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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:07 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

In regards to fire station being built next to our Ritz Carleton residence... It will tremendously negatively impact all residents in both Ritz buildings. My wife and I are totally against that location!

Best regards,

Alan Menzies

Standard Die International

Please excuse any typos/errors from this handheld device -

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From: Theresa Bohacik <tb0926@yahoo.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-18 21:20
Subject: Re: Regarding firehouse

My question. Why can't they build the firehouse where they are building the new tennis courts. Talk about wasting money

Sent from my iPad

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I'm an owner. 1604B. Theresa a bohacik. 732 60) 0390
At 7;30 pm on Aug 18th is the first I have heard about the move of the firehouse and' it's suggested spot
Why weren't we notified for the first meeting?
What was the outcome?
A little upset. That we had no input or other suggestions for locations
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Subject: Fire Station 86 Relocation

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Sincerely

Barbara D. Zimmer

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Date: 2021-08-18 21:24

Subject: Fire station near RITZ should be located by the Police Riviera Beach Complex and not next to RITZ

Julie, I object to any proposal for the fire station to be near RITZ 33404!

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Thank you for your consideration in view of seniors living around exposed to noise, lights, and , unnecessary chaos!

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Trilok Ted Desai 1-248-249-5703 cell

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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-18 21:58

Subject: Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Hello Dr. Botel,

Our names are Dr. Michael DeLuke and Renee DeLuke, and we own a unit in Tower B of the Ritz Carlton Singer Island. It has come to our attention that the City is considering relocating the fire station to the north side of the park, the current location of the public tennis courts.

We implore you not to disturb the gorgeous park by placing relocating the fire station to that location. We, along with other residents, find such peace and respit looking out over the community residents enjoying their gorgeous park. Placing a fire station in that location would undoubtedly disrupt the natural habitat that exists in that area of the beach.

We love watching people strolling along the Boulevard, laughing and enjoying themselves. And when events are held on the park grounds (soccer, volleyball, etc.), the park and the surrounding area are filled with competitors and onlookers alike. It is a gem that is such an asset to both the Singer Island and Riviera Beach communities, and disrupting such an amazing resource by placing a fire station anywhere on that property would be tragic, to say the least.

We promise that we, along with other residents, will fight this with all of our will and might. The primary reason we chose to purchase a unit in that location was the unique view it offered and the fact that it overlooked a natural landscape. We surely could have invested approximately \$2 million dollars in other communities, but we selected the Ritz at Singer Island largely due to the fact that it overlooked City property (i.e. the park). We trusted that the City and its leaders would preserve that park in its current format and not disrupt it by building a building, any building, on that site. Please do not betray our trust and disrupt that precious community resource.

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One of your campaign issues/positions was to "listen to the people." Well, the people of SInger Island, and most especially the residents of the Ritz, are speaking up and speaking out. And we are asking you not to disrupt the park by placing a fire station. We sincerely hope you keep your campaign pledge and listen to your constituents.

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Date: 2021-08-18 22:05

Subject: Singer Island New Fire Station Location

From: PATRICIA SCHECHTER <pschechter@aol.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-18 22:11
Subject: Re: Fire house location

Yes! Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Re: Fire house location

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 6:41 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire house location

I am an owner of a luxury condo at the Ritz Carlton at 2700 N. Ocean Drive on Singer Island. I have just become aware that the town of Riviera Beach is proposing to move the fire house permanently next to my building. This will obviously impact the value of my unit and was never contemplated by me when I bought it three years ago. This will cause a financial burden when I try to sell the unit as I fear I will not recoup my investment. Please consider not granting the town's wishes to locate the fire house there.

Thank you for your consideration. I would attend the meeting in person, however I am not in the state at the present time.

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To: jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-18 22:23

Subject: Fire station on dinger island

Hello Ms. Botel

My name is Therese rabieh and I live at the Ritz Carlton residences on Singer Island .

We learned today that the fire department will be relocating and that the plan is to have their new headquarter were the tennis courts are next to the mall. This is such a terrible idea and it interfere with the life of many people. It is next to the park where kids play in the park, very close to our building were people spent million of dollars to get a peaceful living, where people go for a walk and have dinner at restaurants and listen to music. I don't understand how they can think of such a place when there was a lot on North Ocean drive. That was recently used for planting vegetables which could have been an ideal place, as it is easy to exit. The street where the tennis court is located is most of the time blocked by delivery trucks to seven eleven and to our building hence difficult for fire trucks to exit quickly.

We appreciate if you can interfere with this decision and find a more suitable place for the fire department .

Thanks

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From: Michael LaFayette <mmlafayette@hotmail.com>

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Cc: Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; "hcairns@gmail.com" <hcairns@gmail.co

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Date: 2021-08-18 22:30

Subject: Nightmare Reimagined at Riviera Beach

Dear Ms. Botel:

We have just received notice that the town of Riviera Beach is trying to reimagine Riviera Beach in conjunction with private partnerships which is a euphemism for closing a financial gap between overloaded city projects and actual town revenues by selling currently owned property (mid island fire station) to private developers while moving services to also owned town property at the expense of local residents and tourists.

Please use this email as a record of our opposition to the fire station being relocated from mid-island to Ocean Walk plaza. The lack of notice from our building management is representative of the engineered stealth by the city to ambush its residents. Suffice it to say that if we had time to prepare a formal opposition, we would have a much more vociferous argument.

We are opposed to relocating the fire station for the following reasons:

- 1. The project allows private enterprise to buy the existing mid island fire station while relocating it to a more densely populated area which the town already owns in trust for the recreation of its residents. This has major impacts. First, a fire station or first responder proposed location is situated in a highly trafficked pedestrian walkway along the beach and its small businesses of entertainment, restaurants and shopping terminating on a 90-degree corner with impaired sight lines for emergency vehicle exiting the proposed location. Within 50 yards there is an immediate traffic light to N Ocean Dr. on a similar curve on the downslope of Blue Heron bridge/commercial where vehicles race to beat the light at the corner where one enters an area of private residential towers. Have you looked at national highway statistics for a proposed fire station in this location with these attributes and calculated the numbers of car accidents it will create and subsequent traffic deaths?
- 2. If you are aware of the acoustic dynamics of that neighborhood you would know that the noise level from live music at the Drunken Goat and outside bar seating areas along the strip is amplified by the architecture of existing structures in that neighborhood. The existing amplification of noise is already being addressed and a fire station would add to that noise pollution and frequency of disturbance. The decibel level already exceeds permit condition requirements.
- 3. In 2007, the city of Riviera Beach allowed the developer to construct residences with a permit condition which outlined specific improvements to the beach which included the very tennis courts that the proposed fire station will now be occupying. These tennis courts are an amenity for the public enjoyment of all they are not for finding an inexpensive location to relocate a fire station!

Further, the noise pollution impacts more than just the residential abutters. It also impacts the quite enjoyment of the town's residents visiting the park beach, the retailers and restaurants on the plaza which will now be burdened by sirens from a fire station that would dispatch more than 2000 departures per month.

We anticipate that the town may propose a silent exit from the station but 50 yards down the road is the intersection to N Ocean Blvd. and local municipalities require audible caution signals when approaching an intersection, aka hot spot, which means horns and sirens blasting. Dispatching fire equipment and emergency vehicles is not only dangerous in this location it may also be illegal at best and perhaps lethal at worst.

In summary, we are opposed to the reimagine project which unnecessarily relocates the fire station to a peaceful park. The benefit of private developers is to the detriment of residents living in direct proximity to the proposed location by impacting their quality of life through noise pollution, jeopardizing the safety of pedestrians and disrupting traffic flow that will inevitably lead to deaths all the while reneging on a condition proposed by the town ten years ago to give Riviera Beach residents a recreational area shared by all. This is not an equitable town government proposal for the people or residents of Riviera Beach it is a land grab.

Please join us in opposing the relocation of the fire station.

Sincerely,

Michael Lafayette Heather Cairns

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From: Alan Menzies <amenzies@standarddie.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-18 23:18
Subject: Re: Fire station

Thank you for the quick reply Julia, I hope you feel better soon.

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Alan Menzies

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:07 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

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Best regards,

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From: Deborah Strand <dstrand@onesothebysrealty.com>

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Cc: "Schavemaker, Dirk" <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; "jbotel@rivierabeach.org" <jbotel@

rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-18 23:51

Subject: Fire station proposed location.

Hello-

I would like an analysts to where most of calls to service go? Secondly why is this not being built on a lower cost parcel in Riveria Beach than on high end beach front property. Also, where is the analysts with our tax payers funds vs rebuilding on the current site? We at the Ritz Carlton Singer Island Residences have been kept a secret and we are most impacted, why is that?

You should assume that this will be fought using every tool available to protect our property value.

I would also like to see if there has been an independent appraisal on what this would mean to property values at the Ritz Carlton Residences.

Deborah Strand

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Date: 2021-08-19 01:04

Subject: Re: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

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Subject: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 06:50
Subject: Re: Regarding firehouse

Unfortunately — to me — this sounds like a done deal.

I'm not happy with it. My gosh. The back of the parking lot is better in so many way especially egress and ingress. Doesn't sound like your office will be fighting for change. To me anyway. And. Yes I did have faith in you to look after Singer Island residence

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At 7;30 pm on Aug 18th is the first I have heard about the move of the firehouse and' it's suggested spot

Why weren't we notified for the first meeting?
What was the outcome?
A little upset. That we had no input or other suggestions for locations
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Cc: Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; 1 Nancy Wife <nmurdolo@msn.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 07:06

Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

Attachments: 📙 Town Hall Flyer .pdf

Good morning Julie,

My wife Nancy and I are residents at 2700 North Ocean Drive in Riviera Beach. We were very upset to learn about plans to relocate the new fire station next to our residential condominium building.

We have no doubt of the importance and need for a state-of-the-art facility and we are certain that the design will be beautiful. However there is no getting around the incredible noise factor that will be ever present every time the firetrucks are dispatched from the new location. We have a bird's eye view of the North Ocean Drive traffic light and intersection as well as the traffic flow on the streets that will be impacted by relocating the fire station.

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Kind regards,

Frank & Nancy Murdolo 2700 North Ocean Drive Apartment 2506B

PS We are sorry to hear about your diagnosis of a Covid breakthrough and wish you a very speedy and safe recovery.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schavemaker, Dirk" < Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: August 18, 2021 at 8:26:18 PM EDT

To: "Schavemaker, Dirk" <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com> Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council

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To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 08:23

Subject: Proposed New Fire Station, Riviera Beach

Hi Mrs. Julie Botel,

I just wanted to send a quick note with regards to the proposed Location for the New Fire Station I learned about last night.

While I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, I would like to voice my opposition to this location. Both personally and professionally this location makes absolutely no sense!

From the residences, the tourist,/tourism, the existing businesses, and frankly the attraction of this area for all to enjoy a morning or evening walk, local visit to the restaurants, etc. having a Fire Station dead middle or similar is insanity.

Thank you in advance for listening,

Ron McAfee Jr.

Ritz Carlton Condo owner, Tower A

From: Paula Torre <petbenedetto@gmail.com>

To: "jbotel@rivierabeach.org" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 09:04

Subject: Proposed New Location of Fire Station

Dear Mrs. Botel,

I hope this email finds you very well.

Unfortunately I am actually abroad and shall not be able to attend this afternoon meeting.

It was a shocking surprise to learn that the City of Riviera Beach is planning to place the new fire station at the Ocean Walk next to our building.

This new proposed location would undoubtfully mean the ruin of our property values. Although they might say that the existing fire station is located next to two residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values, it cannot be compared at all with the locarion of the new proposed one. If you just have a 360 degrees look at the street view and you consider the design, positioning and orientation of our two buildings, you will realize the enormous damage they will suffer. The proposed new location blocks our views and destroys the whole atmosphere which made us fall in love with Singer Island and choose the Ritz to be our home: the silent dark nights with very low lights because of the turtles, whole families playing tennis and walking carelessly by, slow and careful traffic, small children playing on the playground, and all of these taking place with the only noise of the waves...

Please, do help us to keep these invaluable treasures which make Singer Island such a beautiful unique place.

There are surely far better spots where to relocate the fire station permanently, just a little further away from the residential area. I think there is no need to spoil neither the access to the beach nor the calm ambience of the mall and our building.

Please, take good care of it. Thank you so much for your time and hard work.

Best regards, Paula Torre 2700 N Ocean Dr Riviera Beach

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From: Regina Crews <rcrews77@aol.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 09:09

Subject: Singer island fire station

Ms.Botel,

First of all, I hope you are recovering from COVID with no complications.

I am contacting you with regards to the relocation of the fire station. I am a residence owner at the Ritz. I do not believe that our building is any better than any other on the island. That is not the part of the reasons that I strongly oppose it. I know it was mentioned that the sirens would not start until after the units are on Ocean Dr but, we deal with a lot of confusion constantly from the public beach and the businesses next door. This would just add to that. I don't think other buildings had all those components when the fire station was near them. If you're going to relocate the tennis courts to the other end, why not just put the station on the other end?? There are vacant areas on North Ocean and while they may be costly, they make more sense. The area you are proposing is a park. It is used constantly. Just because it's cheaper does it really make the most sense? Your Reimagine campaign is very thoughtful. This is not.

I do think people will leave our building, I probably will not. I am blessed to own my condo. I did not grow up with the lifestyle I am able to afford today, but I do take pride in what I have been blessed with. I have friends and acquaintances at the Ritz that will not feel that way. I know it will be great tax losses to Riviera

Just asking that you carefully weigh all the options before making a final decision.

Sincerely,

Regina Crews

Ritz Residence owner

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From: jane riggi <janeriggi@msn.com>

To: "jbotel@rivierabeach.org" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 09:13

Subject: Proposed fire station on singer island

Julie,

My name is Jane Riggi, I'm reaching out to you to express my strong opposition to the proposed location of the fire station on Singer island. I am a resident of the Ritz Carlton in the B tower on the 23rd floor. I currently look down at at one of the most beautiful public beaches in the state of Florida. It is a perfect oases for the residents of Riviera beach. Many children and families take advantage of this space for picnics, volleyball tournaments, beach access, I can go on. There has to be an alternative location for the fire house. This space must be preserved. I thank you for your representation and ask that you side with the residents and families of Riviera beach on this issue.

From: K M <kmac6000@gmail.com>
To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Cc: megan mcdonald <megan_mcdonald@me.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 09:27

Subject: Fire Station 86 Relocation

Hi Julie,

I am a Singer Island resident and writing you regarding Fire Station 86 Relocation. The questions and concerns I have about this relocation are as follows:

- 1. In light of the collapse of Miami's Surfside condo, whose deterioration may have been accelerated by an adjacent, significant construction project, would it be possible for the city to commission an independent study to determine how the construction of a new Fire Station might impact the structural integrity of the 26-story high rise condos that located are just 100 feet from the proposed site of the new Station?
- 2. Could the existing Station location/site be significantly remediated or rebuilt to eliminate or significantly reduce the impact or issues caused by a king tide, which may only occur at that location perhaps once per year?
- 3. Would the cost to relocate the Station to Ocean Walk (and related displacement of a children's park, tennis courts, and the overall beautiful aesthetic of the Ocean Walk sand park on which many community activities are held) be more than cost to remediate the existing site to get it free of any king tide flooding that may occur once per year? Has an independent study been conducted to answer this?
- 4. If the tennis courts can be readily moved to the south end of Ocean Walk, might the Station be moved there instead? That way the Station would be closer to the Palm Beach Shores Marriott properties, which seems to be where the Station's firetrucks and rescue vehicles respond to the most per my observations.
- 5. The proposed location is very heavily trafficked by pedestrians, cars, and delivery trucks (18 wheelers). The delivery trucks (18 wheelers) continually park next to or in front of the 7-Eleven throughout the day and middle of the night, and often block or impede the existing traffic coming into and out of Ocean Walk. I would think the ready egress needed by fire trucks and rescue vehicles to respond to emergencies would be significantly impacted by this heavy traffic, and in particular these big delivery trucks (18 wheelers), and so this Station being located so deep back behind Ocean Walk is less than optimal for a Fire Station. For this reason alone it seems the proposed location should be moved to one that is right on N. Ocean Drive, instead of 3 blocks deep behind it in an obstructed location with narrow street lanes.
- 6. As for impact to property values, I have heard the argument that the proposed location would not impact residential property values because the existing Station location has not impacted property values of the condo buildings near to it. I drove past the existing Station location this morning and it is 5-6 football fields away from either of the condos behind it (Station is right on the street, the condos are way far back and on the beach). This would not be the case for the proposed location and so property values of the condo next to the proposed location will be affected. This is because the high rise condos next to the proposed site are located just 100 feet away it (not 5-6 football fields away).

There has to be a better location to relocate the Fire Station to. Thank you for your attention to this.

I understand you have Covid with mild symptoms. I hope that you get through it without any complications. Please get better.

Ken McDonald

Singer Island resident

EXTERNAL SENDER

From: "Buikus, Walter" <walter.buikus@myfloridahouse.gov>

To: Julia Botel <jbotel@rivierabch.com>

Cc: "Sammie T. Brown" <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Bcc: jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 09:27

Subject: Fwd: 1st Death from floating docks

Attachments: L H21ca004564_order.lozman.pdf ~WRD0002.jpg

Case update. Result below:

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- A. Within 20 days of the effective date of this Order the Defendant, Fane Lozman, shall remove all of the concrete blocks, containers, and other structures placed on the Property consistent with the requirements of the Department's Final Order.
- B. Refrain from the placement, deposit, or storage of any additional structures or fill on the Property until a resolution of the above styled case is reached or further written order of this Court.
- C. In recognition of the public interest and in accordance with Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.610(2)(b), this Court dispenses with the bond requirement.
- D. Defendant's request to stay this action pending resolution of Fane Lozman v. State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, et al., No. 50-2021-CA-004143 (15th Jud. Cir.) is DENIED.

DONE AND ORDERED this 16th day of August, 2021, in Chambers, in Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Good, Zach" <Zach.Good@floridadep.gov>
Date: August 17, 2021 at 1:40:57 PM EDT

To: "Buikus, Walter" < Walter. Buikus@myfloridahouse.gov>

Subject: RE: Fw: 1st Death from floating docks

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Walter,

The Court granted DEP's motion for temporary injunction. See attached.

Thanks,

Zach

From: Buikus, Walter < Walter. Buikus@myfloridahouse.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:00 PM

To: Steele, Patrick <Patrick.Steele@FloridaDEP.gov> **Subject:** FW: Fw: 1st Death from floating docks

Please see attached. PDF so there isn't anything graphic. But emails below detail the situation.

Walter Buikus
House District 89
Legislative Aide to FL State Representative Mike Caruso

District#: (561)-750-2396

Tallahassee#: (850)-717-5089

From: mike caruso <mikecaruso7@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:19 PM

To: Buikus, Walter < Walter. Buikus@myfloridahouse.gov>; Computerservice@att.net

Subject: Fwd: Fw: 1st Death from floating docks

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Walter,

Please print email and attachments (in color) and accumulate a file on this issue. I would like to go over the file with you to determine our next steps.

Someone died and we need to move urgently on the issue.

Mike

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Matt Lynch < computerservice@att.net >

Date: Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 5:10 PM Subject: Fw: 1st Death from floating docks

To: <mikecaruso7@gmail.com>

Hi Mike, A worker hired by Lozman on his submerged land died and death is under investigation. If they would have listen to what I stated and hired a subcontractor to remove, this poor guy would still be alive, he had 2 children 10 & 15 years old.

Read below what I sent to all the agencies before and after the death happened and see attachments. I know you spoke to the DEP very passionately, but they need to remove and bill him so no one else gets hurt. You can see the trail of emails I sent and they did establish legal action, but nothing about removing to keep someone from crashing into these structures that keep breaking loose.

Thank You .

Matt Lynch

cell: 908-239-8805

From: Matt Lynch

Sent: Monday, July 5, 2021 12:08 PM

To: kirk.white@floridadep.gov; todd.f.polk@usace.army.mil; jonathan.c.pempek@usace.army.mil;

andrew.d.kelly@usace.army.mil; matthew.knoll@dep.state.fl.us

Cc: <u>brandon.adkins@usdoj.gov</u>; <u>sydney.menees@usdoj.gov</u>; Jason Andreotta; Anthony Doris

Subject: 1st Death from floating docks

Hi, So unfortunate that Darren a worker hired by Lozman drowned today (according to girlfriend of deceased) and you can see the picture with yellow tarp of body location, right at 5101 ocean drive (lozmans submerged land address) right next to the floating docks that keep breaking loose "dead Darren.pdf". If you

could have all just done what my previous email below suggested and hire a sub contractor to remove these dangerous docks, this guy would still be alive. Detectives are investigating what happened but Lozman was in his boat and found body (according to girlfriend). Girlfriend of deceased claims she got call from Darren that he needed sawzaw for docks and she drove over bringing it 30 to 35 minutes latter, so he was only in the water for maximum of 35 minutes, and when she got there lozman had a rope around Darrens arm and was dragging him face down in the water??? and only then 911 was called. Don't understand how this could have happened when fire station with paramedics is 500 feet away.

Please immediately before someone else dies or gets hurt, remove all of these dangerous structures, what more needs to happen ????, Next door blowing up with people taking pictures of docks drifting, please read this one from 2 days ago with picture "sugar sands loose dock.pdf", here is another dock that broke free and intercostal is very close "another loose dock.pdf"

Additionally lozman has posted on next door that he has ordered a new container and showed a pic of whats coming and you can read about he bragging about it 4 days ago "lozman new container.pdf"

Thank you,
Matt Lynch

Cell: 908-239-8805

E-mail: Computerservice@att.net

From: Matt Lynch

Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 2:29 PM

To: <u>kirk.white@floridadep.gov</u>; <u>todd.f.polk@usace.army.mil</u>; <u>jonathan.c.pempek@usace.army.mil</u>; andrew.d.kelly@usace.army.mil; matthew.knoll@dep.state.fl.us

Cc: brandon.adkins@usdoj.gov; sydney.menees@usdoj.gov; Jason Andreotta

Subject: ANOTHER FLOATING DOCK LOOSE FROM Lozmans submerged land.

Hi all, yet another floating dock broke loose from Fane Lozman's submerged land Today 7/1/21 around 1 pm (5101 Ocean Drive Riviera Beach, FL 33404). I cant stress enough how furious I would be if someone got killed or hurt hitting these docks with boats after notice has been given to all the agencies. We are heading into the busiest boat traffic holiday week of the year, and we have another dock drifting aimlessly out towards one of the busiest sections of intercostal in the State. I know you are trying and have litigation, but again that is not helping the immediate dangers and only highlights what I have said previously, that there needs to be agents that immediately protect the navigation, environment and the public, not just fine the individual that caused the problem. Wouldn't it make sense (even in legal terms) when there is clear & eminent danger to the public, that the Army Corp or Dep hires a subcontractor or local agents that remove the threat of navigational hazards to the public, then sue him afterwards for the costs. I have attached picture "photo dock 7-1.jpg" and short video where you can see it floating "video dock 7-1.mov". Remember these are approx 2000lbs and made of concrete according to Reinaldo from Lagoon keepers. Thank you for all your doing. Additionally Fane has parked in front of my house multiple times recently to intimidate and harass as there is no other reason for him to be there, he does this because I have emailed agencies like this email either for the environmental species that don't have a voice or for the safety of the public.

Thank you, Matt Lynch Cell: 908-239-8805

E-mail: Computerservice@att.net

From: Matt Lynch

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:41 AM

To: kirk.white@floridadep.gov; todd.f.polk@usace.army.mil; jonathan.c.pempek@usace.army.mil; andrew.d.kelly@usace.army.mil; matthew.knoll@dep.state.fl.us

Subject: 3 PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL

No response from any of you??? LOOKS LIKE 3 PEOPLES WERE HOSPITALIZED AFTER HITTING A CONCRETE BLOCK, AND NEXT DOOR IS BLOWING UP WITH COMMENTS ABOUT WHY THE AGENCIES ARE NOT REMOVING THE 42 FLOATING DOCKS THAT MAY HAVE CAUSE THIS ACCIDENT AND POTENTIALLY COULD CAUSE MORE.

AREA: Singer Island Lake worth lagoon, west of A1A (ocean drive) east of little munyon island.

Lots of comments on next door like this one.

Let me state the obvious. 1-the marine police should have investigated...it would be an easy matter to compare the block in the accident with those at Lozman's dock. I would be surprised if that had not been done and the police report should be readily available. 2-I sold my last boat 2 years ago (I am up in age) but if I still had a boat, I would be insisting that the various government agencies clear the waterways and threatening a lawsuit for specific performance or a writ of mandamus, i.e. basically a court order forcing the government to do its job of keeping the waterways clear and/or clearing out the Lozman construction which is found to be illegal. 3-I am a retired civil defense lawyer (represented corporations, hospitals, insurance companies, etc) and suspect and hope those injured parties have retained a good plaintiffs' attorney to sue either Lozman if the block is identified as his, or suit against the government agencies responsible for clearing the waterways, if the ownership cannot be identified. Grate case! A good plaintiff attorney would get the necessary investigation completed promptly. 4-there are boating and sporting clubs intimately involved in keeping the waterways cleared. Someone should be encouraged to get them involved in clearing the waterways.

Thank you,
Matt Lynch
Computer Service LLC
Cell: 908-239-8805
web: www.Imagesetters.net

E-mail: Computerservice@att.net

From: Matt Lynch

Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 2:42 PM

To: <u>kirk.white@floridadep.gov</u>; <u>todd.f.polk@usace.army.mil</u>; <u>jonathan.c.pempek@usace.army.mil</u>;

andrew.d.kelly@usace.army.mil

Subject: Saftey & floating structures

AREA: Singer Island Lake worth lagoon, west of A1A (ocean drive) east of little munyon island.

I have been super nice to all reps of both DEP and Army corps, but It is just baffling how long the DEP & Army Corp is letting the destruction of the mangroves/bottomlands go on & how there is no immediate response for incredible documented safety threats (multiple times year after year to boaters (large containers and multiple 2000lb floating docks that break loose drift completely across intercostal). I know both agencies are "trying" with letters and fines which NONE have been collected in 3 YEARS, yet each week brings more damage and safety threats. The biggest problem with both agencies in my opinion after dealing with

both for years, is that they rely on cooperation from the offender. However if the offender doesn't cooperate and plays hardball one thing is for sure, the environment suffers and the public is put in danger with loose structure drifting aimlessly. I really believe both agencies need to hire enforcement officers and get rid of some paper pushers. Both agencies in this area have failed to provide safety for the waterway & have failed to protect the environment for years and years, The floating home in the last few days broke loose once again from high winds and the concrete dock structures are actually on top of mangroves (large ones). Just Yesterday Large wooden debris (Table and picnic bench style furniture) blew off deck of container and Pilot boat of rowing team thankfully picked floating debris before someone hit it and brought to shoreline. Also its just a matter of time before someone gets hurt as these docks and complete floating structure have broke loose and went across busy intercostal (obviously with no navigation lights) also various concrete docks have broken loose and lay low in the water, if a small center console hits these, it will throw the operator out of the vessel. Let this email be written notice as I have told the DEP & Army Corp countless times over a 3 year period that someone is going to get hurt, besides all the environmental damage. I have attached a PDF file that shows the history of these floating structures and the damage that has been caused. Please do your jobs and protect the environment and the safety of the intercostal.

Thank you, Matt Lynch Computer Service LLC Cell: 908-239-8805

E-mail: Computerservice@att.net

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Thank You,

Michael A. Caruso

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Suite #501A

Delray Beach, FL 33483

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EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Michael Wystrach <mike@freshly.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 09:35
Subject: Fire Station 86

Dear Mrs. Botel,

I wanted to write to you in regards to the possible location of Fire Station 86 at the South Dog Park and experience my strong objection to the location. As you are well aware Riviera Beach continues to lag behind its neighboring communities significantly on property values and tax revenue. We literally share a bay with some of the highest priced real estate in the world. The proposed location of Fire Station 86 makes ZERO sense when we think about catching up to our neighbors.

This is a highly valuable property that could be used any number of ways to either increase property values in the area, thus driving tax revenue. Or be redeveloped to drive jobs, sales tax revenue, commercial taxes, and property taxes. This money can then be reinvested into the community, creating higher property values, more taxes and more reinvestment. This is what our neighbors in West Palm Beach have executed over the last 20 year and Palm Beach over the last 50 years.

I appreciate the need for public services like fire stations and the importance of building new stations but using the city's most desirable real estate on the beach makes little to no sense.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this email and weighing many opinions on this issue.

I hope the city council makes the right long-term decision for Riviera Beach, by voting to NOT permanently locate Fire Station 86 at the South Dog Park.

Resident:

Ritz Carlton Residence 2700 N Ocean Dr. Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Regards

Michael Wystrach CEO & Founder 115 E 23rd St, FI 7, New York, NY 10010 We Are Hiring!

EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Katherine Finelli <finellik@icloud.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 09:38
Subject: Proposed fire station

Dear Ms. Botel,

I just learned of a proposed fire station that will be built next to the Ritz Carlton. As an owner at the Ritz, I am shocked and disappointed that the board would even consider such a proposal. The public beach and park area next to the Ritz are one of the reasons we bought a property there!! Why would you destroy a public beach area that so many people use and enjoy? In addition, our property values will drop significantly! The Ritz has the most expensive condos on Singer Island. Of all of the areas you could choose, that has to be the most devastating in terms of our property values and for the community as a whole. I strongly oppose what the city is doing!!

Sincerely,

Kathy Finelli

Sent from my iPad

From: Brian Fannon

 bwfannon@yahoo.com>

To: "stbrown@rivierabeach.org" <stbrown@rivierabeach.org>

<jjfannon000@yahoo.com>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 09:38

Subject: Fire station at Riviera Beach Park

Dear Mr. Brown,

We own a condo on the 4th floor at the Ritz Carlton overlooking where the City is considering placing a new fire station. We strongly urge the City not to proceed in this area since the noise that this station will produce will be of a very high decibel (even if sirens are not turned on until Ocean Blvd. which seems to be a dangerous solution). Also, the traffic pattern at this interchange is already congested with delivery trucks to the 7-11 and the Ritz Carlton loading dock. Trash is also picked up 3 times a week at both the Ritz Carlton and 7-11 at this intersection which is already causing major congestion and noise. Please look at the security cameras at this interchange and you will also see the many pedestrians who cross the road to the beach, playground and tennis courts at this point on a daily basis.

We would suggest that if a fire station must be built in the park that it be at the south end of the park next to the Palm Beach Shores Resort and across from Johnny Longboats restaurant where it will not affect as many permanent residents and have access to a better interchange. This would also save the money for the relocation of the tennis courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian and Jan Fannon

EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Bill Atkinson <billatkinson6222@att.net>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 10:14

Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: New Fire Station proposal for Riviera Beach/Singer Island

Mrs. Botel,

Thank you for your email. I am so sorry to hear of your Covid diagnosis and wish you the speediest of recoveries. Hopefully, the news is correct that, while very contagious, this variant is more mild than some in the past.

Secondly, thank you for the added information you sent. When I wrote last night, I was under the impression that the final vote was tonight and I had just heard of the issue. Hence, I wrote hurriedly - as I have learned many of my co-residents did also.

It will not surprise you or your colleagues that, notwithstanding what you have presented, I and my neighbors remain firmly against locating this fire station essentially in our bedrooms. I will address your points one-by-one below as best I can - again being new to the issue.

- 1. Sound: While it may help some that the sirens may not be turned on for the first block of any journey, that will not help me as my unit and those of at least 57 of my neighbors are still "right there," within maybe 200 feet. And not only are the sirens exceedingly loud, so are the trucks engines. While I don't have sound measuring equipment, I am certain that the sounds emanating from these trucks and sirens will greatly exceed the local noise ordinances by which citizens are required to abide. I'm sure the fire trucks are exempted from any such ordinance, but the point is the same, they are exceedingly loud even up and down N. Ocean Drive. Singer Island is a tranquil, park-like setting that is enjoyed by its residents precisely for that reason. Please do not ruin the expectations, plans, and finances of the residents with this burdensome proposal.
- 2. Tennis courts: Relocation of the courts solves the needs of tennis players, but that is not so much the issue. The fire station is the issue and putting it in our water front park in a most burdensome place will remove park land from the city that will never be reclaimed. (I have also heard that the city is planning to allow developers to "join" its efforts (through its "Reimagine" projects?), if this is true and more park land is taken, and more and higher buildings built, Singer Island and its amazing views to the south will be ruined forever. Bigger and higher, is not in any sense better.)
- 3. Property by bridge: The price asked by the owner of the property by the bridge is not what the city would pay using its eminent domain powers. Plus, the lot (all of which would not be required for a fire station), is appraised by the city at just under \$6M, and brings taxes annually of only \$129,078. Assuming that only about 1/2 of the lot would be needed for a fire station, that would cost the city very little in tax revenues; likely much less than devaluing the residences of some 300 taxpayer and citizens. The Ritz Residences, being vertical, are highly dense and putting this noise nuisance so near them will impact the values many valuable residences, far more than the subject lot. Putting it near a bridge and away from the ocean is a much better choice. (The city could even accommodate fireboats/ambulances at that location).
- 3a. And if park land is the city's choice because of cost, why not Phil Foster Park? It is further away from any residence, closer to the main road, and won't nearly burden residents during the night as much as would a fire station located next to two vertically dense residential towers. And Phil Foster Park is plenty big enough for a firehouse; indeed, it too could also house fireboats and water rescue equipment. Ocean Reef Park is also a possibility. At least Ocean Reef Park is bigger and buffered, so the station would not be as close to residents' bedrooms.
- 4. Other properties: I don't know what other properties the city has considered, but the city's eminent domain powers will lower the cost of any private property it acquires. And yes, tax revenues are important, but park land is precious. Once it is used in this manner, it is lost forever.
- 5. Devices: This is a small point, but why inhibit use of park land by pedestrians at all when it is not necessary (much less wanted by the taxpayers that live there)? A fire station is a utility, not an amenity. We live in a park like setting and moved there for that purpose. Please consider whether you would want this next to your own bedroom. This park is not the place for a utility, especially when other significantly less burdensome choices are readily available. Our tranquility, once disturbed, will be lost forever.
- 6. Current location/property values: I'm not sure how you can say that the current location has not hurt the property values there. How would you know as the statement assumes a hypothetical? Maybe, it is because there is more space there in which to hide it. That said, whatever value diminution the fire station has caused, the residents there likely bought their homes knowing about the fire station, and thus paid less, and won't have their expectations shattered by the city. We will. The easiest solution is not to move the current fire station at all. (I discuss the king tides below).
- 7. King Tides: I cannot accept that the current location cannot be upfit to deal with king tides. Wherever on the beach a fire station is built, it will have to built so as to be above flood/tide stage. Dirt/gravel/rock can be moved in to raise the land, or concrete can be poured to do likewise. What is true at the current location is true on Ocean Drive. Flooding and tides can be a problem, but moving the fire station from its current location doesn't solve problems for the city, it adds to them and in doing so, burdens additional residents and taxpayers. (And the cost of building a new station can't be the issue as that is what is being proposed in any event. The same for demolition, I would expect. Surely, the city isn't going to abandon a building that floods).
- 8. Community input: I'm glad you are going to ask for community input; I trust/hope that you will do so before this vote. I cannot imagine any residents wanting to add a fire station to this park land. It is an exceedingly poor choice.

