

**ITEM NUMBER:** 9.a.i

**To:** KPPCSD Board of Directors

**From:** Rachelle Sherris-Watt

**Date:** June 13, 2019

**Subject:** Response to KFPD

## **BACKGROUND**

In May 2019, the Kensington Fire Protection District sent a letter to the KPPCSD requesting funds to provide for a legal opinion. This opinion would examine the legality of using land in Kensington Park for the construction of a public safety building.

On May 23rd, the KPPCSD Board, on consensus, declined to authorize the funds. Members of the Board cited concerns that the community and individual Directors did not have enough information as to site selection and means of evaluation to eliminate all properties.

## **THE PROCESS**

In order to communicate in a timely matter and allow the KFPD to take further action, it is suggested that a detailed response be composed with information that the KPPCSD Directors need before they can discuss funding the legal opinion. The letter will request that the KFPD provide a thorough analysis of possible safety building sites in Kensington and details of determining viability for locating a public safety building on a particular parcel.

After a Fire Board presentation to the KPPCSD Board on March 28<sup>th</sup>, a number of residents mentioned locations that they thought would be favorable for construction including the EBMUD reservoir, the ACE Hardware parking lot, and other parcels on Coventry and along the Arlington. A short explanation was not sufficient to evaluate the desirability of Kensington Park over all other options.

Criteria used to evaluate the sites could include the following: size of parcel, seismic safety (as known), response times, vehicle access, pedestrian traffic, as well as parking and zoning considerations.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

At this time, we believe that a formal response should be written by Directors Deppe and Sherris-Watt and presented to the KFPD in time to be agendaized for their meeting July 10, 2019.