

Virtual Design Open House June 22-July 6, 2020

The City of Bellevue held its first ever Virtual Design Open House to solicit input on the new fire station planned for the 1200 block of 112th Ave NE. Fire Station 10 will directly improve response times for fire and medical emergencies in the call areas. The station location was selected based on coverage gaps identified in the 2014 Fire Facilities Master Planning process and is funded under the 20-year Fire Capital Levy approved by voters in 2016. Fire Station 10 will house Engine 110, Aid 101, Medic 101 and Battalion 101.

In response to limitations on large gatherings due to COVID-19, an online open house (from June 22-July 6) shared conceptual design details on the new fire station and gathered citizen input on various project elements to help shape the final design.

Participants in the open house were asked to watch a video detailing the project elements and participate in a short survey to help define their priorities. The survey allowed participants to give feedback on the station's conceptual design and to provide input regarding the project. The 7-minute video revealed a conceptual design for the station depicting a two-story, approximately 20,000-25,000square foot building with three drive-thru bays and two small fire apparatus bays.

Traditional mailed notices were sent out to residents within 1,000-feet of the new station directing them to the website to provide input into the design process. Social media was also used to promote feedback. The first of its kind online open house was successful in reaching area residents and results included:

- 888 visitors to the open house site;
- 442 people watched the open house video;
- 121 people watched the FS10 Benefits video;
- 34 people downloaded the presentation boards; and
- 34 people filled out the survey questions

An application packet for a Conditional Use Permit has been submitted to the City Land Use Planning Department and is under review by the various permitting departments for compliance with the various code requirements including transportation, utilities, stormwater, etc. As part of the land use permitting process there will be additional opportunities for public comment. Land use planning requirements and public input will be incorporated into the final design prior to commencing with construction in mid-2021.



Rendering by Bohlin Cywinski Jackson [\[enlarge\]](#)

Construction is expected to begin in mid-2021. The station will include three drive-thru bays and two small apparatus bays.

General

- 1. Support:** There was overall support for the emergency responders and the station particularly with regards to the wetland restoration, sustainability and green building and site design elements, and improved emergency response times.
- 2. Location:** Some citizens expressed concern regarding the site selection.
- 3. Concern:** Respondents raised concerns related to how the station will impact noise, traffic flow through the adjacent intersection and integrate into the existing neighborhood. These will continue to be addressed as the design of the project develops and through the Conditional Use Permit process.

Online Survey Questions

1. *What opportunities are you most excited about within the design of Fire Station 10?*

Summary: Survey responses provided overall support for the station particularly about sustainability and green elements of the building and site design, restoration of the wetlands and improved access for emergency responders. Proposed public spaces and training rooms were supported as well.

Survey Responses:

Of the 25 responses to question no. 1: 10 related to community concerns, 7 responses pertained to environmental and sustainability, and 4 to safety.

Community Related

- community gathering and better response time
- The public training room
- Large community meeting rooms with plenty of parking for CPR and CERT Classes
- Having public space (indoors and outdoors) to connect the community more closely with the fire department and break down artificial barriers between residents and the government. The use of lower elevations to make the station fit into the neighborhood.
- The open garage with views of the trucks
- quick response to local residents, all glass, separate entrances for public and fire, hopefully a conf room could be used by the public (non-profit mtgs) like is done in Kirkland
- public access
- Integrating public space (the public porch) with the functional requirements of a fire station
- the windows so children can see the fire trucks and the front porch
- Re-designing how a fire central can lead in developing community resources. Is there a headquarters for CARES program? Is there a place for outreach and connecting? Is there gathering space that is free for public non-profit or neighborhood to use?

Environmental & Sustainability

- Love the use of the landscaping and wetlands as well as topography. Also really like the public access area
- Solar, geothermal, and rainwater collection
- Electric charging stations
- Restored wetland, earth-friendly heating, water and energy options
- Rain collection, Geo-thermal well, roof greenery and a tasteful division of public and fire personnel spaces. The build into the hillside is smart and the pull thru of trucks so as no backing into the street also smart
- The green energy and general enhancement of the neighborhood, without disrupting existing homes, are very exciting
- I'm excited to see that the existing significant trees and wetlands will be retained as part of the site design. I am also pleased that there will be an area for community outreach

Safety

- Safety
- Better service to the local area, presumably, and thus growing service of the fire department to Bellevue as a whole

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- Happy to have additional first responders in our area

Miscellaneous Responses

- Having fire trucks leaving the station every few minutes to Downtown with sirens and horns blaring in my backyard
- Nothing
- n.a.
- None
- The opportunity to make a useful long lasting station that is resource minded and not wasteful

2. **What are you most concerned about regarding the design of Fire Station 10?**

Summary: Survey responses pointed to noise and traffic as the areas of greatest concern regarding the new fire station. Interested parties will have opportunity to receive more information and be able to comment during the Conditional Use Permit process.

Response calls from this station are anticipated to occur between 11 am and 7 pm, Monday through Thursday. The station is located the maximum distance from neighboring properties and the apparatus will enter and exit the site on 112th Ave NE facing the commercial buildings across the street. Significant landscaping and the restoration of the adjacent wetland areas will be utilized to buffer neighboring properties from fire station operations. Current fire operations include noise reduction measures such as a no-idle policy for fueling of vehicles at City-facilities. Additionally, certain calls do not use sirens during response.

To address traffic during construction, most construction related activities will be confined to the site itself. Improvements to 112th Ave NE will require lane restrictions and flagging to maintain traffic flow during the utility relocation and widening of the right-of-way. Public notice of the construction timeframe for the work on 112th will be made to the neighboring property owners as well as reader boards to inform the traveling public.

The traffic study developed for the project will be posted on this project website. The traffic plan addresses traffic concerns associated with the operation of the station and is open to review and public comment opportunities will be available further along in the permitting process.

The renderings for this Open House were conceptual only and as we develop the detailed design building materials and types will be selected. Detailed design will address the use of the site as well as considering setbacks, vegetation buffers for noise, etc. Consideration will be given to balancing the elements of a modern culturally diverse city with the surrounding park and adjacent neighborhoods.

Survey Responses:

Of the 32 responses to question #2: 13 responses pertained to concerns regarding increased traffic and noise and 15 pertained to various comments regarding the building and site design.

Noise & Traffic

- Impact on traffic and noise
- Noise and traffic

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- NOISE!! Fueling in that back corner near houses. Please think about the apartment & condo buildings on NE 12th across from McCormick park and not just about the single family homes. Give some consideration to the level of noise this will create for those living in condos & apartments facing NE 12th looking over at McCormick Park
- Location adjacent to homes. Siren noise is already bad
- Noise in the adjacent neighborhood
- Noise impact on surrounding neighborhoods
- The Fire Station site selection process did not include public input. Once the site was selected public input was ignored. The documents do not describe how the City plans to modify 112th Ave NE to accommodate the traffic impacts from fire trucks entering and crossing a street that is normally backed up several blocks during the morning and evening rush hours. As yet I have not seen a traffic impact & operations study for the fire station. No sidewalks widths are given. The property at the SE corner of the site should be given to McCormick Park to complete the park and eliminate the pinch point between pedestrians and the soon to be constructed bicycle commuter transportation facility that will take up about 17 feet of the park along NE 12th St. This parcel should be included in the park to prevent the City from further expanding the fire station into an area that should have always been part of McCormick Park.
- Entry/exit of engine and apps vehicles at the intersection. May need to enforce a "do not block" area
- Traffic on 112th Ave NE gets very backed up during rush hour and fire vehicle access may be impeded
- fueling, sidewalk size (want it 12'), noise of fire truck sirens
- Transportation, traffic signals, pedestrians crossing signals, lack of consideration for traffic flow in emergency travel. KCLS, Blind rise to get across walkway across 112th St. High traffic periods jam up the roads N&S, E&W. Need warning lights that are visible
- Traffic flow on both 112th Ave and 12th Street when there is an emergency 112th gets very backed up going south during rush hour. Between 12th and 4th streets. Will you be accessing downtown on 112th or will you use 110th, 108th or 106th. This will make a big difference in the congestion and noise on 12th Street
- Neighborhood noise

Site Design & Usage

- Are we making best use of this big lot? The city should be utilizing it for more than just a fire station considering the tax dollars spent to buy it
- Is it disaster ready? Earthquakes obviously, but otherwise? What are the emergency communications options? Do those include ham radio? (Bellevue Communications Support Team in particular)
- Not large enough for future growth of the City and cutting corners for financial reasons. This is at least a 50-year investment with the taxpayers' dollars
- Lack of firefighter parking spots. Glass south wall prevents use of wall for storage
- Being one of the houses immediately to the north of the site, my biggest concern is that the proposed modern looking glass design does not blend in with the existing green and natural character of the neighborhood and the surrounding that it will be siting within. The City has been promising us the design that would blend in the neighborhood.
- We like a design that blends in with the neighborhood and not to stand out. The proposed design does not appear to do that. We do not want the station from the outside public view to look like a fire station with fire trucks visible or seen from outside. This could have a negative

impact on the neighborhood appearance and could negatively impact the desirability of our houses for the future buyers in the housing market.

- The proposed public visitor parking – negative appearance – The concrete parking lot takes away from the neighborhood green buffer area by intruding parking spaces right in the middle where we have been promised by the City that this area would be only a “green” buffer between the station and our immediate houses.
- Loss of quiet and privacy - Introducing a public visitor parking in what is supposed to be a green buffer zone brings public traffic and activities close to our houses and neighborhood and negatively impact quiet and privacy that the neighborhood has been enjoying. The City has promises us the nearby neighbors many times that the “green” buffer between the station and our houses just north of the station would be a “green buffer” not be ruined by placing a paved concrete parking area. o Suggestion – use the existing Bellevue public library parking as the public visitor parking for the fire station. It is only a 1-minute walk to the station.
- Looking from outside the glass and modern looking structure does not fit the surrounding neighborhood. The fire station building should not look like a fire station from outside and should not have an intruding and un-matching look compare with the surrounding neighborhood. • A garden wall (like the one in the Bellevue Library parking) screening the station buildings from the neighborhood in the north would be desirable and help cover the station from being visible from the houses located in the north especially during the wintertime when the trees shed leaves. o Placing visitors parking north of the station site, further invades the neighborhood and its quiet and privacy.
- I see massive amounts of glass and concrete!! Can we not choose some more natural materials?? How about some partial concrete /packed terra firma to replace some of the vast expanses of concrete. The building does NOT APPEAR to be an asset but a sore thumb due to material choices.
- This appears to be a Downtown facility of steel and glass showing off the pride of the fire department. How arrogant to stuff a facility appropriate for Downtown commercial high-rise zoning in a single family residence neighborhood, especially since the neighborhood had no interest in or input in selecting this site for the Downtown Fire station. Exposing the engines through glass doors only sticks the City's thumb in our eyes. We were told that the building would fit in with the neighborhood. Does that mean you will be re-zoning the area for commercial high rise steel and glass buildings? b. What are the regulatory requirements for building setbacks from a wetland? The building is on the edge of the existing wetland. c. It appears that a detention pond will be built in the southeast corner. This should be given over to McCormick Park to serve as a permanent park. We request a public review of the plantings around the detention pond. d. We have no trust that the City will not expand the fire station facilities in the future to take up the southeast corner and other buffers and wetlands on the site. Covenants are required to protect from further development by the Fire Department. We request public review of all covenants attached to the property that will ensure it is not further developed. e. Move the "public" parking further from the adjacent private properties. f. Screening of adjoining properties should be effective immediately, not intended to grow in after 5, 10, 20 years. Purchase and install mature plantings that provide adequate screening before completion. g. What are the traffic plans for blocking 112th Ave NE to allow exiting and return of fire trucks? There has been no public release of traffic studies that evaluate the traffic impact of fire station operations. Are not traffic studies part of the environmental review process? 112th Traffic regularly backs up to Hidden Valley Park and beyond. h. Sidewalk widths should meet Downtown zoning standards for a Downtown Fire Station. i. The planning does not acknowledge or address the impact of the bicycle commuter route to be constructed through McCormick

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Park. Compensate for the taking of a park for a commuter transportation facility by legally transferring Fire Station property to McCormick Park.

- Looking like a commercial building in single family residential neighborhood
- There appears to be a lot of hardscape, little connection to the environment in the way of transitions, no places for fire department personnel to get in touch with the land and or connect to the community, very little connection to historic Bellevue
- My biggest concern is that a fire station with the size and scope of Fire Station 10 will not fit in in our neighborhood and now that I've seen the proposed design for the project, my concern has been amplified. The proposed design, more appropriate for an industrial area, reminds me of an automobile dealership. If the intent of the architect was to design a station that would be part of a single family neighborhood then the design is inconsistent with that. The preponderance of glass and visible fire trucks doesn't fit well in a neighborhood setting. As someone who lives just North of the direct perimeter of the fire station, I'm also concerned about the location of the public parking lot. Do we need public parking at the fire station when there is ample parking at the Public Library? The privacy of the homeowners should be paramount.
- I am concerned that the harsh, glassed-in URBAN design of this station does not fit into the Northtowne neighborhood as we were repeatedly promised it would. Secondly, I am concerned whether the considerable traffic flow of 112th Ave NE has been taken into consideration for the entrance and exit of the large fire engines. Will there be another traffic light installed around Hidden Valley Park?

Miscellaneous Responses

- None
- No concerns (2)
- The cost and extravagance of the station is unnecessary and wasteful us of tax payers funds

3. Is sustainability and “green building” important to you when considering the design of new public buildings?

Summary: Survey responses to questions 3 & 4 supported the use of green and environmentally friendly elements throughout the building and property design. The site design includes rainwater collection, use of geothermal for heating and cooling, installation of EV charging stations, solar panels and a green roof. The project design also considers retaining the maximum amount of existing mature trees, stormwater management, wetland restoration, and water use management.

Survey Responses:

Of the 33 responses to question no.3: 25 were supportive of sustainability and “Green Building” design concepts and 6 were not

Supportive of Sustainability & “Green Building” Aspects

- Yes! I love the photovoltaic roof canopy and the other features you’ve added
- Somewhat. It's nice, and sets a good example (assuming everything works well on a long-term basis)
- Yes, if it brings down the long-term maintenance costs. Don't do it just to be trendy.
- Yes (3)
- Absolutely
- Somewhat (2)

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- Include energy saving design
- Rain collection, solar power, maybe geothermal, and onsite power storage
- Yes, we need to constantly be moving forward here
- Absolutely! I work at a newly rebuilt elementary school where similar green building was used. Love it!
- yes, I'm sure you are doing the right thing and researching the latest
- Yes. Excellent
- It is important, as long as it does not negatively affect the outside appearance of the station buildings and blends with the neighborhood
- YES, highly important and for the most part this is addressed and the care being taken around the wetlands too
- Sustainable and green design would have left the parcels as single family residents and kept the percent land coverage
- Very
- Yes, but only in practice and not requirements. Making a building LEED can be wasteful and excessive without being beneficial. Also. That much glass is not an efficient use of material in being sustainable
- Yes, sustainability and resilience of the building
- Yes, very much so
- Yes, there appears to be little in collecting water and reusing it in the design (look to Kirkland Police/Fire design building. Permeable hardscapes like award winning South Lake Union Center parking lot and bioswales
- Of course but it should be done within the context of blending in with the neighborhood
- Yes. This site gets a lot of sun form the south, Perhaps some solar panels on wall?

Not Supportive of Sustainability & "Green Building" Aspects

- No (3)
- Not so much
- No, please plan for enough staff and engines for this growing area
- Washing rigs with onsite collected water leaves spots. NO current fire station uses this water to wash rigs

Miscellaneous Responses

- The "Public Porch" will be a wasted space. It is on the northside where it will be cold and damp 9 out of 12 months a year. It is also so close to the busy 112th Ave NE that any public address system or talking will be overwhelmed by the traffic noise. Similar examples of poorly used north facing cold and damp public spaces can be found at the Bravern and The Bellevue Connection at NE 6th and 106th Ave NE. Examples of good public spaces can be found at the south facing courtyard at The Elements at NE 9th St and 111th Ave NE.
- Not sustainability related but please put some GOOD public art outside in places where the residents can enjoy. This is a lovely site.

