



Staff Report

Date: July 13, 2017

To: Mayor Robbins and Council Members

From: Joe Chinn, Town Manager

Subject: Fire Station Covered Parking Behind Public Safety Building, 33 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Recommendation

Town Council approve funding of temporary covered parking structure behind the Public Safety Building for Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD) vehicles.

Background and Discussion

The Fire employee workout area at the Fire Station is currently located in the old house area adjacent to the fire station. All rooms in this building are vacant with the exception of the workout area which houses exercise equipment the firefighters utilize each day to stay physically fit to avoid injury. Town staff and Ross Fire officials believe the workout area should be relocated due to the building's deteriorating condition. There are roof leaks, the drywall is beginning to fail and the windows do not function properly.

The proposed new location of the workout area would be in the front engine bay of the fire station. A utility pickup, which is an emergency vehicle with equipment for the wilderness area such as Phoenix Lake, and mobile air trailer are currently housed in the front bay. In order to complete the move, temporary covered parking would be installed behind the Fire Safety building's covered parking bays located at 33 Sir Francis Drake Blvd (see Attachment 1). This covered parking structure is immediately behind and adjacent to the newer larger three bays and is only visible by driving or walking behind the newer fire bays and/or fire station. The parking structure is 20 feet wide by 24 feet deep by 15 feet tall to allow the semi enclosure of two Ross Valley Fire District fire related vehicle apparatus. The long-term vehicle parking structure for fire vehicles is part of the Facilities Master Plan that staff is currently working on for Council review.

The item went before the ADR Group on April 25, 2017. The ADR Group supported the structure due to the Town's facility constraints and because the covered parking would not be seen from any public vantage point. The ADR Group concluded its review by selecting a dark green color

for the covered parking as described as "Fern Green" (color 07 of the MS Colorfast45®Paint System)".

Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts

Electrical work in the proposed workout area (front engine bay) and for the covered parking will be necessary. The estimated cost to purchase, install the covered parking structure and complete the electrical work will be \$32,354. The Town Manager has negotiated with the Fire Management Committee and Acting Fire Chief to split this cost 50/50. Thus, the Town of Ross would pay for 50% (\$16,177) of the cost and the Fire JPA paying for the other 50% (\$16,177) of the cost. This funding arrangement will be on the RVFD Board of Directors meeting on July 12. The Town will also be funding several thousand dollars for flooring in the existing bay in the front area so it is conducive for a workout room. Work would begin following RVFD Board and Town Council approval of the item.

Alternative actions

None recommended.

Environmental review (if applicable)

N/A

Attachment

1. Project Site Plan

ATTACHMENT 1

