

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Gainesville Fire Rescue

Date: 5/18/07

Re: Neighborhood Workshop

Dear Neighbor,

Gainesville Fire Rescue will hold a neighborhood workshop to discuss a rezoning and land use change from a Planned Development to Public Service/Public Facility on 2.03 acres located at 4127 NW 34 Street for the development of a 9,000 square foot Fire Station including: 3 apparatus bays, work and living facilities, and 12 parking spaces. This is not a public hearing. The purpose of this meeting is to inform neighboring property owners of the nature of the proposal and to seek their comments. Gainesville Fire Rescue is a community oriented public safety organization committed to protecting and serving the community we live and work in. We are excited about meeting our neighbors and having the opportunity to share our vision for extending first class services to our community by Gainesville Fire Rescue. We are looking forward to hearing your comments and answering your questions at this workshop. If you need additional information regarding this workshop, please feel free to phone or e-mail us as shown below.

Sincerely,

Bill Northcutt

Chief

Gainesville Fire Rescue

The meeting will be held:

Date: Saturday, June 9th, 2007

Time: 9 A.M.

Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church-ELCA, 4011 NW 34 Street, Gainesville, FL

Contact: Gene Prince, Deputy Chief, Gainesville Fire Rescue

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Sign-In Sheet

Date & Time: Saturday, June 9th, 2007@ 9 A.M.

Location: Gethsemane Lutheran Church-ELCA, 4011 NW 34 Street

Gainesville, FL

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Community comments on Station 8.

- 1. How loud are the sirens, and do we use them at night?

 Answer: Yes the sirens are loud. Yes we use them at night. Florida statue requires emergency vehicles to use the sirens anytime the emergency lights are active. However, discretion can be used when considering: time of day, weather, traffic, and road conditions.
- 2. Why build in this location, and not else where? The City of Gainesville and Gainesville Fire Rescue have evaluated other possible building sites in the area and was not able to reach a sales agreement with any other land owners. This proposed site was not our first choice. In order to meet community response needs and coverage area requirements, partially defined by ISO, this parcel does meet our needs.
- 3. How many fire trucks and people will be at station 8?

 Answer: Fire Station 8 will house; a 4 person minimum truck company (Quint 8), and 1 shift supervisor, District Chief 2. The station will be staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The station is being designed with 3 apparatus bays. It is our intention to stage 2 of our reserve trucks at station 8. The station is also being designed with a classroom to facilitate the crews from the west side of town not having to go too far outside their response areas for training and continuing education classes.
- 4. Is this a temporary or permanent station?

 Answer: This is a permanent station. It has been over 28 years since the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Fire Rescue has constructed a new station.

 (Refer to the map boards, discuss coverage and call loads)
- 5. Will the roads be widened or improved?

 Answer: The only road or portion of road to be widened is the road into station 8.
- 6. Will an intersection light be added at the entrance to the fire station?

 Answer: More than likely not. However, there may be a advanced traffic warning device placed along the North Bound and South Bound lanes of NW 34th Street that indicate a departing/approaching apparatus as it exits the station driveway.
- 7. Will our taxes increase?
 Answer: No

- 10. Are the trees along NW 42 Avenue going to be removed when they widen and improve the road for fire department access? Yes
- 11. Are you going to be cutting down all the pines trees too? We intend on removing the trees inside the building foot print and some of the adjacent tress that could present as a problem, during high wind events, to prevent damage to the new fire station. The majority of the trees on the lot are going to be removed.
- 12. I live in the house at the Eastern most end of NW 42 Avenue, my drive way loops around off the end of 42 Avenue. Is my driveway going to be modified when the station is built? And, is there going to be a wall or fence constructed between my property and the fire station? NW 42nd Avenue is going to be paved from 34th Street East and loop around the station for the apparatus. Gainesville Fire Rescue and the City of Gainesville are not planning on improving existing driveways along NW 42 Avenue. In regards to the fence; It is not part of our development plan to construct a fence or wall NW 42nd Avenue
- Is there going to be some landscaping around the station and the site to cleanup the mess and rotten trees and limb piles? Yes. The City of Gainesville requires a landscaping plan for all new construction, and we will have a landscaping plan for station 8. In regards to the dead tress and limb piles; Gainesville Fire Rescue, the City of Gainesville, and the Engineering firm Of Causseaux, Hewitt, and Walpole, Inc., are currently in the process of conducting a tree survey to determine which trees are going to be removed. A portion of this survey includes evaluating unhealthy trees and recommendations for removal. In regards to the limb piles; Lt. Saunders will look into that matter with Codes Enforcement and get clarification if the piles are deemed a violation.
- 14. Can the houses along NW 42nd Avenue tap into the water, gas and sewer mains that will be put in to support the new fire station? I am not able to answer that question at this time. Lt. Saunders will get clarification from GRU and get back to you. Still waiting for GRU to respond
- 15. Will the adjacent house be able to hear the fire station dispatches from our homes or yards? Possibly, depending on the time of day. It is our intention that the station be equipped with a station paging system that is programmable and adjustable. One of the features if this programmable paging system is the ability to turn off exterior speakers after hours when the firefighters are inside the station. In regards to being able to hear the dispatches from inside your houses; I am not able to answer that since I am not familiar with the acoustic properties of the individual homes around our site.
- 16. Is there going to be a fueling station on the site to re-fuel the fire truck? Yes. Our development plan includes having an external fuel tank on the site to facilitate refueling. This tank may be 200, 500 or more gallons of bio-diesel. The actual tank size will be dependent on local restrictions and codes.
- Will building this station in our back yards decrease our property values? I can't answer that. I think that question is best suited for a property appraiser.
- 18. Are the big 200 year old oaks along 42nd Avenue going to get down? Yes