4. Are there specific sustainable features that should be considered for Fire Station 10?

Summary: Survey responses supported the use of sustainable elements throughout the building and property design. The adjacent wetland will be restored as part of the overall project and will help

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with the revitalization of the surrounding landscape and bird habitat. Green and eco-friendly design elements are detailed in the survey question no. 3 above.

Survey Responses:

Of the 38 responses to question no. 4: 16 provided input on sustainability and “Green Building” design concepts and 10 provided input on community needs-based concepts

Additional Sustainability Suggestions

- Standalone power, food, water, etc. (but that's sustainable of function in a disaster, as opposed to environmental sustainability, but you didn't say what you meant by sustainability)
- Water reclamation, solar, strong building envelope
- Use of ground and wetland for storm water control
- Prevent run off into local wetland
- The landscaping should be predominately native plants to support the numerous bird species that inhabit the woods that will be disturbed by construction of the building and facilities (birds include: chestnut back chickadees, black cap chickadees, spotted towhees, robins, bushtits, rufous hummingbirds, anna's hummingbirds, varied thrush, yellow grosbeaks, goldfinches and stellar jays. Bats also live in the woods (probably little brown bats)). The wetlands should be restored and support more native uses than simply a stormwater detention pond. Existing large dead trees should be retained to support the cavity nesting birds in the area (including Downey Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, Pleated Woodpeckers).
- Solar power and electric vehicle charging stations
- Facilities that make alternate transportation more feasible, e.g. bike storage and showers
- Solar and water
- fueling issues
- Yes. Energy monitoring to assess functionality and actual electrical use for
- heating cooling systems
- I believe you are doing this to a degree but the glass use is over the top glaring for siting in a neighborhood. Is the glass really sustainable?
- Rainwater collection and use
- Reduce glazing to make for a more energy efficient structure. Stop the wasteful spending
- Masonry products should be incorporated into the design
- Yes why not have less hardscape or the kind of pavers where possible that allow drainage, a porch for the fire people, a barbeque for cooking, and a place to be available and meet the public and engage, like picnic benches a designed covered social distancing service area for blood pressure checks and community work

Community Related Needs

- Downtown families should be able to use it as much as possible
- CPR classes
- CPR, CERT, and home fire safety classes. Live fire demonstrations similar to the annual open house
- Neighborhood meeting space at no charge to neighborhood
- More general opportunities to engage with first responders both on duty and off duty. Kids like to see how the fire house works when first responders need to respond to an emergency
- Classes for public agency employees on the importance of neighborhood involvement in evaluating and designing public works projects. Classes for City Council Members regarding the

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processes for changing City regulations so that they do not allow public works projects to proceed without neighborhood involvement.

- Fire safety classes. Babysitting classes. Car seat awareness classes
- A meeting room! For at least 20 people. Fire extinguisher practice would be nice too
- Community based weekend events
- fire 101 classes for adults e.g. teach how to put out a fire, use fire extinguisher, the right batteries, where to place smoke/carbon detectors, fire hazards, storage of hazards items e.g. bleach, cleaning fluids, etc.

Miscellaneous Responses

- Will we have access to the wetlands shown on the plan?
- The open house made it look pretty comprehensive
- Please ensure facility is comfortable and suitable for our first responders
- None (4)
- No (2)
- Move it to a commercially zoned property
- None specific that I can list
- Police Reforms Training so public knows what education officers must obtain for Public Safety of all citizens. Ethnicity values, homelessness, black lives matter, no choke holds, how to deal with racist hate groups/KKK/Nazi/Proud Boys with firearms & Military Style weapons. Citizens need to know

