



Architectural Review Committee

City Hall Lower Level Conference Room, 151 Martin St.

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m.

Present: Larry Bertollini, Scott Bonney, Christopher Longe, Stacy Peterson

City Staff: Joe Valentine, City Manager
Jana Ecker, Planning Director
John Donohue, Assistant Fire Chief
Joellen Haines, Assistant to the City Manager

Discussion on the Chesterfield Fire Station Plans

Mr. Stacy Peterson, of Sidock Architects, presented the current architectural plans for the Chesterfield Fire Station, and explained that after looking at three different options/configurations, there was one functional floor plan that was developed. Mr. Peterson described the basic layout and function of the plan. He showed boards detailing the design, elevations, and exterior building concept. Peterson said the idea was to blend the residential feel while trying to hide the 14 foot bay doors.

The Committee discussed several items relating to the plans. The following are the categories discussed:

More institutional and less residential

Chris Longe said the design should incorporate a more institutional and less residential look. Scott Bonney said he thinks the design needs to be monumental, an example of inspiration and pride to honor those who serve. The group also discussed the idea to place the flagpole at the corner of the Chesterfield and Maple entrance and add a landscape element to make it more of a public space. Mr. Bertollini said the public entry needs to have more of a civic feel, possibly creating a plaza and bike rack and placing the flagpole located near the public entrance. Mr. Longe said the public entrance should be scaled to the rest of the building. Mr. Bertollini said the City should look into considering limestone if it is within the budget, in keeping with the idea it is a civic building.

Building

The Committee felt the plan option with the living quarters on the east side was preferred so the windows on the west side of the building would showcase the vehicles in the station. They were in favor of expanding the windows on the west side to enhance this feature and utilize the fire engine as a display feature. The Committee discussed not directed the orientation as it was presented.

Roof

Mr. Longe said he thinks a slate or metal roof should be considered, to give it a sense of longevity and stand the test of time. Mr. Bertollini agreed and thought a metal roof would be more durable.

Windows

All three members discussed the need for adding more windows into the design. Mr. Bonney suggested adding windows along the wall where the trucks park, and sky lighting to provide more light to the apparatus area and add more character. Longe said that adding windows in the apparatus bay area will give the station more transparency. Mr. Bonney said he would like to align the windows strategically so they can line up with where the fire trucks park, so at night, the trucks can be seen from the street. Mr. Bertollini made a suggestion to move the day room and kitchen from an east-west direction to a north-south direction, placing the kitchen to the rear corner of the building to accommodate more windows. Bonney also suggested the need to add 3-5 bigger windows in the day room to provide more lighting and to add a taller ceiling to accommodate larger windows.

Screen walls

Mr. Bertollini said he does not feel the 32-inch screen wall is needed on the Chesterfield side of the station, given that the area in front of it is not used for parking, but for a turning area for the fire trucks. Bonney and Longe agreed that the screen wall was unnecessary and not aesthetically pleasing, and recommended it should be replaced with landscaping as a buffer instead. They discussed how the screen walls to the rear of the building are adequate to prevent truck lights from bothering residents to the rear of the property. It was suggested to look at adding lighting on the screen wall to illuminate this area without impacting the neighbors. They had questions about the screen walls on the patio, and it was recommended that instead of a screen wall, landscaping would be more appropriate to use to screen the area.

Following the discussion, the Architectural Review Committee made the following recommendations:

The design needs to be more institutional and less residential. This can be done by incorporating the following recommendations:

More institutional and less residential

- 1) **Consider limestone material to compliment brick for exterior**
- 2) **Place flagpole near the public entrance**
- 3) **Create a plaza area where the public can gather, with a bike rack**
- 4) **Adjust scale of public entrance to the rest of the building**

Building

- 5) **To utilize the plan option where the living quarters are on the east side and the apparatus is on the west side to allow for the addition of windows to showcase the vehicles in the station.**

Roof

- 6) **Consider slate or metal roof instead of shingled roof for longevity and to achieve a more institutional look and feel**

Windows

- 7) **Add windows on the Chesterfield side of the building**
- 8) **Strategically place more windows in apparatus bay area to align with where**

- trucks are parked
- 9) Add skylights in the apparatus bay area to illuminate the apparatus bay
 - 10) To accommodate more windows, move the kitchen and dayroom to rear corner of the building by changing the configuration from an east-west to a north-south layout, and add a taller ceiling for larger windows if possible.

Screen Walls

- 11) The patio area should use landscaping instead of a screen wall for privacy which would be more aesthetically pleasing
- 12) Remove the 32-inch screen wall on the Chesterfield side of the station for the turning area since it is intended for backing vehicles into the station and not for parking of vehicles. Use landscaping to screen the area instead of a brick wall.
- 13) Add lighting on the screen wall to the rear of the building to illuminate this area without impacting the neighbors.

Motion by Scott Bonney to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2015 meeting, seconded by Chris Longe, 3 yeas, 0 nays. The meeting notes from July 17, 2015 were approved as submitted; 3-0

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.