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Date: January 11, 2024  
To: Board of Directors  
From: David Aranda, Interim General Manager  
Subject: Discussion and Additional Direction on the Progress of a New Police Building

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### **Recommendation**

The purpose this agenda item is to allow the board and residents to provide their input as this important project moves forward. Please note the IGM recommendations.

### **Background**

A new police building in Kensington will take some time (24-36 months). It has been noted that the property south of the Kensington Library is what the Board and staff will focus on in moving forward with a new police building.

The first phase of a geotechnical study on the property was noted as passing at the last board meeting. A question came up by a resident regarding the ability to build on the parcel south of the Kensington Library. The attached memo from legal counsel addresses that question.

The IGM is recommending the following actions to take place:

1. Meet with an architect and have a rendering developed of not just a building but an area that provides a police building and magnifies the park area.
2. Set up meetings with the community to discuss the rendering and the concept involved in what it will do for the community.
3. Parallel with 1 and 2, move forward with phase two of the geotechnical study to confirm the ability to build on the property is stable.
4. Parallel with 1, 2 and 3 move forward with applying for various grants that will hopefully become available in 2024.
5. As items 1-4 start to take off, it would be prudent for the District to start moving forward with all the legal permitting that would be required.

### **Exhibits**

- Letter dated January 8, 2004 from Ann Siprelle regarding “Use of KPPCSD Park Property for Police Station”



## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Directors of KPPCSD  
**From:** Ann M. Siprelle  
**Date:** January 8, 2024  
**Re:** Use of KPPCSD Park Property for Police Station

At the request of Interim General Manager David Aranda, I have reviewed the Grant Deed dated January 31, 1996 by which the Richmond Unified School District granted the park property (“property”) to the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (“KPPCSD”); and the documents relating to the Limited Obligation Improvement Bonds issued in 1995 to finance the acquisition of the property and construction of certain improvements on the property. The purpose of my review was to determine whether these documents contain any limitation or restriction on KPPCSD’s future use of the property.

I have concluded based on my review that: (1) the grant deed did not contain any use restrictions; and (2) the bonds, which since have been closed out, likewise did not in any way limit the future uses of the park property. Accordingly, neither the grant deed nor the bond issuance restrict the KPPCSD’s ability to construct a police station on the property.

In addition, I have conferred with the District’s former legal counsel, and she concurs with my conclusions.