NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES - STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2020 @ 6 P.M.

COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING - 30884 NEWBERRY RD.

OPENING GREETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE – Led by Karen Gray

ROLL CALL - Present – Karen Gray, Jack Unger, Vickie Paulsen, Chief Daphne Lanier, Paul Deel, Mike Sullivan. Absent: Brian Fisher

MEETING RECORDING(S)

This meeting will be recorded. Meeting recordings are available to the public. You are also free to make your own recording. See Jack if you would like to get a recording of any meeting.

INPUT, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2019 MEETING

Motion: Paulsen, Second: Deel – To approve the Minutes of Nov. 6, 2019 – Approved Unanimously

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2020 MEETING

Motion: Paulsen, Second: Deel – To approve the Minutes of Jan. 8, 2019 – Approved Unanimously

REPORTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS

1. **Brian Fisher** submitted a report via email about his visit to the Quartzsite, Arizona Fire Department.
2. Building the new Fire Station was done in stages because of receiving grants over a period of time.
3. Two drive-through bays. Each bay can house two vehicles.
4. Three bedrooms and three bathrooms – one bathroom available to the public.
5. Weight room, classroom, Chief’s office, Captain’s office, Receptionist’s office.
6. Many of the add-ons were done by the firefighters themselves.
7. Recommendations: a) Build in stages; b) Pursue multiple grants, c) Make the 1st stage a drive-through multi-unit bay.
8. **Vickie Paulsen** visited the Helendale Fire Department.
9. Drive-through bay.
10. Classroom.
11. Full-time staffed station run by the County Fire Dept.

For Newberry’s new station, Vickie recommends having good living facilities including bedrooms, bathroom(s), showers, laundry facilities, a kitchen so visiting firefighters can volunteer here to help cover Newberry while building up their service time. Vickie also reminded us that we need to re-negotiate the current lease with the school district while keeping in mind that more space is needed to provide bedrooms facilities for visiting firefighters. The space immediately to the East of the current Fire Department as well as the space behind the Family Center are options.

Newberry **Chief Daphne Lanier** presented an overview of current and future needs.

1. The current Fire Department budget is about $121,000 to $124,000.
2. Currently Newberry-Yermo-Daggett have a “Silver Valley Association” to pursue grants to send two Firefighters from each Department to EMT training and also get their Firefighter 1/Firefighter 2 certifications.
3. Chief Lanier fixed up an old 10ft by 20ft shed as a firefighter bunkhouse but now the roof has blown off, so the shed/bunkhouse is no longer useable therefore firefighters from other departments have stopped coming here.
4. Chief Lanier passed around pictures showing the facilities (bedrooms, kitchens, etc.) of contemporary fire stations.
5. (For info) Newberry Fire Dept. funding comes out of the 2.2% of our property taxes that the County rebates back to the CSD.

PREPARATION OF FIRST DRAFT OF CIVIC HUB LAYOUT

Chief Lanier presented her vision of how the new Fire Department would be sited on a corner of a potential new Civic Hub property.

OLD BUSINESS

Land behind the Family Center – Brian reported via email that he asked the Board of the Family Center about using the land behind the Family Center. The Board responded that they had no objection to looking into this possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed options for extending the lease on the current Fire Department property, including expanding the leased land area to allow for providing space to add bedroom quarters for firefighters.

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 AT 6 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT