

# FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2001

The Fire Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 7, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE PRESENT**

Pat Pomeroy, Chairman  
Bill Jaffa  
Dennis Kavanaugh

**COMMITTEE ABSENT**

None

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mike Hutchinson

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Jim Davidson

1. Further discussion and consideration of the design of Fire Station #201 to be located at the northwest corner of East First Street and North Mesa Drive.

Fire Chief Dennis Compton and Assistant Fire Chief Paul Wilson addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item. Chief Compton said that at the initial presentation of staff's proposed design for Fire Station 201 to the Fire Committee on February 22, 2001, the Committee requested that additional roof designs be developed for consideration. Chief Compton reported that through collaborative efforts of the architect and the neighborhood, two additional roof designs were developed for the Committee's consideration.

Chief Wilson introduced Real Estate Services Specialist Craig Crocker to provide an update regarding property acquisition for the project; Dan Brock of Brock, Craig, Thacker and Associates, the principal architect, to provide an update regarding the roof designs; and Chris Miller, representing the Wilbur Neighborhood Association.

Mr. Crocker reported that property acquisition for Fire Station 201 and the park area to surround the fire station consists of 17 properties, 5 properties for the fire station proper and 12 properties for the surrounding park area. Mr. Crocker stated that purchase offers have been extended regarding all of the properties to be acquired with 3 properties currently in escrow. He added that staff does not anticipate any problems meeting the schedule to have all properties cleared by October 2001.

Mr. Brock referred to illustrations on display in the Council Chambers that depicted three different roof designs for Fire Station 201 (arched, gabled and flat), and reported that the gabled roof design and the flat roof design were developed at the Committee's request. Mr. Brock stated that, due to time restraints, the additional designs reflect changes to the roofline only and he noted that after a design has been selected, additional refining of the design may occur but the major scheme will remain as depicted in the illustrations.

Mr. Brock described the gabled roof design and said that it is a tall design with a height of approximately 40 ft. at the ridgeline and is the bulkiest of the three designs.

Mr. Brock stated that although the flat roof design has a lower profile at 29 ft. tall, the sidewalls are taller than in the gabled roof or the arched roof designs resulting in a "boxy" appearance. Mr. Brock reported that the arched roof design was described in the previous presentation to the Committee, but noted that since that time minor revisions have been made to the design including the addition of windows and modifications to the entry facing the parking lot. Mr. Brock commented that although he and his architectural firm prefer the arched roof design due to its softer appearance, they will be happy to work with the City of Mesa regardless of the design selected for the station.

Ms. Miller expressed appreciation to Mr. Brock, Chief Wilson and all City staff members who participated in the project for the consideration extended to the residents regarding their design preferences for the fire station. Ms. Miller stated that the first choice of the neighborhood residents is the flat roof design because it is more reflective of the neighborhood and its history. She added that there is also strong support for the arched roof design and that both designs compliment the neighborhood and meet the neighborhood's requirement regarding height. Ms. Miller said that the residents feel strongly that the gabled roof design is too tall and not appropriate for the neighborhood.

Chief Wilson detailed the design review process that will succeed the Fire Committee's design recommendation, including: a public hearing scheduled for March 19, 2001; design evaluation by the Historic Preservation Committee on May 10, 2001; and design review by the Downtown Development Committee (DDC) on May 17, 2001.

In response to a question from Committeemember Kavanaugh regarding the final design decision, Redevelopment Planner Tony Felice clarified that the Historic Preservation Committee will forward their recommendation to the DDC, which will make the final design selection.

Committeemember Jaffa voiced approval of the arched roof design and also the flat roof design although he stated concerns regarding water drainage associated with the flat roof design.

Mr. Brock discussed various factors regarding the flat roof design: the fact that the flat roof is designed with a greater slope than what is required by building codes; the fact that Fire Station #16 is currently being constructed with a flat roof, the fact that the gable roof and the arched roof designs both have a high percentage of flat roof incorporated into the designs; the fact that extra care has been and will be taken throughout the design and construction phases to ensure that the roof structure does not leak and that water is channeled into drains and away from the building and the foundation; and the fact that although the structure will be large (22,000 sq. ft.), much larger structures successfully incorporate a flat roof design.

Committeemember Jaffa urged Mr. Brock to design as much slope as possible into the roof to provide maximum water drainage capability.

It was moved by Committeemember Jaffa, seconded by Committeemember Kavanaugh, to recommend to the Council that staff's recommended station design incorporating a flat roof for Fire Station #201, be approved.

Committeemember Kavanaugh voiced approval of the flat roof design and said that the roof represents a traditional fire station design that will compliment the neighborhood in terms of scale and design. Committeemember Kavanaugh also stated the opinion that the arched roof design is a striking concept with good historical character that will also relate well to the neighborhood.

Chairman Pomeroy voiced approval of the flat roof design and commented that the flat roof fits with the buildings in the area and is an appropriate design for a fire station.

In response to a question from Chairman Pomeroy, Mr. Brock described design details along the top of the parapet of the flat roof design that are not evident in the illustration. Mr. Brock advised the Committee that the illustrations will be refined prior to design review by the DDC.

Carried unanimously.

Chief Compton expressed appreciation to Mr. Brock, Chief Wilson, Tony Felice and all City departments involved in the design process and also to Chris Miller and the neighborhood residents for all of their efforts.

Chairman Pomeroy thanked everyone involved in the project and expressed appreciation to Ms. Miller and the neighborhood residents for their participation.

Committeemember Kavanaugh congratulated staff and the neighborhood group for their successful collaborative efforts.

Committeemember Jaffa also voiced appreciation to everyone involved in the project.

2. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Fire Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Fire Committee Meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2001.

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BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK