



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. by Board President, Ron Ricker in the North City Water District Board Room.

Commissioners Present

Commissioner Ron Ricker
Commissioner Charlotte Haines
Commissioner Patricia Hale

Staff Present

Diane Pottinger, District Manager
Denny Clouse, Operations Manager

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Representative Cindy Ryu, 32nd Legislative District
Larry Covey, Department of Social and Health Services
Robert Hubenthal, Department of Social and Health Services

NEW BUSINESS

a. Fircrest Property – Department of Social and Health Services Project

Larry Covey gave a brief overview of how the different projects going on at Fircrest including: electrical upgrade to all buildings, rehabilitating the elevator at the Admin Building, Fircrest Master Plan, fiber optics upgrade, fire alarm upgrades, cooling system upgrades and evaluation of a community treatment facility, either a 16 or 48 unit bed facility. The 48 bed facility was really 3-16 bed facilities with various levels of treatment and could be operated by outside vendors. Several other facilities across western Washington was also being considered for the 48 bed facility. Both studies are to be completed by years end.

Representative Ryu asked questions about a comprehensive overall plan for the site, something that the community could see over the long term. Bob Hubenthal indicated that DSHS is planning out 40 years for their facilities, even though the lease by DSHS from Department of Natural Resources ends prior to 2060. Several options for the site were discussed.

b. Fircrest Water System

District Manager Diane Pottinger & Operations Manager Denny Clouse shared a brief history of the little information the District has about the water system, the 2017 fire on the Fircrest campus, the bagged fire hydrants on site and the different master plans/studies that have occurred on the property. Everyone in attendance agreed that having the utilities in place and upgraded to current standards would be ideal.

c. North City Water District's Water System

Diane discussed the status of the District's current water system and the potential identification of a reservoir either at the new District's maintenance facility site or the northwest corner of the Fircrest Campus.

Representative Ryu shared some of her thoughts and visions for the site as well as what the legislature should look for when siting such facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Offices.

Ronald Ricker

Charlotte Haines

Patricia M. Hale