- 19. NW 42nd Avenue is actually part of the historic Bellamy Road. We would like some signage placed along NW 34th Street recognizing this historical fact. Can you look into this request and accommodate it if possible. Certainly.
- Who owns the large drainage ditch that runs East/West along the South side of the property? And, who is responsible for keeping it clean? The ditch is owned by each property owner along the route of the ditch. The City of Gainesville public works department conducts annual cleaning of the ditch.
- Your handout says that you may be storing other fire trucks at this station. Are these trucks going to be outside? And, is there going to be more large truck traffic into the station as a result of this being a storage site? No, these trucks will not be outside. Gainesville Fire Rescue has several fire apparatus in reserve incase a primary or front line apparatus has to be serviced. These reserve apparatus are clean, quality trucks that are currently being stored outside and punished daily by the elements. In the interest of preserving our reserve fleet, we will be storing them side one of the three apparatus in our new station. Currently, Gainesville Fire Rescue does store one of our 3 reserve apparatus at fire station 3 on NE Waldo Rd.
- There are pine beetles in the trees on your lot. What are you going to do about it? We will contact the appropriate party and have them look into it. Meg is out of the office for the week on a family emergency and I expect an answer regarding this next week.
- What was the drilling rig doing out at the site last week? The drilling rig was conducting soil boring and density tests.
- Will the fire truck that is stationed in this new station be responding to the inhome day care and day school nurseries in the area? Yes

Community Workshop Attendees

1. Fire Chief William K Northcutt

2. Deputy Fire Chief Gene Prince

3. Fire Lieutenant Keith E. Saunders

4. Milton Reid

5. Janett & Dean Mauthner 4148 NW 32nd Street 6. Phyllis Sheppard 3230 NW 41st Avenue

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8. Richard Wostowier 4143 NW 34 Terrace

9. JC & Juanita Cashgrande 3300 NW 44th Avenue

10. Amanda Gotay 3209 NW 41st Avenue 11. Paul Walser 3407 NW 42 Place

12. Susan Dowling
4132 NW 32nd Street
13. Susan Williams
3210 NW 46th Place (Northwood Neighborhood coordinator)

14. Chris Dawson Causseaux, Hewett, & Walpole Inc.

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15. Jeffrie R. Navarro

16. Alena Trella

17. Michael Hroba

18. Causseaux, Hewett, & Navarro

3210 NW 41st Avenue

4216 NW 31st Terrace

17. Michael Hreha 4808 NW 33 Terrace
18. Dalton & Ann Burch 4203 NW 34th Street

19. Merri & John Sullivan 3234 NW 42 Avenue

20. Judith & Ronald Meder 3460 NW 46th Place

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Gainesville Fire Rescue

2006 Calls for Service - Station 8 Fact Sheet

Total Calls in the City Limits

Total Fire Calls in the City Limits = 1,775*Total Non-Fire Calls in the City Limits = 13,832*Total Calls in the City Limits = 15,607*

Calls in the Service Gap between GFR Stations 4, 5, and 7

Total Fire Calls in the service gap Total Non-Fire Calls in the service gap	=	106 733		5.97% 5.30%
Total Calls in the service gap	=	839	or	5.38%

Calls Potentially Covered by Station 8

Total Calle in the Station & Service Area	=	432	or	2.77%
Non-Fire Calls in the Station 8 Service Area	=	354	or	2.27%
Fire Calls in the Station 8 Service Area	=	78	or	4.39%

^{*}Includes calls that ACFR responded to in lieu of GFR