9. I look forward to the presentations and more discussion. And I thank you for your time and service.

In the end, putting this fire station at the base of our residential towers may be expedient or easy for the city. But it is decidedly not a good solution for the city or the citizens it serves. Thank you for considering these views.

Get well, and call me any time if you would like to discuss the above.

Kindly yours,

Bill Atkinson

704-904-5566

On Aug 18, 2021, at 7:29 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

Mr. Atkinson,

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me.

There is a meeting on this important topic tomorrow, Thursday, at 6:00. It will take place at the Marina Event Center and will also be televised. People can submit questions to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I encourage you to do so prior to the meeting. I understand that you cannot attend, but please watch if you are able.

There have been 2 meetings so far on this topic. I am attaching the flyers for the meetings so that you can log into tomorrow's meeting virtually.

There will also be a televised Singer Island Town Hall meeting that will include this topic. That will take place on Tuesday. August 24 at 6:00 at the Ambassador Center at 1229 East Blue Heron. It will also be televised. Again, questions and comments can be submitted to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I am attaching the flyer for that meeting.

Some concerns that have been expressed previously:

- *The fire engines will not use sirens and lights until they reach North Ocean Drive.
- *The tennis courts will be relocated to the south end of the park.
- *The owner of the property at the end of the bridge wants more than \$20 million for it. Purchasing it would take it off the tax rolls. We already own the property at the park.
- *Other properties such as the vacant banks would also be cost-prohibitive (\$3-\$5 million) and take those parcels off the tax rolls.
- *Devices will be installed at the parking lot at the Ocean Walk Mall so that pedestrians and cars will not be allowed to proceed onto that road when the fire trucks are leaving or entering the station.
- *The existing fire station is located next to TWO residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values.
- *The current station is in the flood plain and cannot be renovated. In a king tide, the station floods. It has reached the end of its useful life and must be vacated.
- *The City hopes to obtain community input as to the future use of that building. We will be conducting a survey of all residents.
- *The vote on the placement of the fire station will not take place for quite some time. The City is planning several charrettes about it and would be happy to have a special presentation to the residents of the Ritz.

Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with COVID yesterday ("breakthrough" and mild) and so will not be able to attend the meetings in person. However, I feel confident that Chief Curd and City Manager Evans will be able to answer all your questions and respond to your concerns. I am

copying them on this reply so that they can provide additional information if they are able.

Regards,

Julie

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

City Councilwoman

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From: Bill Atkinson < billatkinson6222@att.net > Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:08 PM

To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: New Fire Station proposal for Riviera Beach/Singer Island

Dear Mrs. Botel,

My name is Bill Atkinson and I am a new owner on the south side of the B tower of the Ritz Carlton Residences on Singer Island. My unit is on the 12th floor and as such my unit (and master bedroom) will be very close to any firetruck travel/noise that the new fire station will occasion (regularly).

I know and acknowledge that fire stations are needed, yet they are very noisy as well - and can greatly affect property values in a negative manner. My wife and I bought here, in part, to get away from noise and into a residential area. Indeed, where we lived last (on Clearwater Beach), we had a nearby fire station and the noise was a major part of our decision to move. Fire stations are loud and the noise is 24/7. Thus, my chagrin in hearing of the city's plans to turn our nearby tennis courts into a new fire station. Might I inquire as to why the city feels the need for a new fire station on Ocean Drive, when there are already two (Nos. 1 and 3) so very close? Indeed, No. 3 is one mile away to the North and No. 2 is about 2.2 miles away to the West. And even if another station is needed, locations that appear less burdensome to so many are clearly available. The currently proposed location will almost literally be in the bedrooms of every unit is our buildings - hundreds of them. Not only will this noise bother the residents greatly, but it will likely negatively affect property values (and thus lower tax revenues

accordingly). Whereas the other locations I mention below will burden mostly businesses or not be so near any residences. In that regard, there are several vacant lots east of the Blue Heron Bridge on the south side of East Blue Heron Blvd. Or, why not under the bridge or otherwise in Phil Foster Park - a space further away from most residential areas, but still nearby?

Again, I realize that fire stations are important, but living near one is most bothersome. Singer Island is mostly a residential oasis. Please, please, in making your decision, try to burden less rather than more. Please decline to add this fire station at all, or put it elsewhere. Please don't spoil our park like setting by removing tennis to make room for an unneeded, burdensome and costly fire station. I am happy to discuss this further with you, yet I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow night. I can be reached by phone at 704-904-5566 at your convenience. Thank you,

Bill Atkinson 2700 N. Ocean Dr. Unit 1205B Riviera Beach FL 33404.

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EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Bill Atkinson <billatkinson6222@att.net>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 10:14

Subject: Re: New Fire Station proposal for Riviera Beach/Singer Island

Mrs. Botel,

Thank you for your email. I am so sorry to hear of your Covid diagnosis and wish you the speediest of recoveries. Hopefully, the news is correct that, while very contagious, this variant is more mild than some in the past.

Secondly, thank you for the added information you sent. When I wrote last night, I was under the impression that the final vote was tonight and I had just heard of the issue. Hence, I wrote hurriedly - as I have learned many of my co-residents did also.

It will not surprise you or your colleagues that, notwithstanding what you have presented, I and my neighbors remain firmly against locating this fire station essentially in our bedrooms. I will address your points one-by-one below as best I can - again being new to the issue.

- 1. Sound: While it may help some that the sirens may not be turned on for the first block of any journey, that will not help me as my unit and those of at least 57 of my neighbors are still "right there," within maybe 200 feet. And not only are the sirens exceedingly loud, so are the trucks engines. While I don't have sound measuring equipment, I am certain that the sounds emanating from these trucks and sirens will greatly exceed the local noise ordinances by which citizens are required to abide. I'm sure the fire trucks are exempted from any such ordinance, but the point is the same, they are exceedingly loud even up and down N. Ocean Drive. Singer Island is a tranquil, park-like setting that is enjoyed by its residents precisely for that reason. Please do not ruin the expectations, plans, and finances of the residents with this burdensome proposal.
- 2. Tennis courts: Relocation of the courts solves the needs of tennis players, but that is not so much the issue. The fire station is the issue and putting it in our water front park in a most burdensome place will remove park land from the city that will never be reclaimed. (I have also heard that the city is planning to allow developers to "join" its efforts (through its "Reimagine" projects?), if this is true and more park land is taken, and more and higher buildings built, Singer Island and its amazing views to the south will be ruined forever. Bigger and higher, is not in any sense better.)
- 3. Property by bridge: The price asked by the owner of the property by the bridge is not what the city would pay using its eminent domain powers. Plus, the lot (all of which would not be required for a fire station), is appraised by the city at just under \$6M, and brings taxes annually of only \$129,078. Assuming that only about 1/2 of the lot would be needed for a fire station, that would cost the city very little in tax revenues; likely much less than devaluing the residences of some 300 taxpayer and citizens. The Ritz Residences, being vertical, are highly dense and putting this noise nuisance so near them will impact the values many valuable residences, far more than the subject lot. Putting it near a bridge and away from the ocean is a much better choice. (The city could even accommodate fireboats/ambulances at that location).
- 3a. And if park land is the city's choice because of cost, why not Phil Foster Park? It is further away from any residence, closer to the main road, and won't nearly burden residents during the night as much as would a fire station located next to two vertically dense residential towers. And Phil Foster Park is plenty big enough for a firehouse; indeed, it too could also house fireboats and water rescue equipment. Ocean Reef Park is also a possibility. At least Ocean Reef Park is bigger and buffered, so the station would not be as close to residents' bedrooms.
- 4. Other properties: I don't know what other properties the city has considered, but the city's eminent domain powers will lower the cost of any private property it acquires. And yes, tax revenues are important, but park land is precious. Once it is used in this manner, it is lost forever.
- 5. Devices: This is a small point, but why inhibit use of park land by pedestrians at all when it is not necessary (much less wanted by the taxpayers that live there)? A fire station is a utility, not an amenity. We live in a park like setting and moved there for that purpose. Please consider whether you would want this next to your own bedroom. This park is not the place for a utility, especially when other significantly less burdensome choices are readily available. Our tranquility, once disturbed, will be lost forever.
- 6. Current location/property values: I'm not sure how you can say that the current location has not hurt the property values there. How would you know as the statement assumes a hypothetical? Maybe, it is because there is more space there in which to hide it. That said, whatever value diminution the fire station has caused, the residents there likely bought their homes knowing about the fire station, and thus paid less, and won't have their expectations shattered by the city. We will. The easiest solution is not to move the current fire station at all. (I discuss the king tides below).
- 7. King Tides: I cannot accept that the current location cannot be upfit to deal with king tides. Wherever on the beach a fire station is built, it will have to built so as to be above flood/tide stage. Dirt/gravel/rock can be moved in to raise the land, or concrete can be poured to do likewise. What is true at the current location is true on Ocean Drive. Flooding and tides can be a problem, but moving the fire station from its current location doesn't solve problems for the city, it adds to them and in doing so, burdens additional residents and taxpayers. (And the cost of building a new station can't be the issue as that is what is being proposed in any event. The same for demolition, I would expect. Surely, the city isn't going to abandon a building that floods).
- 8. Community input: I'm glad you are going to ask for community input; I trust/hope that you will do so before this vote. I cannot imagine any residents wanting to add a fire station to this park land. It is an exceedingly poor choice.

9. I look forward to the presentations and more discussion. And I thank you for your time and service.

In the end, putting this fire station at the base of our residential towers may be expedient or easy for the city. But it is decidedly not a good solution for the city or the citizens it serves. Thank you for considering these views.

Get well, and call me any time if you would like to discuss the above.

Kindly yours,

Bill Atkinson

704-904-5566

On Aug 18, 2021, at 7:29 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

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From: Bill Atkinson < billatkinson6222@att.net > Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:08 PM

To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: New Fire Station proposal for Riviera Beach/Singer Island

Dear Mrs. Botel,

My name is Bill Atkinson and I am a new owner on the south side of the B tower of the Ritz Carlton Residences on Singer Island. My unit is on the 12th floor and as such my unit (and master bedroom) will be very close to any firetruck travel/noise that the new fire station will occasion (regularly).

I know and acknowledge that fire stations are needed, yet they are very noisy as well - and can greatly affect property values in a negative manner. My wife and I bought here, in part, to get away from noise and into a residential area. Indeed, where we lived last (on Clearwater Beach), we had a nearby fire station and the noise was a major part of our decision to move. Fire stations are loud and the noise is 24/7. Thus, my chagrin in hearing of the city's plans to turn our nearby tennis courts into a new fire station. Might I inquire as to why the city feels the need for a new fire station on Ocean Drive, when there are already two (Nos. 1 and 3) so very close? Indeed, No. 3 is one mile away to the North and No. 2 is about 2.2 miles away to the West. And even if another station is needed, locations that appear less burdensome to so many are clearly available. The currently proposed location will almost literally be in the bedrooms of every unit is our buildings - hundreds of them. Not only will this noise bother the residents greatly, but it will likely negatively affect property values (and thus lower tax revenues

accordingly). Whereas the other locations I mention below will burden mostly businesses or not be so near any residences. In that regard, there are several vacant lots east of the Blue Heron Bridge on the south side of East Blue Heron Blvd. Or, why not under the bridge or otherwise in Phil Foster Park - a space further away from most residential areas, but still nearby?

Again, I realize that fire stations are important, but living near one is most bothersome. Singer Island is mostly a residential oasis. Please, please, in making your decision, try to burden less rather than more. Please decline to add this fire station at all, or put it elsewhere. Please don't spoil our park like setting by removing tennis to make room for an unneeded, burdensome and costly fire station. I am happy to discuss this further with you, yet I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow night. I can be reached by phone at 704-904-5566 at your convenience. Thank you,

Bill Atkinson 2700 N. Ocean Dr. Unit 1205B Riviera Beach FL 33404.

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EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Gail Muzzo <gailmuz@yahoo.ca>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 10:29
Subject: Fire station

Dear Ms Botel,

My husband and I have owned and enjoyed our residence at the Ritz Carleton for over 11 years.

I am very concerned with the fire station location proposal at the Riviera Beach plaza.

This plaza is very busy and has produced more pedestrian and vehicular traffic throughout the years.

I am not against development and progress, but I truly believe the fire station should not be located there.

I hope you take our concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail and Alexander Muzzo

Unit 1902A

2700 North Ocean Drive

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From: "John T. Boyd II \[BOYD COMPANY\]" <jtb2@jtboyd.com>
To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 11:33

Subject: Riviera Beach Chooses Greed Over Public Safety (Proposed Relocation of Fire House 86)

Dear Council Member Botel,

The proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 to the Ocean Walk Mall is based on only one factor – MONEY. It makes no sense to locate a fire station on a crowded public beach access off a back road in the middle of Singer Island's most congested shopping and entertainment center. What is the value of the life and property lost due to slower emergency response times? Or the person killed by an emergency vehicle trying to quickly exit Singer Island's most congested area or when the vehicles return to the proposed station having to drive around the entire Ocean Walk Mall in order to be in position to back into the proposed station? It's not unusual to see bumper to bumper traffic on nights, weekends, and summer days around the Ocean Walk Mall as people look for parking and yield to often heavy bicycle and pedestrian traffic. It's not as simple as dropping gates to cutoff traffic. There will still be the problem of the traffic stuck within the gates and directly in the path of the emergency vehicles. All of which will slow response time and endanger those in the path of the emergency vehicles. Bicycle and pedestrians must also be wary of frantic drivers trying to quickly get out of the way of the emergency vehicles. The Ocean Walk Mall is the primary public beach on Singer Island and I believe the only public stretch with a lifeguard. It is and will continue to be the most congested area on Singer Island. Introducing a fire station in the middle of this most congested parcel is dangerous and will result in accidents.

The current location was chosen for a reason; it's easy and immediate access in both directions to North Ocean Drive. The other potential sites mentioned except for the Ocean Walk Mall are similarly being considered because they have immediate access to North Ocean Drive in either direction. I read that another fire station is to be built at the site of the old Walgreens on Blue Heron precisely because of its easy and immediate access to the main artery. Why can't the new station be built on the site of the existing station? The land is already controlled by Riviera Beach. Oh, I forgot this is about MONEY! How much is Riviera Beach expecting from the sale/ lease of the land housing the current fire station? The factors that dictated the current site have not changed. The new fire station must be located directly on North Ocean Drive.

It's also not fair to the public to reduce the size of the primary beach access and park. The park and beach entrance should be PRICELESS. If the Council succeeds with its MONEY above all else rationale, what's to stop the Council from continuing to chip away at the public space? How soon until the proposal to relocate the police station, public works, etc. until the entire park is eliminated?

Ritz Carlton residents generally pay some of the highest tax assessments on Singer Island. If MONEY is the Council's only motivation, has it considered the lost tax revenue resulting from the tidal wave of successful appeals that will surely follow? It's disingenuous for the Council to claim there will be no drop in property value. Did you or the other council members ever choose to move next to a fire station? Has a council member ever voted to locate a fire station next to their house? Do you know anyone who chose to move next to a fire station? No, No, and No. Lawyers love easy cases like this.

Please vote NO to relocating Fire Station 86 at the Ocean Walk Mall.

Sincerely,
John T. Boyd II
2700 North Ocean Drive
Unit 1603b
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

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From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>

To: "Schavemaker, Dirk" <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 11:39

Subject: DO NOT DESTROY OUR PEACEFUL BEACH

Dear Julie,

I am writing in regards to the decision to place a firehouse on our beautiful public beach.

I, along with many residents of Singer Island, find this decision to be negligent with complete disregard for the families that live here and use this beach.

My children play on this playground, we host a free dance class for children in the community on the grass right near tennis courts, we have bbqs and picnics here along with many other families. Many of these families who are trying to escape the dangerous Riviera Beach you have allowed to persist, find solace here, solace that would be disrupted by the constant trucks in and out, the smell of diesel, and the expected chaos that goes hand in hand with a fire station.

There could be NO WORSE location to place a firehouse, than on a beach. The aesthetic debasement, environmental disruption, decrease in property values and impact on families who enjoy this beach for its peaceful and serene atmosphere, far outweigh any argument for placement, when multiple other locations are available. We do not want to hear about tax rolls...we are your tax rolls, your constituents. Find a benign location, redo your other firehouse, but do not destroy this peaceful location.

Understand that I along with others will not sit idly by and let this happen. This decision will have consequences on elected officials. I work in the media, and think the real story here is the absolute despair and devastation you allow to persist within Riviera Beach. It is hard to believe public safety is your priority when half of this city is ravaged with crime and drugs, and unsafe for children. I, along with other residents, are ready to use our money, influence and connections to tell this story, easily captured with one of our film crews by a quick drive down Broadway. The fact that you plan adding chaos to one of the few peaceful places left in this town for your constituents to enjoy is abhorrent and any council person that supports this decision will be accountable in future elections.

Siobhan O'Grady

EXTERNAL SENDER

From: Robbie Boyd <rboyd70@zoominternet.net>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 11:47

Subject: proposed relocation of fire station 86

Coucil Member Botel,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed permanent relocation of fire station 86 to the Ocean Mall. As a new owner at the Ritz Carlton Residences next door, I have concerns how this will affect the property value. After doing research, I have found that noise pollution, which includes but is not limited to, airports, hospitals and fire stations does decrease your property value when located within .1 miles of the structure. Our building fits that description. If this relocation is approved, I, as will most residents of the building, will be asking for a reassessment of our property to reflect the drop in value.

Furthermore, I feel that the new proposed location will be a safety issue to the pedestrians, as well as cars that are constantly moving about that area. It seems counter intuitive to have a fire station located in such a busy area. Why can't the new fire station be built where the old one sits? The cost of rebuilding tennis courts is pricey and I can't imagine the cost will be that much less than demolishing the current structure on N. Ocean Drive and rebuilding there.

I urge you to please vote NO to this proposal when it comes up for a vote.

Thank you, Robbie Boyd 2700 N. Ocean Drive, 1603b Riviera Beach, FL 33404 From: T L <tleman@lemanauto.com>
To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org
Date: 2021-08-19 11:51

Subject: Ritz Fire District mtg

Ms. Botel:

My name is Tim Leman and I am a resident of the Ritz Residences on Singer Island, Riviera Beach. This note is in reference to the upcoming council mtg pertaining to the possible relocation of the area Fire Dept and the possibility of a change in our park area directly to the south of our home. My family and I feel that the department is fine where it is at and the money could be spent elsewhere that is truly in need. Also, please know that our adjacent park is a place that is used by many people and is something that should never be changed...it is used by our local population and visitors alike. Already, there is too much concrete and not enough public recreational areas available in south Florida. This would simply worsen the issue. I truly hope that this park will not be in any jeopardy of being removed.

I am not able to attend the upcoming "fire station move" and "area reimagination" meeting. Please do not jeopardize the tranquility of our area, the only remaining wide open views of all Singer Island condominiums, our precious park and other nearby small businesses/restaurants and attractions. To summarize, there are simply too many buildings and not enough public recreation areas.

I would like it to be known that I am firmly AGAINST any moves, such as this, being considered for our area.

Thank you for representing us and hopefully we can count on your support.

Tim Leman 2700 North Ocean, Unit 1504-A Singer Island FL 33404

Subject: Fire station
I am deeply opposed
Sent from my iPhone
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From:

Date:

To:

janet@boomerwolf.net

2021-08-19 12:10

"JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

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 residents of the Ritz. I made this offer to Dirk Shavemaker and hope he will provide me
 with a date when we can do that.

City Manager Evans addressed this topic at last night's City Council meeting. He answered many of the questions and concerns that have been raised. I will forward that video to you as soon as it is available.

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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:58 PM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Subject: Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Hello Dr. Botel,

Our names are Dr. Michael DeLuke and Renee DeLuke, and we own a unit in Tower B of the Ritz Carlton Singer Island. It has come to our attention that the City is considering relocating the fire station to the north side of the park, the current location of the public tennis courts.

We implore you not to disturb the gorgeous park by placing relocating the fire station to that location. We, along with other residents, find such peace and respit looking out over the community residents enjoying their gorgeous park. Placing a fire station in that location would undoubtedly disrupt the natural habitat that exists in that area of the beach.

We love watching people strolling along the Boulevard, laughing and enjoying themselves. And when events are held on the park grounds (soccer, volleyball, etc.), the park and the surrounding area are filled with competitors and onlookers alike. It is a gem that is such an asset to both the Singer Island and Riviera Beach communities, and disrupting such an amazing resource by placing a fire station anywhere on that property would be tragic, to say the least.

We promise that we, along with other residents, will fight this with all of our will and might. The primary reason we chose to purchase a unit in that location was the unique view it offered and the fact that it overlooked a natural landscape. We surely could have invested approximately \$2 million dollars in other communities, but we selected the Ritz at Singer Island largely due to the fact that it overlooked City property (i.e. the park). We trusted that the City and its leaders would preserve that park in its current format and not disrupt it by building a building, any building, on that site. Please do not betray our trust and disrupt that precious community resource.

We have also been made aware that the City is partnering with private investors to sell all or a portion of the park. Is that true? If so, where does the greed end, Dr. Botel? Furthermore, how could you betray your constituents like that? We noticed in your bio that you are "active in a number of environmental organizations dedicated to protecting our waterways, beaches, and particularly the fragile ecosystem on Singer Island." The park is one of the few undeveloped areas on the entire island. Does placing a fire station in the park, and/or partnering with private investors to develop the park, align with the values of these organizations?

One of your campaign issues/positions was to "listen to the people." Well, the people of SInger Island, and most especially the residents of the Ritz, are speaking up and speaking out. And we are asking you not to disrupt the park by placing a fire station. We sincerely hope you keep your campaign pledge and listen to your constituents.

Finally, during your campaign, you also stated that you felt the City had been run in an "arrogant" manner by "willfully ignoring citizen concerns." Please show us that you will not follow in the footsteps of your predecessors (whom you critized) and willfully ignore the concerns of the citizens whom you represent.

We are counting on you to listen to your constituents and preserve our precious park in its current format.

Regards,

Michael and Renee DeLuke

EXTERNAL SENDER

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From: "Botel, Julia" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
To: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>
Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>
Date: 2021-08-19 12:54
Subject: Re: Proposed Fire Station Relocation
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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:58 PM To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> Subject: Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Hello Dr. Botel,

Our names are Dr. Michael DeLuke and Renee DeLuke, and we own a unit in Tower B of the Ritz Carlton Singer Island. It has come to our attention that the City is considering relocating the fire station to the north side of the park, the current location of the public tennis courts.

We implore you not to disturb the gorgeous park by placing relocating the fire station to that location. We, along with other residents, find such peace and respit looking out over the community residents enjoying their gorgeous park. Placing a fire station in that location would undoubtedly disrupt the natural habitat that exists in that area of the beach.

We love watching people strolling along the Boulevard, laughing and enjoying themselves. And when events are held on the park grounds (soccer, volleyball, etc.), the park and the surrounding area are filled with competitors and onlookers alike. It is a gem that is such an asset to both the Singer Island and Riviera Beach communities, and disrupting such an amazing resource by placing a fire station anywhere on that property would be tragic, to say the least.

We promise that we, along with other residents, will fight this with all of our will and might. The primary reason we chose to purchase a unit in that location was the unique view it offered and the fact that it overlooked a natural landscape. We surely could have invested approximately \$2 million dollars in other communities, but we selected the Ritz at Singer Island largely due to the fact that it overlooked City property (i.e. the park). We trusted that the City and its leaders would preserve that park in its current format and not disrupt it by building a building, any building, on that site. Please do not betray our trust and disrupt that precious community resource.

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We are counting on you to listen to your constituents and preserve our precious park in its current format.

Regards,

Michael and Renee DeLuke

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gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 12:55

Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: Fire House

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:01 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Fire House

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Sent from my iPad

On Aug 18, 2021, at 8:55 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

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Subject: Fire House

Julie:

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2700 N Ocean Dr Apt 2104a

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Cc: drjylla@gmail.com <drjylla@gmail.com>; lynn@5points.net <lynn@5points.net>; Dirk Schavemaker

<dirkschavemaker@gmail.com>

Subject: Singer Island New Fire Station Location

Dr. Botel, good evening. Please see the attached note below. Thanks.

Curtis Tearte

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Date: 2021-08-19 13:18

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Subject: Re: Proposed Singer Island Fire Station

Dear Councillor Botel,

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Given the short notice, we have not been afforded the opportunity to thoroughly review the planning merits of this application. Has a Planning Staff report been presented to Council? Is the site currently zoned for the use? Has a noise study been conducted to review the impacts of this proposal on existing residences? (The noise of blaring sirens currently travels unencumbered up to the PH level and is a nuisance at all hours of the day and night). Has a traffic study been conducted to assess the impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic along the internal roadway, the existing signalized intersection at North Ocean Drive and the full moves driveway (right/in, left/in) into the Ritz property? Existing sightlines/visibility for vehicles travelling north on Ocean Drive is quite poor since the roadway curves at this location. Have such traffic studies also assessed the impact of future projected pedestrian and vehicular traffic to the area once the commercial uses are fully occupied? What other sites are being considered, if any, and how do the locational attributes of those sites compare with this one from a land-use compatibility perspective?

As a retired Land Use Planner that worked in development industry for 11 years, I believe the site's location on an internal roadway and within such close proximity to residential uses and commercial traffic is unsafe and less than ideal. We respectfully request that the matter be deferred until such time as our Board has an opportunity to meet with Council or Town staff to review the details of the proposal, hire independent professionals to conduct our own assessment and formulate a proper response to Council at a future date.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:24 PM

To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Ferri, Remo <rferri@remoferrigroup.com>; Schavemaker, Dirk <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Re: Proposed Singer Island Fire Station

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As a retired Land Use Planner that worked in development industry for 11 years, I believe the site's location on an internal roadway and within such close proximity to residential uses and commercial traffic is unsafe and less than ideal. We respectfully request that the matter be deferred until such time as our Board has an opportunity to meet with Council or Town staff to review the details of the proposal, hire independent professionals to conduct our own assessment and formulate a proper response to Council at a future date.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of these matters.

Ms. Jennifer Bozzo and Mr. Remo Ferri

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From: Milu Cunha <milu@lakehillhomes.com>

To: jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 13:23
Subject: Fire Station 86

Dear Mrs. Julie Botel

It has come to my attention that the "North Ocean De Fire Station 86" will permanently be relocated in Riviera Beach at the tennis ct.

My Husband and I strongly oppose this move and we are emphatically against having the Fire Station located at the tennis ct in riviera beach.

We feel by this move, our property which is located at 2700 North Ocean dr, will heavily be devalued in addition to creating higher traffic volume, congestion, and very loud noise.

We already pay extremely high taxes to riviera beach to the City of Riviera Beach and we would like to continue to enjoy the peacefulness and well being that our community allows us to have without the additional noise and traffic.

If there are any questions regarding my concerns please feel free to contact me at 631-831-7198 (call or text) or email me at milu@lakehillhomes.com

Sincerely
Me. & Mrs. Cunha
2700 N Ocean Dr Singer Island
Apt 1602 B

Sent from my iPhone

From: sara agarabi <northforkboats55@gmail.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 13:24
Subject: Fire station

Hi Julia,

We have been residents of 2700 North Ocean Drive, since 2008. We inquired from the city at that time if anything would be built on the property next door and were told that as it was park property and buildings would not be erected on this property as it designated park and open public space. Another instance where the City of Riviera Beach does not tell the truth. We have just gone through a lengthy and expensive renovation project only to find out that a fire station will be built right next door. Why relocate the tennis courts and playground when you can build it on some of the unused parking area on the otherside of the mall that does not directly affect other residents? Once you build one structure, what will stop the city from building more?

As a resident of Singer Island I implore you to have the city reconsider the location for the fire station.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:24 PM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Cc: Ferri, Remo <ferri@remoferrigroup.com>; Schavemaker, Dirk <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Singer Island Fire Station

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Date: 2021-08-19 13:33

Subject: Re: Proposed Singer Island Fire Station

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That's GREAT! Thanks for letting me know. I hope you are able to have all your questions answered.

Julie

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Subject: RE: Proposed Singer Island Fire Station

Coucillor Botel,

Thank you for your prompt response, we will be watching the meeting remotely this evening.

Best,

Jennifer Bozzo

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Ms. Bozzo and Mr. Ferri,

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There is a meeting on this important topic **TODAY**, Thursday, at 6:00 PM. It will take place at the Marina Event Center on 13th Street. It will also be televised. People can submit questions to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I am copying Mr. Evans and Chief Curd so they are prepared to respond to the questions you raised in your email to me. I understand that you cannot attend in person, but please try to attend virtually. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Riviera Beach City Council will not vote on this matter until we have an opportunity to listen to all our residents.

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To: jbotel@rivierabeach.org
Cc: Greg Coleman <greg@buzzfeed.com>
Date: 2021-08-19 13:38
Subject: Fire station location

Hello Mrs Julie Botel
We are residents of the Ritz Carlton building (2700 N Ocean Drive) and voters and are urging you to not put the fire station right next to our building. We are highly against this move and encourage you to find an alternative solution for a station for the fire department.

Thank you
Jill and Greg Coleman

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Date: 2021-08-19 13:41
Subject: Re: Fire station

Thanks so much. I'm much better today! But I will stay in quarantine until the end of August.

Julie

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 11:18 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Fire station

Thank you for the quick reply Julia, I hope you feel better soon.

Best regards,

Alan Menzies

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Subject: Fire station

In regards to fire station being built next to our Ritz Carleton residence... It will tremendously negatively impact all residents in both Ritz buildings. My wife and I are totally against that location!

Best regards,

Alan Menzies

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Date: 2021-08-19 13:41

Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: Firehouses

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Thanks as always for the fast and thorough response. Get well quickly. I will be on a plane for first and away for second though will try to get questions in advance and doubt I will get the televised event in Bermuda.

Regards,

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2021, at 7:56 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

Barry,

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Subject: Firehouses

Julie,

I have spoken to over 20 owners at Eastpointe 1 Condo, 4 at Water glades and 6 on Piney Pointe and all are against the Firehouse move.

An FYI.

Sue and Barry Schepp.

Sent from my iPhone

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Ms. Strand.

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me. You raise some very good questions, all of which will be answered at the upcoming meetings. There was no attempt to hide these discussions from residents of the Ritz. In fact, the notices about the firehouse relocation were sent out weeks ago, and the vote on the topic will not take place until all our residents have had an opportunity to have their voices hears.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 11:51 PM

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Cc: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Schavemaker, Dirk <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Fire station proposed location.

Hello-

I would like an analysts to where most of calls to service go? Secondly why is this not being built on a lower cost parcel in Riveria Beach than on high end beach front property. Also, where is the analysts with our tax payers funds vs rebuilding on the current site? We at the Ritz Carlton Singer Island Residences have been kept a secret and we are most impacted, why is that? You should assume that this will be fought using every tool available to protect our property value. I would also like to see if there has been an independent appraisal on what this would mean to property values at the Ritz Carlton Residences.

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Subject: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 13:57

Subject: RE: Fire Station Location

Hello Dr. B,

Sorry you are under the weather should you need me to drop off anything, please do not hesitate to contact me my cell is 561-268-7411. I see you copied me on this email. Did you need me to do anything to assist you with responding?

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To: Val Mayer <4mayer@rogers.com>

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Subject: Fire Station Location

Dear Ms Botel.

As a resident of 2700 N Ocean Drive I am so distressed to hear that you are considering relocating a fire station at Ocean Mall. I am a taxpayer and I don't understand why a city council would even consider removing tennis courts adjacent to our building to now obstruct our views of the park, tennis courts and ocean by placing a fire station. So instead of watching people in our community playing tennis and having picnics in the park I now get to look down on a building that houses fire trucks that will be coming and going to emergencies in a heavily populated community of families that use the park on a daily basis. Is this a safe spot to place a fire hall? I think not! An accident waiting to happen! I'm certain that there are safer places to relocate a fire station.

Thank you Velia Mayer 2700 N Ocean Drive Suite 802B

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To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Cc: STBrown@rivierabeach.org; dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com; judithslan@sympatico.ca; Lynn L Pesecki

s <lynn@5points.net>

Date: 2021-08-19 13:59
Subject: FIRE STATION

Dear Dr. Botel,

It is disturbing and disappointing to learn about the proposed relocation of the fire station to a property adjacent to the Ritz-Carlton Singer Island condominium.

We strenuously oppose this proposal and request that the City Council consider other options.

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REASONS NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED RELOCATION ADJACENT TO RITZ-CARLTON RESIDENCES:

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There are many reasons not to proceed with this proposal, including:

- 1. The role of City Council appears to have been blurred in this matter.
- 2. The environmental considerations have not been considered.
- 3. The resident and investor impacts have been ignored.

Each reason is elaborated in turn below.

- 1. The role of City Council appears to have been blurred in these matters.
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Also of concern, City Council has not provided its constituents with any notice or information about City Council apparently partnering with private developers on a 'Reimagine Project'. What is this project? What are its objectives? What is the role of City Counsel in this project? What are the impacts to the residents of the Ritz-Carlton?

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1. Environmental considerations have not been considered.

Moving the fire station closer to the beach will have an impact on the environment. For instance, the light and sound pollution from the fire station is likely to impact the sensitive environment for turtle nesting and hatching. We do not agree for many reasons with this fire station relocation, but before any site is considered proper environmental assessments should be completed. We should involve the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or other appropriate conservation groups.

1. Resident and investor impacts have been ignored.

It is 'curious' how the residents and investors who stand to lose the most are just finding out about this relocation the evening before what we understand is the third and penultimate meeting.

Moving the fire station directly adjacent to our building has significant implications for the residents, owners, and investors of the Ritz-Carlton Residences. The fire station will mean sirens and flashing lights at any hour of the day or night.

The proposed location is next to our building's loading docks and garbage/recycling. It is also next to the mall, park, and beach parking. This proposed location leads to increased traffic risks. Entering and exiting that site creates more risk of accidents. Further, with so much competing traffic to get to North Ocean Drive, the fire response from such a location is likely to be delayed.

These light, sound, eye-sore, and delayed fire response factors will lead to a reduction in the property values of the Ritz-Carlton condos and the neighbourhood. In turn, the reduction of property values will lead to a reduction in tax revenues for Riviera Beach.

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Further, when we bought our homes at the Ritz-Carlton, we all had and continue to have a reasonable expectation of quiet enjoyment of our property. By
relocating the fire station to our 'backyard', you will cause us to lose the peace and other rights associated with the purchase of our properties.
For all these and many other reasons, the relocation of the fire station to the proposed site adjacent to the Ritz-Carlton is a misguided, impractical, and
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ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION:
There are many alternatives to the proposed relocation site, including:
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NEXT STEPS:
The residents and investors of the Ritz-Carlton deserve:
 Immediate and full disclosure and transparency of information on the proposal and the partnering with private developers on a mystery project
A timeline for disclosure, consultation, and decision-making that is satisfactory to us
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Riviera Beach Council member ■Botel, my name is Robert Herz. I and my wife Louise Herz own and frequent a unit in the Ritz Carlton Residences at 2700 N. Ocean Drive on Singer Island. We understand that the Council will be considering a proposal to construct a new permanent fire station immediately adjacent to the south side of the Ritz Carlton property. I cannot express how strongly we object to this proposal and very much hope that Council members will reject it. We love being at the Ritz Carlton and the serenity of the environment it engenders. We are very concerned that placing a permanent fire station immediately adjacent to the Ritz Carlton will inevitably change that, introducing the frequent noise of blaring fire engines exiting the station and causing potentially dangerous traffic situations. And it will inevitably impair the values of units at 2700 N Ocean Dr. We urge you and your colleagues to reject this ill-conceived proposal. Thank you.

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From: Joey Eichner <joey@aarongrouprealty.com>

To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "sevans@rbcra.org" <sevans@rbcra.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:15
Subject: Beach Firehouse

Attachments: 📙 ARTICLE VII - Beach Use.pdf

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Thank you for your service to the community.

Joey Eichner



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From: NITA DRY <nitadry1@aol.com>
To: jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 14:27
Subject: Fire station

Hi Julie, it's Nita Dry from Palm Beach isles. I just heard that the new proposed site for the fire station is actually on the Ocean Mall beach side where the playground is and the tennis courts are. If this is true my concern is one citizens and children use that playground and they also use the tennis courts every day at the Ocean Mall there's already limited parking for weekends as well as the week and it's always crowded with pedestrians and bicyclists and skateboarders etc.. is there not a better site that's better suited or could we not redo the fire station where it is? Tear it down and rebuild instead of taking beachfront property on our ocean?

I plan on coming to the meeting tonight at six but I just needed to voice my concerns if it is being proposed to be built on the ocean side of the ocean Mall. Now that being said that's what I saw on Facebook I have not been to a meeting yet so I'll plan on being there tonight and finding out the exact location. As always thank you for all you do and for listening to our concerns.

Nita Dry
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From: John Fries <johnfries2323@aol.com>

To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Joey Eichner <joey@aarongrouprealty.c

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Cc: "sevans@rbcra.org" <sevans@rbcra.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:28
Subject: Re: Beach Firehouse
Attachments: image001.jpg

Joey ,please delete me from these email .

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

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From: Jim Zimmer <drzimmer@gmail.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 14:31

Subject: Fire Station Relocation

Councilwoman Bartel,

I would like to request that you oppose the relocation of the Fire Station on Singer Island. I would rather propose that it simply be remodeled. This has been done many times in CO where I used to live and was closely tied to our local Fire Department. There are many reasons that I am against the City Of Riviera Beach moving the Fire Station to the Park. Number one it would impede people's enjoyment of the park space, most of which are people from the city of Riviera Beach. Second it would increase noise and decrease property values around the area. If there are no other alternatives than the park then might I suggest the South end where the tennis courts would not have to be relocated. Also there was something mentioned about selling the park in something I read. I believe this would be the most disastrous of all because this would leave the people of Riviera Beach without prime beach access.

Dr. James Zimmer

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From: "Botel, Julia" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>

To: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "jbdixson@me.com" <jbdixson@me.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:42
Subject: Fw: Regarding firehouse

Should I just ignore this one?

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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From: Theresa Bohacik <tb0926@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:50 AM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Regarding firehouse

Unfortunately — to me —— this sounds like a done deal.

I'm not happy with it. My gosh. The back of the parking lot is better in so many way especially egress and ingress. Doesn't sound like your office will be fighting for change. To me anyway. And. Yes I did have faith in you to look after Singer Island residence

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 18, 2021, at 9:28 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

Because the egress and ingress road for fire trucks at that end of the park is inadequate.

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From: Theresa Bohacik <tb0926@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:20 PM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Regarding firehouse

My question. Why can't they build the firehouse where they are building the new tennis courts. Talk about wasting money

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 18, 2021, at 8:56 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

Ms. Bohacik,

I am sorry you did not see the numerous postings about the meetings we have been holding. They were on the City's social media as well as my own Facebook and NextDoor pages. The meetings have been informative and meant to solicit input from the citizenry. There has not yet been a vote of City Council.

Here's some information you may find useful:

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- *The existing fire station is located next to TWO residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values.

*The current station is in the flood plain and cannot be renovated. In a king tide, the station floods. It has reached the end of its useful life and must be vacated.

*The City hopes to obtain community input as to the future use of that building. We will be conducting a survey of all residents.

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able.
Regards,
Julie
From: Theresa Bohacik <tb0926@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:43 PM</tb0926@yahoo.com>
To: Botel, Julia <jbotel@rivierabeach.org></jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
Subject: Regarding firehouse
I'm an owner. 1604B. Theresa a bohacik. 732 60) 0390
At 7;30 pm on Aug 18th is the first I have heard about the move of the firehouse and' it's suggested spot
Why weren't we notified for the first meeting?
What was the outcome?
A little upset. That we had no input or other suggestions for locations
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To: "Frank J. Murdolo" <fjmurdolo@msn.com>
Cc: "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; "Br
own, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlto
n.com>; 1 Nancy Wife <nmurdolo@msn.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:48
Subject: Re: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel
Attachments: Town Hall Flyer .pdf Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg
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Mr. and Mrs. Murdolo,

Thank you for your email. And thank you for your kind wishes for my recovery. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me.

There is a meeting on this important topic <u>TODAY</u>, Thursday, at 6:00 PM. It will take place at the Marina Event Center on 13th Street. It will also be televised. People can submit questions to <u>stbrown@rivierabeach.org</u>. I encourage you to do so prior to the meeting. Please attend in person if you can, or watch if you are unable to be there. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Riviera Beach City Council will not vote on this matter until we have an opportunity to listen to all our residents.

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Some concerns that have been expressed previously were addressed by our City Manager and Fire Chief at a recent meeting:

- The fire engines will not use sirens and lights until they reach North Ocean Drive.
- The tennis courts will be relocated to the south end of the park. Pickle ball courts will be added. The children's play area will also be relocated to the south.
- The owner of the property at the end of the bridge wants more than \$22 million for it. Purchasing it would take it off the tax rolls. We already own the property at the park.
- Other properties such as the vacant banks would also be cost-prohibitive (\$3-\$5 million) and take those parcels off the tax rolls.
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- The City hopes to obtain community input as to the future use of that building. We will be conducting a survey of all residents.
- The property being used for the Community Garden does not belong to the City and the owner is not interested in selling it to us for use as a fire station.
- The City has engaged the services of an appraiser to determine the impact on property values at the Ritz.
- The vote on the placement of the fire station will not take place for quite some time. The City is planning several charrettes about it and would be happy to have a special presentation to the residents of the Ritz. I made this offer to Dirk Shavemaker and hope he will provide me with a date when we can do that.

City Manager Evans addressed this topic at last night's City Council meeting. He answered many of the questions and concerns that have been raised. I will forward that video to you as soon as it is available.

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Cc: Dirk Schavemaker < Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; 1 Nancy Wife < nmurdolo@msn.com>

Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

Good morning Julie,

My wife Nancy and I are residents at 2700 North Ocean Drive in Riviera Beach. We were very upset to learn about plans to relocate the new fire station next to our residential condominium building.

We have no doubt of the importance and need for a state-of-the-art facility and we are certain that the design will be beautiful. However there is no getting around the incredible noise factor that will be ever present every time the firetrucks are dispatched from the new location. We have a bird's eye view of the North Ocean Drive traffic light and intersection as well as the traffic flow on the streets that will be impacted by relocating the fire station.

Unfortunately a surprisingly high proportion of the drivers that use North Ocean Drive are horribly disrespectful to the emergency equipment as it tries to navigate around and through the traffic. It's shocking to watch as they regularly block and cutoff the firetrucks. Consequently the use of sirens and extremely high decibel emergency air horns is already an incredibly noisy and constant disruption, especially at the traffic light intersection next to 2700 North Ocean Drive. We can only imagine how much worse it will be with the firetrucks trying to leave the new firehouse location - whether or not the traffic lights automatically stop the flow of traffic to allow them access to the intersection. It will be virtually impossible not to always heavily use the sirens.

Surely there must be numerous other alternative sites under consideration that are not located right on top of a residential area and that will not destroy a beautiful park and recreation area. We plead with everyone to rethink this horrible decision for the location site of the new fire station.

Kind regards,

Frank & Nancy Murdolo 2700 North Ocean Drive Apartment 2506B

PS We are sorry to hear about your diagnosis of a Covid breakthrough and wish you a very speedy and safe recovery.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schavemaker, Dirk" < Dirk. Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: August 18, 2021 at 8:26:18 PM EDT

To: "Schavemaker, Dirk" < Dirk. Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com> Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council

From: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 19:38 To: Alan Cohn <acohn@absolutecare.com>

Cc: Schavemaker, Dirk cc: Schavemaker(pirk.Schavemaker(gritzcarlton.com>;;Evans, Jonathan jevans@rivierabeach.org>;Brown, Sammie T.

<STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

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To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
Cc: Schavemaker Dirk <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:48
Subject: New Fire Station

Councillor Botel:

We have read your reply to Mr Alan Cohn regarding the location of the new fire station.

We remain very concerned and strongly opposed to this proposed location immediately south of the Ritz Carlton residences, where we are owners.

- using valuable ocean front beach property currently used for recreation is a waste of a precious commodity;
- it is not reassuring to hear the sirens will be on only at Ocean Drive; this is still very close to over 150+ of the units in our 2 building complex; it would be located directly below their main view terraces.
- this is a very busy area with many, many beach goers and traffic with safety/access concerns;
- you cannot compare this to the "old" location; the fire station was directly on Ocean Drive, not "next" the condo buildings (one of which is very recent); they are setback 200-300 feet and buffered with mature vegetation and lagoons.
- we do not understand your "cost prohibitive" remark re: acquiring vacant non-waterfront land.
- why are we not re-using the "old" location on Ocean Drive?; have you considered Ocean Reef park as an option? It would have direct access to Ocean Drive and is is a much larger, less congested area to work with.

Regards,

Pierre Marion & Marsha Rudner-Marion

From: Karen Gleason <kgleason@karengleason.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "fixmematt@gmail.com" <fixmematt@gmail.com>; Frank Fernandez <tangofxf@aol.com>; "jabot
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.br@aol.com>; Laura Connell <llconnell312@gmail.com>; Pete Connell <rpc1216@aol.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 14:51

Subject: Re: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for my floating home

For more information read JB's explanation on Next Door under FL's claim that it was temporary.

On Aug 19, 2021, at 2:46 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

NO. It is not temporary. I am WAY too busy right now to put this all in writing to you. I have almost 200 emails from residents of the RITZ complaining about the placement of the fire station. I am personally answering every one. I'M SWAMPED!! But I am sure JB, Sam or Karen can provide you with the information I sent her.

Sorry to be so abrupt.

Julie

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 7:06 AM

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DiSpigno <drguy@alum.northwestern.edu>

Subject: Fwd: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for my floating home

■Comments from Lozman, posted on NextDoor.....is this injunction temporary?

How to interpret, JB ?
Joe Botta
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Your Nextdoor Singer Island neighbors via Nextdoor

<reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>

Date: August 18, 2021 at 9:13:29 PM EDT

To: jabotta@icloud.com

Subject: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for

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Reply-To: reply+GQ3DQMZWGUZDAX3QOJXWI5LDORUW63S7KBHVGVC7GE4TQMBY

Fane Lozman · Singer Island

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INJUNCTION for my floating home There is a false rumor going around that a PERMANENT injunction was issued to remove my floating home from my private property. That is not true. The Court has decided nothing on the merits. All that has happened was the issuance of a TEMPORARY injunction. See the photo of the Order header below....See more

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Attachments: Town Hall Flyer .pdf Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg
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From: "Botel, Julia" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
To: jane riggi <janeriggi@msn.com>
Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>
Date: 2021-08-19 15:16
Subject: Re: Proposed fire station on singer island
Attachments: Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg Town Hall Flyer .pdf
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From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>
To: "Maria Marino G." <MMarino@pbcgov.org>

Cc: "jbotel@rivierabeach.org" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>; Kim Ciklin <KCiklin@pbcgov.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 15:17

Subject: Re: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Attachments: 🔑 ARTICLE VII - Beach Use.pdf

Hi Maria, Thank you for your response and I understand that this may be their decision, but it greatly affects PBC residents who use this beach. Also of great importance, is to note that their plans to build a firehouse here are in DIRECT VIOLATION of the City's own charter, attached below regarding the permitted use of the beach. Accordingly, the city's beach is divided into two sections: the sand east of the parking along North Ocean Avenue, and the commercial shops and parking areas west of the sand. The Charter clearly states that east of North Ocean Avenue "shall be reserved for and perpetually used as a municipal beach...". Clearly, a fire station does not meet this definition and takes away lands that are required to remain a municipal beach dedicated for use by the public. Furthermore, the Charter states that "the land shall NOT be used for purposes other than those beneficial to tourism and recreation."

The City's intent to violate its own laws that are intended to protect the residents and community property, can not be tolerated by PBC as it sends a message of corruption and lawlessness.

Riviera Beach is part of PBC and needs to step in and use its influence and authority to ensure that Riviera Beach is not allowed to violate town charters and unnecessarily destroy our beachfront which is used and enjoyed by so many PBC residents.

Thank you for your prompt response on this matter.

Siobhan O'Grady

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 2:59 PM Maria Marino G. < MMarino@pbcgov.org > wrote:

Dear Siobhan:

Thank you for reaching out to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. As your Commissioner from District 1, I appreciate the information.

In this instance, the decision to erect a fire station on that location lies completely within the jurisdiction of Riviera Beach and not the County. I will reach out to Councilmember Botel and ask what justification is in place for this location.

Regards, Maria

Maria G. Marino

District 1 County Commissioner

Palm Beach County

301 N. Olive Avenue, 12th Floor

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

561-355-2201 (office)

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From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Dave Kerner M. < <u>DKerner@pbcgov.org</u>>; BCC-All Commissioners

<BCC-AllCommissioners@pbcgov.org>; Gregg Weiss <GWeiss@pbcgov.org>; Robert Weinroth S.

<RWeinroth@pbcgov.org>; Mack Bernard < MBernard@pbcgov.org>; Melissa McKinlay

< MMcKinlay@pbcgov.org>; Maria Sachs < MSachs@pbcgov.org>

Subject: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

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Dear Palm Beach County Elected Officials,

I am writing this to make you aware of Riviera's Beach Plan on building a firehouse directly on Singer Island's Public Beach. Picture of where is attached. This beach is used and enjoyed by so many Palm Beach County residents and we need you to understand the negative impact to residents this would cause, and please fight for us, our environment and our beautiful beach..