5. What kind of public educational opportunities would you like to see at Fire Station 10?

Summary: Survey responses from questions no.4 & no.5 highlighted opportunities for public outreach and interaction with first responders through training and outreach such as emergency preparedness, fire extinguisher use, and CPR and first aid classes. The intent through the design of the fire station is to foster a welcoming community atmosphere between the fire department and the community, and various elements such as the entry “porch” will continue to be developed through design development

Survey Responses:

Of the 13 responses to question no. 5: 6 provided suggestions on public education and outreach opportunities

Public Education/Interaction Suggestions

- Neighborhood emergency preparedness
- The idea of public meeting space is KEEN for neighborhood and civic uses
- Proper use of fire extinguishers for homes and businesses, including which types and ratings
- Emergency preparedness, fire safety,
- Open houses for children
- Whimsical: A multi barbeque shared with the park cooking area. Practical: zone for emergency care drive thru Covid testing or other pandemic. A Winter garden roof but open space that is large for gatherings with social distancing.

Miscellaneous Responses

- hiring/firing/public harms Police Practices

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- Any, as long as it does not bring many public activities and traffic to our neighborhood. Especially for those of us who live very close-by
- Please plant a deep barrier on the north and west to re-pay the neighbors of the neighborhood environment that was removed with this huge building
- None. We have a great library with meeting spaces and educational facilities 3 blocks away
- Na
- The Bellevue Public Library is within blocks of the station and has ample rooms for meetings and classes
- Can't think of any specifically

6. What feelings does the Fire Department evoke in you? What feelings should the fire station evoke in the public?

***Summary:** Survey responses overwhelmingly pointed to safety and security as well as pride and comfort in knowing that the fire department is part of the community. The design of the fire station project is intended to evoke a sense of pride for the community and first responders as well as a comfort in knowing they are nearby when needed.*

Survey Responses:

Of the 29 responses to question no. 6: 12 pertained to community pride and support for the fire department and first responders and 11 related to safety and security of having a new fire station in the neighborhood

Community Pride and Support

- Fire stations should be symbols of public and civic pride. They need to evoke strong feelings of safety and calm. They should feel welcoming to everyone.
- I trust and respect the fire department, especially in that they could well save the lives of myself and loved ones (including neighbors). Professionalism helps, but also being ready for worst case scenarios.
- Remembering those who sacrificed so much on 9/11 and the first responders throughout the Puget Sound Metropolitan Area
- Pride (2)
- Pride and increased public safety
- Keep up the great work. Make us proud of all you do.
- It is very important and vital public service and the service is appreciated
- I love the Fire Department for their Cares program, how nice the fire people always are, and how they interface with the public. A fire station in a neighborhood says NOISE. A fire station keeping bushes, large trees, cover says mitigation of noise. A fire station that respects, honors and connects with the environment like the Black Diamond Library says we respect the land and honor our roots.
- The Fire Department is an important part of our community
- I am appreciative of the fire department for the fact that they are trained to fight fires and to help keep our community safe
- Happy to have them in our neighborhood!
- Confidence, support

Safety & Security

- Safety and security

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- transparent and open
- Safety. I love that Bellevue is such a safe community and the station should reflect that
- Pride. Safety
- They should work with the neighborhood to establish a good neighborhood policy
- Engaging, protecting
- Safety
- Of course, the feelings around being "protected and safe" along with pride that knowing our civic leaders are using our taxes wisely
- Responsibility and safety. This Taj Mahal is not a responsible use of funds
- Fire Station should emit community, safety, resilience, strength
- Feelings of safety and community

