

# Memorandum



## City of Tempe

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**To: Mayor and City Council**  
**From: Greg Ruiz, Fire Medical Rescue Chief**  
**Date: June 3, 2016**  
**Subject: Fire Station Location Update #2**

### **Update:**

On March 17, 2016 we updated Mayor and Council on our fire station site selection and presented our findings following an extensive year long search. The proposed site presented to Mayor and Council was Estrada Park, located at 1801 E. Palomino Dr. Following the update, direction was given by Mayor and Council for Fire Medical Rescue and Community Development to participate in community outreach and continue to research all necessary matters to ensure the location is a viable site for the future station. Since March 17<sup>th</sup> the following outreach has occurred:

- March 24, 2016, meeting with Estate la Colina Association Chair and Tempe Neighborhoods Together representatives.
- April 18, 2016, article in Wrangler News with details related to proposed station site. The Wrangler also provided meeting information detailing the April 19, 2016 meeting.
- April 19, 2016, attended meeting in Estrada Park. Estimated 80 people in attendance from the neighborhood and association. Invitations were made through the Estate la Colina Association's e-mail list and postcards.
- April 20, 2016, presentation made at Tempe Parks and Golf Board meeting.
- The City has created a webpage for the Station No. 7 project with maps, documents, and charts on [tempe.gov](http://tempe.gov). The press release, calendar items and email notification for the May 24, 2016 meeting were also posted there. Additionally, messages have been posted on social media, Facebook and Twitter, about the May 24th meeting and to promote the new Station No. 7 webpage.
- May 24, 2016, a presentation was made at Arizona Community Church, 9325 S. Rural Road. The area invited by direct mail was the service area for Station No. 7 - Rural to the eastern city border, western canal to the southern city border. We also sent out emails to the area neighborhood and homeowners' associations. There were 46 in attendance.

At each meeting staff has taken questions and made every effort to provide the attendees with answers. Staff has also taken notes and plans on placing the questions not already answered at the meeting on the web page as the answers become available. The most frequent reoccurring questions at each of the meetings were related to:

- Noise
- Concerns about water retention
- Land size
- Other site options

### **Next Steps**

- RFQ/RFP process for architect
- Selection committee for architect, select architect
- Select Fire Station Development Team
- Future Council update

### **Background**

The search for City-owned land in the southern part of the City for Station No. 7 as set forth in the Station Location Study yielded very few properties that would meet Fire Medical Rescue requirements for location, access and size. However, a suitable property was identified on McClintock Drive just north of Warner Road. The southwest corner of Estrada Park, with frontage along McClintock Drive and the southern property line abutting McClintock Fountains shopping plaza meets the need for land at no cost to the City. The location in this corner of the park puts distance between the nearest residences and the station. The Fire Medical Rescue Department would require up to one and one-half (1.5) acres of property to house the new facility. The footprint of Station No. 7 would leave the majority of the park and its amenities intact, including the soccer field and basketball court. One picnic table lies within the footprint and could easily be relocated. Dependent upon final configuration, a small playground may or may not have to be relocated. Fire Medical Rescue, Community Development, and Public Works collaborated on the search.