There could be NO WORSE location to place a firehouse, than on our beautiful beach. The aesthetic debasement, environmental disruption, decrease in property values and impact on families who enjoy this beach find solace here, solace that would be disrupted by the constant trucks in and out, the smell of diesel, and the expected chaos that goes hand in hand with a fire station.

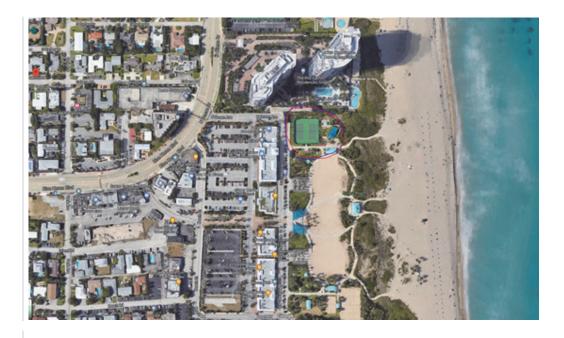
I can not imagine that anyone believes it to be a good idea to add a firehouse on the beach. Beaches are supposed to be serene. We moved here full time from NY to get away from chaos. My children play in that park, we bbq on the grass there, and it will permanently turn what is supposed to be a beautiful pubic landscape into mayhem. This area is filled with bike riders, roller bladers, pedestrians, this is no place for a firehouse.

Please get in touch with Riviera Beach and tell them this is not acceptable- this directly affects your constituents who use this beach, and permanently damages this beautiful and serene environment. I think it is clear that Riviera beach is improperly managed..the drugs, the crime. Do not let them destroy one of our county's most beautiful retreats.

Our councilwoman is Julie Botel, who told us that there is a meeting tonight at 6pm at Marina Event Center. **JBotel@rivierabeach.org**

Riviera Beach City Council, District 4 Office Phone: (561) 845-3683

Siobhan O'Grady 270 North Ocean Drive resident



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From: Joseph Botta <jabotta@icloud.com>

To: Karen Gleason <kgleason@karengleason.com>

Cc: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Frank Fernandez <tangofxf@aol.com>; JB Dixson <jbdixson@icloud.com>; Guy DiSpigno <drguy@alum.northwestern.edu>; Joe Groglio <jwgr oglio@gmail.com>; fixmematt@gmail.com; "Sam T.C. Brown" <sammie.br@aol.com>; Laura Connell

<llconnell312@gmail.com>; Pete Connell <rpc1216@aol.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 15:18

Subject: Re: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for my floating home

SO SORRY MY INQUIRY WAS ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE CC'd on my email I read JBs comments

They clear don't align with Lozman's latest commentsthus the inquiry ■

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 19, 2021, at 2:52 PM, Karen Gleason <kgleason@karengleason.com> wrote:

■For more information read JB's explanation on Next Door under FL's claim that it was temporary.

On Aug 19, 2021, at 2:46 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

NO. It is not temporary. I am WAY too busy right now to put this all in writing to you. I have almost 200 emails from residents of the RITZ complaining about the placement of the fire station. I am personally answering every one. I'M SWAMPED!! But I am sure JB, Sam or Karen can provide you with the information I sent her.

Sorry to be so abrupt.

Julie

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From: Joseph Botta <jabotta@icloud.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 7:06 AM

To: JB Dixson jbdixson@icloud.com; Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org; Sam T.C. Brown

<sammie.br@aol.com>; Karen Gleason <kgleason@karengleason.com>; Frank Fernandez

<tangofxf@aol.com>; fixmematt@gmail.com <fixmematt@gmail.com>; Laura Connell

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Guy DiSpigno drguy@alum.northwestern.edu>

Subject: Fwd: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for my floating home

■Comments from Lozman, posted on NextDoor.....is this injunction temporary?

How to interpret, JB?

Joe Botta

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Your Nextdoor Singer Island neighbors via Nextdoor

<reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>

Date: August 18, 2021 at 9:13:29 PM EDT

To: jabotta@icloud.com

Subject: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

for my floating home

Reply-To: reply+GQ3DQMZWGUZDAX3QOJXWI5LDORUW63S7KBHVGVC7GE4TQME

The State Judge's order
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home There is a false rumor
going around that a
PERMANENT injunction was
issued to remove my floating
home from my private
property. That is not true. The
Court has decided nothing on
the merits. All that has
happened was the issuance
of a TEMPORARY injunction.
See the photo of the Order
header below....See more

<u>1</u> <u>Share</u>

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This message is intended for <u>jabotta@icloud.com</u>. <u>Unsubscribe here</u>. <u>Nextdoor</u>, <u>420 Taylor Street</u>, <u>San</u> Francisco, CA 94102

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Cc:	JBotel@rivierabeach.org; sevans@rbcra.org
Date:	2021-08-19 15:23
Subject:	Re: Beach Firehouse
Well said Joey	, totally agree.
-	e you are ok after testing positive. I am an owner at 2700 North Ocean Drive and agree that the land should be kept for public use and tourism. A d commodity like this should not be used for a fire station. I am out of town and will also try to connect online.
Best, James O	Donnell
2700 North Oc	ean Drive, Suite 304A
Riviera Beach,	FL 33404
(646) 340-6714	4
On Aug 19,	2021, at 2:15 PM, Joey Eichner <joey@aarongrouprealty.com> wrote:</joey@aarongrouprealty.com>
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Thank you	for your service to the community.
Joey Eichn	er
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JIM O'DONNELL <jim.odonnell@rogers.com>

From:

Joey Aaron Eichner, Broker

2655 North Ocean Drive, Suite 130

Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Office: (561) 694-8777

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<ARTICLE VII - Beach Use.pdf>

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To: K M <kmac6000@qmail.com>

Cc: "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; "Br

own, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; megan mcdonald <megan_mcdonald@me.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 15:24

Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: Fire Station 86 Relocation

Mr. Mc Donald,

Thank you for your kind wishes for my recovery.

You ask some very important questions, and I am sure Chief Curd and City Manager Evans will address them at the upcoming meetings.

I am copying them on this reply so they will have your questions in hand for tonight and subsequent meetings.

Thanks again for your email,

Julie

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From: K M < kmac6000@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:27 AM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: megan mcdonald <megan_mcdonald@me.com>

Subject: Fire Station 86 Relocation

I am a Singer Island resident and writing you regarding Fire Station 86 Relocation. The questions and concerns I have about this relocation are as follows:

- 1. In light of the collapse of Miami's Surfside condo, whose deterioration may have been accelerated by an adjacent, significant construction project, would it be possible for the city to commission an independent study to determine how the construction of a new Fire Station might impact the structural integrity of the 26-story high rise condos that located are just 100 feet from the proposed site of the new Station?
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- 3. Would the cost to relocate the Station to Ocean Walk (and related displacement of a children's park, tennis courts, and the overall beautiful aesthetic of the Ocean Walk sand park on which many community activities are held) be more than cost to remediate the existing site to get it free of any king tide flooding that may occur once per year? Has an independent study been conducted to answer this?
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- 6. As for impact to property values, I have heard the argument that the proposed location would not impact residential property values because the existing Station location has not impacted property values of the condo buildings near to it. I drove past the existing Station location this morning and it is 5-6 football fields away from either of the condos behind it (Station is right on the street, the condos are way far back and on the beach). This would not be the case for the proposed location and so property values of the condo next to the proposed location will be affected. This is because the high rise condos next to the proposed site are located just 100 feet away it (not 5-6 football fields away).

There has to be a better location to relocate the Fire Station to. Thank you for your attention to this.

I understand you have Covid with mild symptoms. I hope that you get through it without any complications. Please get better.

Ken McDonald Singer Island resident

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To: Michael Wystrach <mike@freshly.com>
Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>
Date: 2021-08-19 15:26
Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: Fire Station 86
Attachments: Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg  Town Hall Flyer .pdf
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From: Michael Wystrach <mike@freshly.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire Station 86

Dear Mrs. Botel,

I wanted to write to you in regards to the possible location of Fire Station 86 at the South Dog Park and experience my strong objection to the location. As you are well aware Riviera Beach continues to lag behind its neighboring communities significantly on property values and tax revenue. We literally share a bay with some of the highest priced real estate in the world. The proposed location of Fire Station 86 makes ZERO sense when we think about catching up to our neighbors.

This is a highly valuable property that could be used any number of ways to either increase property values in the area, thus driving tax revenue. Or be redeveloped to drive jobs, sales tax revenue, commercial taxes, and property taxes. This money can then be reinvested into the community, creating higher property values, more taxes and more reinvestment. This is what our neighbors in West Palm Beach have executed over the last 20 year and Palm Beach over the last 50 years.

I appreciate the need for public services like fire stations and the importance of building new stations but using the city's most desirable real estate on the beach makes little to no sense.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this email and weighing many opinions on this issue.

I hope the city council makes the right long-term decision for Riviera Beach, by voting to NOT permanently locate Fire Station 86 at the South Dog Park.

Resident:

Ritz Carlton Residence 2700 N Ocean Dr. Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Fire Station 86 Relocation

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There has to be a better location to relocate the Fire Station to. Thank you for your attention to this.

I understand you have Covid with mild symptoms. I hope that you get through it without any complications. Please get better.

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Not everyone utilizes Facebook

I view NextDoor routinely but it too isn't a site everyone reads several times a day.

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It's imperative there are hearings and feedback from SI residents / owners / voters our tax base will be impacted and these incremental \$\$s are required For suggested expansion of SI firehouse Substation.

Sent from my iPad

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■For more information read JB's explanation on Next Door under FL's claim that it was temporary.

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Sorry to be so abrupt.

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Subject: Fwd: The State Judge's order was only a TEMPORARY INJUNCTION for my floating home

■Comments from Lozman, posted on NextDoor.....is this injunction temporary?

How to interpret, JB?

Joe Botta

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<reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>

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Reply-To: reply+GQ3DQMZWGUZDAX3QOJXWI5LDORUW63S7KBHVGVC7GE4TQME

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home There is a false rumor
going around that a
PERMANENT injunction was
issued to remove my floating
home from my private
property. That is not true. The
Court has decided nothing on
the merits. All that has
happened was the issuance
of a TEMPORARY injunction.
See the photo of the Order
header below....See more

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To: "stbrown@rivierabeach.org" <stbrown@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; "Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com" <D

irk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; Kathy Finelli <finellif@msn.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 16:01

Subject: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Dear Riviera Beach, we are very concerned about what appears to be an abrupt decision to destroy the tennis courts and playground on the public beach area and construct a fire station there. We have four initial key question areas, with more likely to follow:

- 1. What specifically is the vetting, permitting, approval, and financing process for such a capital investment project using public funds and how was that process carried out? Please include times & dates, constituent communications, and the names of the elected or appointed officials, who executed these process steps?
- 2. What is the cost of demolishing the facilities and structures on the Riviera Beach site, as well as for constructing the new fire station, and what is the source of funds for this project? Why specifically can't the existing fire station continue to be used as is, or modified to support its intended purpose, and what analysis of these alternatives have been conducted and shared with Riviera Beach constituents?
- 3. What is the intended use of the existing fire station and the land it sits on, should another fire station be constructed, and what entities are participating in that contemplated re-use?
- 4. What adjustments to the roads and shops will be required to enable huge firetrucks to quickly exit the fire station, should it be cited on Riviera Beach, and how will the high volume of pedestrians be kept safe, should fire trucks be moving into and out of this proposed location at high speed? What is the additional costs for these road and structure changes and how many business locations will be impacted? How many parking spaces are being lost and what remuneration would be provided to the landlords or lessees / tenants of these impacted businesses and the associated real estate?

Thank you for your consideration. Please specifically address these questions on the record.

Frank and Kathy Finelli

2700 North Ocean Drive

Singer Island, FL 33404

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "Maria Marino G." <MMarino@pbcgov.org>; Elicia Sanders <ESanders1@pbcgov.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 16:02

Subject: FW: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Attachments: Image001.png

Good Afternoon Dr. Botel,

On behalf of Commissioner Marino, I am forwarding to you the email below from Siobhan O'Grady, a Riviera Beach resident who has expressed her vehement opposition to the site selected for a new fire station on Singer Island. Could you have a member of your staff kindly provide information to us on how the site was selected to replace Station #86, or advise if this is simply a temporary site until the new replacement station is built?

We appreciate any assistance you can provide to bring us up to speed on this City project.

Thank you,

Kim Ciklin

Sr. Administrative Assistant to

County Commissioner Maria Marino

District 1

(561) 355-2201

From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Dave Kerner M. <DKerner@pbcgov.org>; BCC-All Commissioners <BCC-AllCommissioners@pbcgov.org>; Gregg Weiss <GWeiss@pbcgov.org>; Robert Weinroth S. <RWeinroth@pbcgov.org>; Mack Bernard <MBernard@pbcgov.org>; Melissa McKinlay <MMcKinlay@pbcgov.org>; Maria Sachs <MSachs@pbcgov.org> **Subject:** Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

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Dear Palm Beach County Elected Officials,

I am writing this to make you aware of Riviera's Beach Plan on building a firehouse directly on Singer Island's Public Beach. Picture of where is attached. This beach is used and enjoyed by so many Palm Beach County residents and we need you to understand the negative impact to residents this would cause, and please fight for us, our environment and our beautiful beach..

There could be NO WORSE location to place a firehouse, than on our beautiful beach. The aesthetic debasement, environmental disruption, decrease in property values and impact on families who enjoy this beach find solace here, solace that would be disrupted by the constant trucks in and out, the smell of diesel, and the expected chaos that goes hand in hand with a fire station.

I can not imagine that anyone believes it to be a good idea to add a firehouse on the beach. Beaches are supposed to be serene. We moved here full time from NY to get away from chaos. My children play in that park, we bbq on the grass there, and it will permanently turn what is supposed to be a beautiful pubic landscape into mayhem. This area is filled with bike riders, roller bladers, pedestrians, this is no place for a firehouse.

Please get in touch with Riviera Beach and tell them this is not acceptable- this directly affects your constituents who use this beach, and permanently damages this beautiful and serene environment. I think it is clear that Riviera beach is improperly managed..the drugs, the crime. Do not let them destroy one of our county's most beautiful retreats.

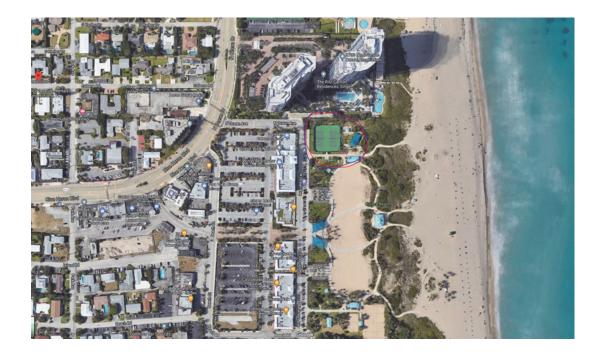
Our councilwoman is Julie Botel, who told us that there is a meeting tonight at 6pm at Marina Event Center. **JBotel@rivierabeach.org**

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Siobhan O'Grady

270 North Ocean Drive resident



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Date:	2021-08-19 16:11
Subject:	Questions for today's meeting about The new fire station in Riviera Beach Singer Island
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■Door Mr Droug	a dear all
■Dear Mr Brown	ı, dear all
I regret to hear th	hat Mrs Julie Botel tested yesterday positive for Covid. I sincerely wish her a prompt and positive recovery.
	ait 902 b at the Ritz Carlton Tower B next to the tennis courts and Mrs Botel invited me yesterday to use this last opportunity to make some
questions I have	for all of you:
	ing fire station cannot be elevated into a proper level over the flood plain, this would allow to keep it we're it is and save big money for the
community.	
2) I understand t	he argue from Mrs Botel that buying new properties is super expensive, specially in our days, but the riviera beach community already owns
some good ones	s, for example the corner at Broadway with Blue Heron, this is an excellent location for a new fire station headquarter.
3) The Mac Arth	ur Florida National Park lays exactly on the same way as we are, I am sure that a long term lease for a place to relocate there the fire station can
be discussed wit	hout having to buy land, can this option be explored? This would benefit also the park cash flow so it would work as a gain/gain situation.
4) If all the previous	ous options are or sound to complicated than let us keep it as simple as this, let us save the money and instead of relocate the two tennis courts
let us just built th	ne new fire station to the south end part of the park avoiding the interference with our two towers at the RCR, we have enough noice, specially
•	s by the music bands and also lots of roofing visual intrusion to absorbe with the mini mall as our neighbor, sincerely we don't want or need more
roofing and more	e loudness around us.
Thanks for the o	pportunity to ask questions and to share with all of you our concerns about how this will affect automatically the value of our property.
Kind regards	
Axel Neumann	
Cel: 954 203 65	70
Sent from my iPl	hone
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On Aug 18, 2	:021, at 8:33 PM, Botel, Julia <jbotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:</jbotel@rivierabeach.org>

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me.

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Regards,

Julie

PS - I have offered to hold a special meeting on this topic at the Ritz. I'm sure Dirk knows how to reach me!

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:12 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Dirk Schavemaker < dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: The new fire station

Dear Mrs Botel

As owner of unit 902 b at the Ritz Carlton Residences in Riviera Beach we want to express our huge concerns for the location that was chosen to built the new fire station right next to our building.