Miscellaneous Responses

- Fear as property values may decrease
- Nothing
- They are self serving and willing to distort studies to meet their ends. The fire station should have an information board regarding how a lack of neighborhood involvement can result in the City breaking its own policies to force people out of their homes and break the trust of an active neighborhood association. The lack of respect by City public safety officers was exemplified a few weeks ago by their setting off numerous compression bombs on the property without adequately notifying or consulting with the neighborhood. I could feel the compression waves inside my house, yet there was no warning or consultation even though my property corner is less than 200 feet from the fire station property.
- the video specifically - expensive, clean, upscale. fire departments in general- masculine sexy strong men, safety, smart (not moron), expertise, wealth of knowledge but they don't share - wish they shared their knowledge more e.g. how to load a vehicle, take the top 20 problems they encounter and turn that into a class (house/fire/aid/car accidents). do these for 2 different levels of people (teenagers and adults). Volunteer opportunities for teens - even if it is stuff like clean the House, file, shine boots.
- They are arrogant and will use mis-information to justify their desire to save money at the expense of our neighborhood. The fire station should have a plaque noting that it was placed in a neighborhood to save the city millions of dollars at the expense of breaking the long held limit on downtown buildings at NE 12th St. through the placement of McCormick Park.

7. What elements from the neighborhood and community's history would you like to see represented in this project?

Summary: Survey responses ranged from a desire to highlight the adjacent wetland and parks properties to acknowledgement of historical indigenous tribal and Japanese American farming associated with the eastside to the current multi-cultural demographic of Bellevue to showcasing historical firefighting equipment and methods as well as modern technological advances in lifesaving equipment.

The final landscaping design of the fire station property will enhance the surrounding McCormick park and restore the wetland landscape. The design team will be working on how best to incorporate public art and historic and cultural elements throughout the project.

Survey Responses:

Of the 21 responses to question no. 7: 7 related to maintaining connection to the surrounding neighborhood and green spaces, 3 suggested memorials or displays related to fire fighting and 2 related to highlighting historical connections on the eastside

Neighborhood Connections & Green Spaces

- The station should be a bridge between the single family neighborhood and the downtown neighborhood. Please push back if the adjacent homeowners are NIMBYs. This needs to be a station that fits the future needs of every Bellevue resident not just the needs of next door property owners.
- Connections to McCormick park
- Embrace the Wetland environment
- The selected site has up until now been a green neighborhood area and not part of downtown Bellevue. Therefore, we would like the station design to keep the existing green and natural character of the area to the maximum.
- The historically natural and organic character of the neighborhood
- The greenspace and restored wetlands are a nice touch
- Would like to see the fire station design acknowledge the existing green and natural character of the Northtowne neighborhood in which is sited. There is a distinct difference when travelling from urban downtown Bellevue into Northtowne,

Fire Fighter & Emergency Response History

- Bellevue Fire Department Museum and Firefighter Memorial
- Store an old engine in the station to display a bit of Bellevue Fires history. Also display other old Bellevue Fire history through displays, pictures and artifacts
- Focus on modern life saving equipment and protective gear for our first responders

Other Historical Significance

- We absolutely need to see an acknowledgment of the indigenous land the station is built on, as well as an accurate acknowledgment of the Japanese-Americans who lost their farm lands during World War Two
- Japanese and immigrant farming and indigenous roots (not well represented on the Eastside)

Miscellaneous Responses

- The old house that's being removed anyway
- None. The city was a suburb before. Make this a fire station for the future.
- Ambivalent
- The fire station should have an information board regarding how a lack of neighborhood involvement can result in the City breaking its own policies to force people out of their homes and break the trust of an active neighborhood association. The history should include the roll that Northtowne Neighborhoods Association had in holding the line at NE 12th Street and 112th Ave NE against developers who wished to get the residential area rezoned to higher uses. Also how the City worked with Northtowne to create a wedding cake zoning between NE 12th and NE 8th to minimize impacts of upzoning and building massing on the adjacent neighborhood. The history should include a description of how City neighborhood associations banded together to elect City Council Members that represented the people over the developers. This includes

Margo Blacker, Georgia Zumdieck, and Maria Cane. Finally the history should include how the City failed to engage Northtowne Neighborhoods Association in the decision making process to placing the Downtown Firestation into the single family residence zoned area in defiance to the lines drawn by NE 12th Street and 112th Ave NE. Lastly the history should show how much money the City saved by foisting the Downtown Fire Station on the Northtowne Neighborhood. If a plaque is planned to commemorate the current City Council, they should be shown sitting on a pile of cash on top of Georgia Zumdieck's grave.

