospital feel about the move of the Fire Station?
Response: Outreach is underway to the hospital for a response.
4. Why has the response time from 2014 to 2015 increased from six minutes to eleven minutes in box 17?
Response: Referring to the map that was posted at the meeting, the increase reflects the “total response time” which starts at the 911 call and ends upon arrival of the requested resource.
5. Have budget bonds for this project been voted on?
Response: No.
6. What is the approximate projected temporary fire station cost if the County were to rebuild on the current site?
Response: \$3.5M to \$4.0M.
7. What is the flexibility of the budget? Why isn't the acquisition of property in the CIP?
Response: The Budget is somewhat flexible due to the timeframe of the CIP and will be evaluated off of available bond capacity. Based on the recommendations in the final report of the task force, acquisition may be added per the direction of the Board.
8. What are the parameters of the Real Estate purchase? Budget, recommendations?
Response: There are no formal parameters currently that relate to the budget or recommendations.
9. Would site acquisition go into FY 17 budget?
Response: Yes, if directed by the Board.
10. When is the last time Arlington Voter's turned down a bond?
Response: The most recent time Arlington voters turned down a bond was in 1979 (Local Parks and Regional Parks).
11. When was the budget proposed to staff formulated?
Response: Early summer of 2015.

12. What is the dollar threshold to make something a Capital Project?
Response: \$100K for bond useful life, \$50,000 or less maintenance capital and regular operating money spent.
13. Is the staff to operate the facility included in the \$14M?
Response: Personnel and equipment costs are not included in the 14M.
14. Where does the remainder of the funding come if we need to increase the funding for one project?
Response: The other projects in the CIP would need to be re-prioritized to accommodate the increase in costs and project(s) may need to be pushed out to future years.
15. Why didn't you include relocation of the fuel pumps in the CIP and what happens to the old station?
Response: There has been a previous commitment for separate community processes associated with the old Fire Station and site to determine what would happen next which would inform the CIP request.
16. Why is the APS budget included in the debt capacity?
Response: The APS budget is included in the County's debt capacity because School Boards do not have the authority to issue their own debt.
17. Who is staff that proposed the budget for the Fire Station?
Response: The Department of Environmental Services (DES).
18. How does the increase in the safety request from the County Manager include the extra staff for Fire Station #8?
Response: Proposed staff in the Manager request does not include any additions to station 8. These position will cover Rescue 109 and Tower 104 to bring their staffing levels to (4) assigned. These two units are the only two suppression fire units that so not currently meet safe staffing levels.
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20. Is the staff to operate the fire station included in the \$14M project number?
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21. How does the increase in the safety request from the County Manager include the extra staff for Fire Station #8?
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22. What is vertical response time and is it included in the total response time?
Response: Vertical response time is defines as the time it takes personal to ascend from the apparatus to the floor above or sometime below grade where the incident is located. Data provided to the taskforce and the community does not reflect vertical response times