As you may understand such a change will influence and affect in a very negative way the value of all units at the two towers of the Ritz, consequently and respectfully we ask the city to relocate the new fire station at a different place.

We understand and are glad to hear that a new fire station will be built but we also feel that have the right to express our huge concerns and ask you please to evaluate another alternative location.

If you want to learn more what other unit owners have to say and about our common concerns please feel free to contact our manager who appears copied of this communication.

Thanks For your time to read my message and we all hope to hear your feed back as soon as possible before moving ahead with your plan.

Kind regards
Axel NEUMANN
RCR 902 b owner
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Theodore Oyler <theodoreoyler@gmail.com>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-19 16:21

Subject: Resident Opposition to New Fire Station

Dr. Botel:

My name is Theodore Oyler and along with my wife, Michelle, we own a condo at the Ritz Carlton Residences at 2700 N. Ocean Drive. In July of this year, we relocated from Colorado and purchased a condo unit for \$3,000,000. We were greatly disturbed about the announcement that Riviera Beach's Council will be voting to erect a new fire station in the City's Park area now occupied by tennis courts and beach facilities.

The primary factor in choosing and purchasing the Ritz Carlton was the fact that the adjacent property to the South was a quiet beach and park facility. We paid a premium price for our property because of that.

By way of background, I have been an attorney for 36 years. I also created a company through which I owned and operated a significant portfolio of commercial real estate in Denver over a 29 year period of time with a market value of over \$80 Million.

The current Park is a valuable City resource and its current use should remain unchanged. I absolutely oppose the plans to build a new fire station at the proposed location for the following reasons:

1. Loss of a Valuable and Irreplaceable City Resource Enjoyed by the Entire Public (Public Enjoyment).

The best use of this City Park property is to keep it as a 'park.' 'Parks,' as opposed to undeveloped lots or abandoned structures, are a valuable resource for the use and enjoyment of all citizens. Every weekend, there are literally hundreds of people using that City beach for free. The City and people of Riviera Beach have been blessed with the existence of a public park with some of the most incredible beachfront anywhere. The current Park is a publicly owned jewel to be protected and not developed or re-purposed. The fire station would disrupt the beauty, tranquility and recreational use of the existing Park.

2. Tangible Economic Benefits By Keeping the Park 'As-Is.'

Denver was faced with making similar choices about the 'best' use of land in considering the economic value of 'parks.' A study was done to answer the questions about whether and to what extent 'parks and recreation' had an 'economic impact.' SEE LINK to Study PDF.

https://conservationtools-production.s3.amazonaws.com/library_item_files/1523/1643/ccpe-denver-park-value-report.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAIQFJLILYGVDR4AMQ&E

The study of Denver concluded that the existence of parks and recreation facilities had positive economic impacts on the community. <u>Direct Economic Impacts.</u>

Many of the Beach Park users also spend money at the restaurants and businesses located at the retail strip directly to the West of the proposed building site.

Placement of a fire station at that location will dramatically and permanently alter the character of the Park and result in irreparable harm to the Park's adjacent businesses because of reduced or limited use of the Park after the fire station is built.

De-Valuation of Adjacent Properties and Reduced Property Taxes and Sales Taxes. The presence of the fire station will diminish the desirability of adjacent properties such as the Ritz Carlton at 2700 N.Ocean Drive and the shoppette. The resulting decreased property values will have a negative effect upon the property taxes generated by these properties. My estimate of the market value of the Ritz Carlton based upon the average condo unit market prices is around \$500 Million or more. It makes absolutely no economic sense to de-value a property worth 1/2 Billion Dollars and for the City to incur losses in property tax revenues. When you add in the decreased values of the adjacent retail properties and reduced sales receipts from those retail operations, the loss of tax income to Riviera Beach is massive.

3. Better Alternate Sites Are Available. There are more attractive sites for the location of a new fire station. My cursory research of 'available' lots and buildings for sale indicates that there are multiple options available for the City to construct a new fire station. My search did not include other properties already owned by Riviera Beach such as the existing fire station, an apparently vacant building located on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Blue Heron and Broadway (City banners on building advertising "re-development site") and other current City facilities/lots.

In Summary, the Riviera Beach Park which is the subject of the proposed fire station should be kept 'as-is' and a different location should be selected. The proposal would result in irreparable negative impacts such as diminished access by the public to a premier beach and park area, diminished values of adjacent residential and commercial properties, diminished property tax revenue, and diminished sales tax revenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Theodore Oyler 2700 N. Ocean Dr., Apt. 1604A Riviera Beach, FL 33404 Cell: (720)635-7524

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Get well, and call me any time if you would like to discuss the above.

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To: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org >

Subject: New Fire Station proposal for Riviera Beach/Singer Island

Dear Mrs. Botel,

My name is Bill Atkinson and I am a new owner on the south side of the B tower of the Ritz Carlton Residences on Singer Island. My unit is on the 12th floor and as such my unit (and master bedroom) will be very close to any firetruck travel/noise that the new fire station will occasion (regularly).

I know and acknowledge that fire stations are needed, yet they are very noisy as well - and can greatly affect property values in a negative manner. My wife and I bought here, in part, to get away from noise and into a residential area. Indeed, where we lived last (on Clearwater Beach), we had a nearby fire station and the noise was a major part of our decision to move. Fire stations are loud and the noise is 24/7. Thus, my chagrin in hearing of the city's plans to turn our nearby tennis courts into a new fire station. Might I inquire as to why the city feels the need for a new fire station on Ocean Drive, when there are already two (Nos. 1 and 3) so very close? Indeed, No. 3 is one mile away to the North and No. 2 is about 2.2 miles away to the West. And even if another station is needed, locations that appear less burdensome to so many are clearly available. The currently proposed location will almost literally be in the bedrooms of every unit is our buildings - hundreds of them. Not only will this noise bother the residents greatly, but it will likely negatively affect property values (and thus lower tax revenues accordingly). Whereas the other locations I mention below will burden mostly businesses or not be so near any residences. In that regard, there are several vacant lots east of the Blue Heron Bridge on the south side of East Blue Heron Blvd. Or, why not under the bridge or otherwise in Phil Foster Park - a space further away from most residential areas, but still nearby?

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Sincerely,

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From: Gail Muzzo <gailmuz@yahoo.ca> **Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:29 AM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

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I am not against development and progress, but I truly believe the fire station should not be located there.

I hope you take our concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail and Alexander Muzzo
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To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org; Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 16:52

Subject: Proposed Relocation Fire Station 86

Dear Ms. Botel

I note that you have tested positive for Covid and hope that you recover quickly and fully.

My name is Martin Robinson. My wife Andree and I own condominium unit 1402B at 2700 North Ocean Drive. We learned late yesterday of the proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 from 5010 N. Ocean Drive to the area currently occupied by the tennis courts in the municipal beach/park directly adjacent to 2700 N. Ocean Drive.

This proposal is most disturbing to my wife, myself and I am certain to all of the 242 condominium unit owners at 2700 N. Ocean drive as well as the owners and tenants of the mall on North Ocean Avenue. When we purchased our condominium we had certain expectations regarding development of the adjacent property. These were that the property was designated as a municipal beach/park and that there would be no use of this property for anything other than a public beach/park to the east of North Ocean Avenue. Purchasers of condominium units at 2700 N. Ocean Drive were aware or should have been aware that the property to the west of North Ocean Avenue was zoned for commercial use. These expectations were reinforced by the City Charter at Article VII, General Provisions and confirmed by a Public Referendum in 2007.

The relocation of the fire station, as proposed, is fraught with the following:

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Many pedestrians, families with little children access the beach/park from the large parking lot behind the mall along the north side of the mall and directly in front of the tennis courts. This will pose dangerous challenges to emergency responders as they exit the proposed fire house.

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Many young children and adults ride their bikes, roller blades and skateboards in this area when accessing the beach/park and mall. As well, there is considerable foot traffic along North Ocean Avenue that will be adversely affected by the returning emergency vehicles.

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Almost all of the 242 condominium units of 2700 N. Ocean Drive face south, directly overlooking the tennis courts and proposed fire station, as do the master bedrooms and balconies. The 2 buildings act as giant amplifiers for any noises generated from ground level. North Ocean Avenue becomes almost silent after 10:00PM. Emergency vehicles are not on a time table but rather on call 24 hours a day. These vehicles are loud and will cause a major disturbance when responding to emergencies and when returning to the proposed fire station. Worse, these vehicles will, of necessity, require reversing into their parking locations which will set off the reverse alarm that is loud and most annoying at any time. Also, these vehicles are frequently left idling for long periods causing very disturbing noise. This noise will be intolerable at any time.

Esthetics

The North Ocean Avenue beach/park is one of the prettiest and most sought after recreational places in all of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. It is unimaginable that consideration is being given to despoil this beautiful property with the construction of a building structure in order to relocate the fire station. Beachfront municipal property in all of Palm Beach County is exceedingly rare and should be preserved and protected as sacred.

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Sincerely yours

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:23 PM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire Station 86

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Sincerely
Me. & Mrs. Cunha
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Subject: Re: Fire Station 86
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Date: 2021-08-19 16:56

Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: Fire station

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From: sara agarabi <northforkboats55@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:24 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

Hi Julia,

We have been residents of 2700 North Ocean Drive, since 2008. We inquired from the city at that time if anything would be built on the property next door and were told that as it was park property and buildings would not be erected on this property as it designated park and open public space. Another instance where the City of Riviera Beach does not tell the truth. We have just gone through a lengthy and expensive renovation project only to find out that a fire station will be built right next door. Why relocate the tennis courts and playground when you can build it on some of the unused parking area on the otherside of the mall that does not directly affect other residents? Once you build one structure, what will stop the city from building more?

As a resident of Singer Island I implore you to have the city reconsider the location for the fire station.

Sincerely,

Sara & Ali Agarabi

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To: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Smith, Tawanna" <TWSmith@rivierabeach.org&

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:04

Subject: Re: Fire Station Location

Tawanna,

So sorry. It was late last night and I was responding to dozens of emails from the Ritz people. I meant to copy Sam.

I'm feeling much better. Thanks for asking.

Thanks,

Julie

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From: Smith, Tawanna < TWSmith@rivierabeach.org >

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:57 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: RE: Fire Station Location

Hello Dr. B,

Sorry you are under the weather should you need me to drop off anything, please do not hesitate to contact me my cell is 561-268-7411. I see you copied me on this email. Did you need me to do anything to assist you with responding?

From: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:31 PM

To: Val Mayer <4mayer@rogers.com>

Cc: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Smith, Tawanna

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From: Val Mayer < 4mayer@rogers.com > Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:24 PM To: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org >

Subject: Fire Station Location

Dear Ms Botel,

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Thank you
Velia Mayer
2700 N Ocean Drive
Suite 802B
Sent from my iPhone

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To: Bob <rherz@verizon.net>

Date: 2021-08-19 17:05

Subject: Re: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

Thanks. Stay safe!!! Enjoy the grandkids!

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From: Bob <rherz@verizon.net>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:00 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

Thanks Julie for the updated information. So glad you are feeling better. Further evidence of the effectiveness of the vaccine. My wife and I are 68, got our second dose of the Modena vaccine back in February, and so are eager to get a booster so that we can safely continue to see our grandkids.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 19, 2021, at 1:49 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

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I learned from Mr. Evans today that the City has engaged the services of an independent property appraiser to conduct an evaluation of the impact of the fire station on the residences at the Ritz. I believe that study will be complete within the next 2 weeks, so I will be sure to forward that information to all those who have taken the time to communicate their concerns to me.

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Cc: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Brown,

Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

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Sent from my iPad

On Aug 18, 2021, at 7:54 PM, Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

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Subject: Proposed location of Singer Island Fire Station

Riviera Beach Council member ■Botel, my name is Robert Herz. I and my wife Louise Herz own and frequent a unit in the Ritz Carlton Residences at 2700 N. Ocean Drive on Singer Island. We understand that the Council will be considering a proposal to construct a new permanent fire station immediately adjacent to the south side of the Ritz Carlton property. I cannot express how strongly we object to this proposal and very much hope that Council members will reject it. We love being at the Ritz Carlton and the serenity of the environment it engenders. We are very concerned that placing a permanent fire station immediately adjacent to the Ritz Carlton will inevitably change that, introducing the frequent noise of blaring fire engines exiting the station and causing potentially dangerous traffic situations. And it will inevitably impair the values of units at 2700 N Ocean Dr. We urge you and your colleagues to reject this ill-conceived proposal. Thank you.

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Joey Aaron Eichner, Broker

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:19
Subject: Re: Firehouse relocation
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Mr. and Mrs. Gildersleeve,

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Regards,

Julie

PS - There are absolutely NO PLANS to sell the park.

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:38 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Firehouse relocation

My wife Aileen and I, Robert Gildersleeve are absolutely, positively opposed to relocating the fire house from its current location on Riviera Beach.

Sent from my iPhone	

EXTERNAL SENDER

From: "Botel, Julia" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
To: "Frank J. Murdolo" <fjmurdolo@msn.com>

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:22

Subject: Re: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

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From: Frank J. Murdolo <fjmurdolo@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:51 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

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Kind regards,

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Sent from my iPad

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From: Frank J. Murdolo <fjmurdolo@msn.com> Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 7:06 AM To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; 1 Nancy Wife <nmurdolo@msn.com>

Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

Good morning Julie,

My wife Nancy and I are residents at 2700 North Ocean Drive in Riviera Beach. We were very upset to learn about plans to relocate the new fire station next to our residential condominium building.

We have no doubt of the importance and need for a state-of-the-art facility and we are certain that the design will be beautiful. However there is no getting around the incredible noise factor that will be ever present every time the firetrucks are dispatched from the new location. We have a bird's eye view of the North Ocean Drive traffic light and intersection as well as the traffic flow on the streets that will be impacted by relocating the fire station.

Unfortunately a surprisingly high proportion of the drivers that use North Ocean Drive are horribly disrespectful to the emergency equipment as it tries to navigate around and through the traffic. It's shocking to watch as they regularly block and cutoff the firetrucks. Consequently the use of sirens and extremely high decibel emergency air horns is already an incredibly noisy and constant disruption, especially at the traffic light intersection next to 2700 North Ocean Drive. We can only imagine how much worse it will be with the firetrucks trying to leave the new firehouse location - whether or not the traffic lights automatically stop the flow of traffic to allow them access to the intersection. It will be virtually impossible not to always heavily use the sirens.

Surely there must be numerous other alternative sites under consideration that are not located right on top of a residential area and that will not destroy a beautiful park and recreation area. We plead with everyone to rethink this horrible decision for the location site of the new fire station.

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PS We are sorry to hear about your diagnosis of a Covid breakthrough and wish you a very speedy and safe recovery.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: August 18, 2021 at 8:26:18 PM EDT

To: "Schavemaker, Dirk" <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com> Subject: New Fire Station location - Response from Council

From: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 19:38 To: Alan Cohn <acohn@absolutecare.com>

Cc: Schavemaker, Dirk Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; Evans, Jonathan jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Brown, Sammie T.

<STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: New Fire Station location

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Julie

Regards,

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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icia Sanders <ESanders1@pbcgov.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 17:27

Subject: Re: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Attachments: image001.png

Kim,

Thanks for forwarding this. Earlier today, I sent Commissioner Marino the response I have been providing to residents of the Ritz. I hope many of them attend tonight's meeting and subsequent meetings we will hold on this topic. I have asked the Ritz building manager for a date when we can have a special presentation to the residents there.

Thanks again,

Julie

PS - If you would like to receive a recording of one of the meetings, I would be happy to provide it.

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From: Kim Ciklin < KCiklin@pbcgov.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Maria Marino G. <MMarino@pbcgov.org>; Elicia Sanders <ESanders1@pbcgov.org> **Subject:** FW: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Good Afternoon Dr. Botel,

On behalf of Commissioner Marino, I am forwarding to you the email below from Siobhan O'Grady, a Riviera Beach resident who has expressed her vehement opposition to the site selected for a new fire station on Singer Island. Could you have a member of your staff kindly provide information to us on how the site was selected to replace Station #86, or advise if this is simply a temporary site until the new replacement station is built?

We appreciate any assistance you can provide to bring us up to speed on this City project.

Thank you,

Kim Ciklin

Sr. Administrative Assistant to

County Commissioner Maria Marino

District 1

(561) 355-2201

From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Dave Kerner M. < DKerner@pbcgov.org>; BCC-All Commissioners

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Subject: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

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Dear Palm Beach County Elected Officials,

I am writing this to make you aware of Riviera's Beach Plan on building a firehouse directly on Singer Island's Public Beach. Picture of where is attached. This beach is used and enjoyed by so many Palm Beach County residents and we need you to understand the negative impact to residents this would cause, and please fight for us, our environment and our beautiful beach..

There could be NO WORSE location to place a firehouse, than on our beautiful beach. The aesthetic debasement, environmental disruption, decrease in property values and impact on families who enjoy this beach find solace here, solace that would be disrupted by the constant trucks in and out, the smell of diesel, and the expected chaos that goes hand in hand with a fire station.