- Should be a pillar of the community
- Let's finally develop the Ashwood Park (so-called Field) Master Plan so people can use the Park and not have to walk up & down sidewalks for exercise. Seniors access & handicap access for Ashwood Park is essential. Tell Parks Department to get on it.
- This building seems to be designed to sit South of 12th street and be a commercial building- it screams NON NEIGHBORHOOD
- The history of Northtowne Neighborhood Association's decades of fights to prevent higher density development north of NE 12th Street as exemplified by the efforts of Georgia Zumdieck, Margo Blacker and Maria Cain, and how it was the City that eventually broke that line. The files for Northtowne Neighborhood Association are held by the local historical society and can be used to fill in the stories of the neighborhood fighting developers (and now the City) and creating an Ashwood and Northwest Bellevue neighborhood plan.
- I'd like to see a plaque in a prominent place inside Fire Station 10 dedicated to the people of Northtowne and especially those who lost their homes to provide the land

8. How should the design of Station 10 reflect the City of Bellevue?

***Summary:** Survey responses included a balance between the desire for a modern station with an international flare to a design more reflective of the surrounding neighborhood. The renderings for the Open House were conceptual and during design development, which will include selection of building materials, - consideration will be given to balancing the elements of a modern culturally diverse city with the surrounding park and adjacent neighborhoods.*

Survey Responses:

Of the 22 responses to question no. 8: 12 supported a more parklike or greenspace design to fit with the existing residential neighborhood while 8 supported a more modern design

Neighborhood Parklike or Green Space Design

- Useful, beautiful, innovative, City in a Park
- Keep a city in a park with green scape design
- More greenery to embrace the park feel
- "A city in a park" should retain all the existing mature trees to set an example for other developers and plant mature trees to screen the neighborhood from the fire station. Plantings should be of a size to immediately screen the neighborhood, not have to grow into screening in 10 for 20 years. The money saved by placing the fire station in the neighborhood single family zoned area instead of Downtown commercial zoned area will easily pay for installation and maintenance of mature trees until they are established.
- The design of the station 10 must reflect the existing green and natural character of the neighborhood and the surrounding it will be siting within. The station site is not part of downtown area, rather it is part of neighborhood and the design as city has promised during

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public meetings must blend in with the current natural character of its surrounding. A glass modern design although nice, it is in conflict and in contrast with the green and natural character of the neighborhood we live in.

- Should fit the existing neighborhood character and feel, not one in contrast with it.
- Mix of nature and civic ingenuity
- upscale, smart, eco-friendly, tech savvy
- There seems to be no symbols or representative characterization of the city that pulls from history- symbols, icons, logo's. This neighborhood was loaded with orchards, vineyards, small dairy operations and plenty of berry fields and was the working class neighborhood that raised and supported Seattle.
- It appears it was designed to reflect Downtown Bellevue in glass and polished steel. It should reflect the residential aesthetic in which it is located. Again, I point out that it is an arrogant design statement of Downtown foisted on the residential neighborhood.
- The major goal at this point should be to make sure the fire station blends in with the Northtown neighborhood. We're the ones who will be most affected by it's location.
- It should reflect the part of the City of Bellevue that is the greener Northtowne part, not specifically downtown Bellevue

Modern Design

- Bellevue is a modern international city. It should be a bold design that is also harmonious with nature, just like Bellevue. I'd love to see this building and think that it could be in Singapore or Hong Kong.
- Modern, prosperous, evolving, caring, and (especially) inclusive
- We are a very diverse place with people from all over the world. The design should reflect the best parts of architecture from every part of the world
- Big modern fire station, for a big modern City
- Current design appears to reflect our City. Take a look at the new Issaquah Fire Station from 8 years ago. See if any of those design ideas resonate. Especially the Cost Effectiveness of materials used.
- forward thinking, sustainable
- As a station looking to the future, prepared for the present. Ready for the needs and budgetary needs of the community
- Multicultural in design and thought, multi access and built accessible

Miscellaneous Responses

- No, the architecture should be elevated from the style of the sterile, cheap, cookie cutter glass buildings of Bellevue
- Bellevues past history