I can not imagine that anyone believes it to be a good idea to add a firehouse on the beach. Beaches are supposed to be serene. We moved here full time from NY to get away from chaos. My children play in that park, we bbq on the grass there, and it will permanently turn what is supposed to be a beautiful pubic landscape into mayhem. This area is filled with bike riders, roller bladers, pedestrians, this is no place for a firehouse.

Please get in touch with Riviera Beach and tell them this is not acceptable- this directly affects your constituents who use this beach, and permanently damages this beautiful and serene environment. I think it is clear that Riviera beach is improperly managed..the drugs, the crime. Do not let them destroy one of our county's most beautiful retreats.

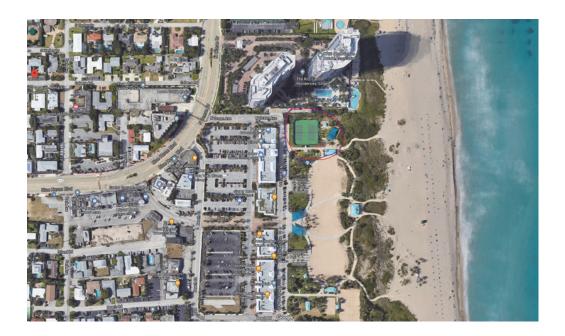
Our councilwoman is Julie Botel, who told us that there is a meeting tonight at 6pm at Marina Event Center. **JBotel@rivierabeach.org**

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Siobhan O'Grady

270 North Ocean Drive resident



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gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.

com>

Date: 2021-08-19 17:28

Subject: Re: Questions for today's meeting about The new fire station in Riviera Beach Singer Island

Mr. Neumann,

Thank you for following up with your questions and concerns. I am certain Mr. Evand and Chief Curd will address them at tonight's and subsequent meetings. I do hope you will be able to attend, even if only virtually

Regards,

Julie

PS - Thank you for your wishes for a speedy recovery!

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Questions for today's meeting about The new fire station in Riviera Beach Singer Island

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Dear Mr Brown, dear all

I regret to hear that Mrs Julie Botel tested yesterday positive for Covid. I sincerely wish her a prompt and positive recovery.

I am owner of unit 902 b at the Ritz Carlton Tower B next to the tennis courts and Mrs Botel invited me yesterday to use this last opportunity to make some questions I have for all of you:

- 1) Why the existing fire station cannot be elevated into a proper level over the flood plain, this would allow to keep it we're it is and save big money for the community.
- 2) I understand the argue from Mrs Botel that buying new properties is super expensive, specially in our days, but the riviera beach community already owns some good ones, for example the corner at Broadway with Blue Heron, this is an excellent location for a new fire station headquarter.
- 3) The Mac Arthur Florida National Park lays exactly on the same way as we are, I am sure that a long term lease for a place to relocate there the fire station can be discussed without having to buy land, can this option be explored? This would benefit also the park cash flow so it would work as a gain/gain situation.
- 4) If all the previous options are or sound to complicated than let us keep it as simple as this, let us save the money and instead of relocate the two tennis courts let us just built the new fire station to the south end part of the park avoiding the interference with our two towers at the RCR, we have enough noice, specially during week ends by the music bands and also lots of roofing visual intrusion to absorbe with the mini mall as our neighbor, sincerely we don't want or need more roofing and more loudness around us.

Thanks for the opportunity to ask questions and to share with all of you our concerns about how this will affect automatically the value of our property.

Kind regards

Axel Neumann Cel: 954 203 65 70

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 18, 2021, at 8:33 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

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Regards,

Julie

PS - I have offered to hold a special meeting on this topic at the Ritz. I'm sure Dirk knows how to reach me!

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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From: Axel Neumann <axelneumann28@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:12 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Dirk Schavemaker < dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: The new fire station

Dear Mrs Botel

As owner of unit 902 b at the Ritz Carlton Residences in Riviera Beach we want to express our huge concerns for the location that was chosen to built the new fire station right next to our building.

As you may understand such a change will influence and affect in a very negative way the value of all units at the two towers of the Ritz, consequently and respectfully we ask the city to relocate the new fire station at a different place.

We understand and are glad to hear that a new fire station will be built but we also feel that have the right to express our huge concerns and ask you please to evaluate another alternative location.

If you want to learn more what other unit owners have to say and about our common concerns please feel free to contact our manager who appears copied of this communication.

Thanks For your time to read my message and we all hope to hear your feed back as soon as possible before moving ahead with your plan.

Kind regards
Axel NEUMANN
RCR 902 b owner
Sent from my iPhone

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:31
Subject: Re: Resident Opposition to New Fire Station
Attachments: Town Hall Flyer .pdf Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg
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Mr. Oyler,

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me. This response has been provided to many of your neighbors at the Ritz, and I am sure it doesn't address all the issues you raise. However, I am copying Chief Curd and City Manager Evans on this reply so that they can respond at the upcoming meetings.

In fact, there is a meeting on this important topic <u>TODAY</u>, Thursday, at 6:00 PM. It will take place at the Marina Event Center on 13th Street. It will also be televised. People can submit questions to <u>stbrown@rivierabeach.org</u>. I encourage you to do so prior to the meeting. Please attend in person if you can, or watch if you are unable to be there. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Riviera Beach City Council will not vote on this matter until we have an opportunity to listen to all our residents.

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Some concerns that have been expressed previously were addressed by our City Manager and Fire Chief at a recent meeting:

- The fire engines will not use sirens and lights until they reach North Ocean Drive.
- The tennis courts will be relocated to the south end of the park. Pickleball courts will be added. The children's play area will also be relocated to the south.
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- Other properties such as the vacant banks would also be cost-prohibitive (\$3-\$5 million) and take those parcels off the tax rolls.
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- The existing fire station is located next to TWO residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values.
- The current station is in the flood plain and cannot be renovated. In a king tide, the station floods. It has reached the end of its useful life and must be vacated.
- The City hopes to obtain community input as to the future use of that building. We will be conducting a survey of all residents.
- The property being used for the Community Garden does not belong to the City and the owner is not interested in selling it to us for use as a fire station.
- The City has engaged the services of an appraiser to determine the impact on property values at the Ritz.
- The vote on the placement of the fire station will not take place for quite some time. The city is planning several charrettes about it and would be happy to have a special presentation to the residents of the Ritz. I made this offer to Dirk Shavemaker and hope he will provide me with a date when we can do that.

City Manager Evans addressed this topic at last night's City Council meeting. He answered many of the questions and concerns that have been raised. I will forward that video to you as soon as it is available.

Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with COVID on Tuesday ("breakthrough" and mild) and so will not be able to attend the meetings in person. However, I feel confident that Chief Curd and City Manager Evans will be able to answer all your questions and respond to your concerns. I am copying them on this reply so that they can provide additional information if they are able.

Regards,

Julie

PS - There are absolutely NO PLANS to sell the park.

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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From: Theodore Oyler <theodoreoyler@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:21 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Resident Opposition to New Fire Station

Dr. Botel:

My name is Theodore Oyler and along with my wife, Michelle, we own a condo at the Ritz Carlton Residences at 2700 N. Ocean Drive. In July of this year, we relocated from Colorado and purchased a condo unit for \$3,000,000. We were greatly disturbed about the announcement that Riviera Beach's Council will be voting to erect a new fire station in the City's Park area now occupied by tennis courts and beach facilities.

The primary factor in choosing and purchasing the Ritz Carlton was the fact that the adjacent property to the South was a quiet beach and park facility. We paid a premium price for our property because of that.

By way of background, I have been an attorney for 36 years. I also created a company through which I owned and operated a significant portfolio of commercial real estate in Denver over a 29 year period of time with a market value of over \$80 Million.

The current Park is a valuable City resource and its current use should remain unchanged. I absolutely oppose the plans to build a new fire station at the proposed location for the following reasons:

1. Loss of a Valuable and Irreplaceable City Resource Enjoyed by the Entire Public (Public Enjoyment).

The best use of this City Park property is to keep it as a 'park.' 'Parks,' as opposed to undeveloped lots or abandoned structures, are a valuable resource for the use and enjoyment of all citizens. Every weekend, there are literally hundreds of people using that City beach for free. The City and people of Riviera Beach have been blessed with the existence of a public park with some of the most incredible beachfront anywhere. The current Park is a publicly owned jewel to be protected and not developed or re-purposed. The fire station would disrupt the beauty, tranquility and recreational use of the existing Park.

2. Tangible Economic Benefits By Keeping the Park 'As-Is.'

Denver was faced with making similar choices about the 'best' use of land in considering the economic value of 'parks.' A study was done to answer the questions about whether and to what extent 'parks and recreation' had an 'economic impact.' SEE LINK to Study PDF.

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The study of Denver concluded that the existence of parks and recreation facilities had positive economic impacts on the community. <u>Direct Economic Impacts.</u>

Many of the Beach Park users also spend money at the restaurants and businesses located at the retail strip directly to the West of the proposed building site.

Placement of a fire station at that location will dramatically and permanently alter the character of the Park and result in irreparable harm to the Park's adjacent businesses because of reduced or limited use of the Park after the fire station is built.

<u>De-Valuation of Adjacent Properties and Reduced Property Taxes and Sales Taxes.</u> The presence of the fire station will diminish the desirability of adjacent properties such as the Ritz Carlton at 2700 N.Ocean Drive and the shoppette. The resulting decreased property values will have a negative effect upon the property taxes generated by these properties. My estimate of the market value of the Ritz Carlton based upon the average condo unit market prices is around \$500 Million or more. It makes absolutely no economic sense to de-value a property worth 1/2 Billion Dollars and for the City to incur losses in property tax revenues. When you add in the decreased values of the adjacent retail properties and reduced sales receipts from those retail operations, the loss of tax income to Riviera Beach is massive.

3. Better Alternate Sites Are Available. There are more attractive sites for the location of a new fire station. My cursory research of 'available' lots and buildings for sale indicates that there are multiple options available for the City to construct a new fire station. My search did not include other properties already owned by Riviera Beach such as the existing fire station, an apparently vacant building located on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Blue Heron and Broadway (City banners on building advertising "re-development site") and other current City facilities/lots.

In Summary, the Riviera Beach Park which is the subject of the proposed fire station should be kept 'as-is' and a different location should be selected. The proposal would result in irreparable negative impacts such as diminished access by the public to a premier beach and park area, diminished values of adjacent residential and commercial properties, diminished property tax revenue, and diminished sales tax revenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

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To: Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>; Martin Robinson <martin.np.robinson@g mail.com>

Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 17:33

Subject: Re: Proposed Relocation Fire Station 86

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:52 PM

To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Proposed Relocation Fire Station 86

Dear Ms. Botel

I note that you have tested positive for Covid and hope that you recover quickly and fully.

My name is Martin Robinson. My wife Andree and I own condominium unit 1402B at 2700 North Ocean Drive. We learned late yesterday of the proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 from 5010 N. Ocean Drive to the area currently occupied by the tennis courts in the municipal beach/park directly adjacent to 2700 N. Ocean Drive.

This proposal is most disturbing to my wife, myself and I am certain to all of the 242 condominium unit owners at 2700 N. Ocean drive as well as the owners and tenants of the mall on North Ocean Avenue. When we purchased our condominium we had certain expectations regarding development of the adjacent property. These were that the property was designated as a municipal beach/park and that there would be no use of this property for anything other than a public beach/park to the east of North Ocean Avenue. Purchasers of condominium units at 2700 N. Ocean Drive were aware or should have been aware that the property to the west of North Ocean Avenue was zoned for commercial use. These expectations were reinforced by the City Charter at Article VII, General Provisions and confirmed by a Public Referendum in 2007.

The relocation of the fire station, as proposed, is fraught with the following:

Safety

Many pedestrians, families with little children access the beach/park from the large parking lot behind the mall along the north side of the mall and directly in front of the tennis courts. This will pose dangerous challenges to emergency responders as they exit the proposed fire house.

The intersection opposite the tennis courts is frequently congested by police and emergency vehicles as well as transport and service vehicles making deliveries and/or servicing the mall tenants and 2700 N. Ocean Drive. The congestion at this location is further complicated by the necessity for some of these commercial vehicles to reverse up the 2700 N. Ocean service ramp in order to access that building.

Many young children and adults ride their bikes, roller blades and skateboards in this area when accessing the beach/park and mall. As well, there is considerable foot traffic along North Ocean Avenue that will be adversely affected by the returning emergency vehicles.

Noise

Almost all of the 242 condominium units of 2700 N. Ocean Drive face south, directly overlooking the tennis courts and proposed fire station, as do the master bedrooms and balconies. The 2 buildings act as giant amplifiers for any noises generated from ground level. North Ocean Avenue becomes almost silent after 10:00PM. Emergency vehicles are not on a time table but rather on call 24 hours a day. These vehicles are loud and will cause a major disturbance when responding to emergencies and when returning to the proposed fire station. Worse, these vehicles will, of necessity, require reversing into their parking locations which will set off the reverse alarm that is loud and most annoying at any time. Also, these vehicles are frequently left idling for long periods causing very disturbing noise. This noise will be intolerable at any time.

Esthetics

The North Ocean Avenue beach/park is one of the prettiest and most sought after recreational places in all of Riviera Beach and Palm Beach County. It is unimaginable that consideration is being given to despoil this beautiful property with the construction of a building structure in order to relocate the fire station. Beachfront municipal property in all of Palm Beach County is exceedingly rare and should be preserved and protected as sacred.

The park area adjacent to the tennis courts is used frequently for picnics and barbecues. The proposed fire station will have a very negative effect on the enjoyment and the ambiance of the current park setting and thus reduce the available park space.

For those of us that own condominium units at 2700 N. Ocean Drive, the proposed fire station will adversely affect the beautiful view that we enjoy. This along with the considerable noise generated by the emergency vehicles will diminish greatly both the enjoyment of our property as well as its market value.

As a final note, the situation that condominium unit owners are facing regarding the proposed relocation of the fire station is the reverse to that of purchasers of residential property adjacent to an existing airport who then complain of the noise. In our case this proposal is like putting a new airport in the midst of an existing residential area. I am confident that you would consider that unacceptable.

Sincerely yours Marty Robinson 1402B 2700 North Ocean Drive Riviera Beach, FL 33404 514 294-8347

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:39
Subject: Re: Fire station Date:

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:42

Subject: Re: proposed Fire House adjacent to the Ritz Carleton Residences on Tennis Courts

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Date: 2021-08-19 17:43
Subject: Re: Fire station

Attachments: Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg

Thanks so much. I was vaccinated, so the case is mild. And I went to the hospital for the Regeneron treatment, so I am doing quite well, in spite of the fact that I now have to quarantine!! ■

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Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:27 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

Hi Julie, it's Nita Dry from Palm Beach isles. I just heard that the new proposed site for the fire station is actually on the Ocean Mall beach side where the playground is and the tennis courts are. If this is true my

concern is one citizens and children use that playground and they also use the tennis courts every day at the Ocean Mall there's already limited parking for weekends as well as the week and it's always crowded with pedestrians and bicyclists and skateboarders etc.. is there not a better site that's better suited or could we not redo the fire station where it is? Tear it down and rebuild instead of taking beachfront property on our ocean?

I plan on coming to the meeting tonight at six but I just needed to voice my concerns if it is being proposed to be built on the ocean side of the ocean Mall. Now that being said that's what I saw on Facebook I have not been to a meeting yet so I'll plan on being there tonight and finding out the exact location. As always thank you for all you do and for listening to our concerns.

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Dear Dr. Botel,

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From: Jim Zimmer <drzimmer@gmail.com>

To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 18:48

Subject: Re: Fire Station Relocation

Councilwoman Botel

I am so sorry to hear that you have Covid. Remember they are giving the Monoclonal antibodies for free. I have had great feedback on people who have taken this treatment. (Well enough of my doctoring) I appreciate you responding despite your illness and I appreciate all you do for us.

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 3:10 PM Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

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Regards,

Julie

PS - There are absolutely NO PLANS to sell the park.

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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From: Jim Zimmer < drzimmer@gmail.com > Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:31 PM

To: Botel, Julia < <u>JBotel@rivierabeach.org</u>> **Subject:** Fire Station Relocation

Councilwoman Bartel,

I would like to request that you oppose the relocation of the Fire Station on Singer Island. I would rather propose that it simply be remodeled. This has been done many times in CO where I used to live and was closely tied to our local Fire Department. There are many reasons that I am against the City Of Riviera Beach moving the Fire Station to the Park. Number one it would impede people's enjoyment of the park space, most of which are people from the city of Riviera Beach. Second it would increase noise and decrease property values around the area. If there are no other alternatives than the park then might I suggest the South end where the tennis courts would not have to be relocated. Also there was something mentioned about selling the park in something I read. I believe this would be the most disastrous of all because this would leave the people of Riviera Beach without prime beach access.

Dr. James Zimmer

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Cc:

Cc: Dirk Schavemaker <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>
Date: 2021-08-19 19:37
Subject: Fwd: Fire station

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Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-19 20:20
Subject: Re: Proposed Firehouse

Thank you for your good wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Thanks again,

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From: mabewin1@aol.com <mabewin1@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:18 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed Firehouse

Dear Dr. Botel,

Thank you so much for you very quick response.

I am sorry to hear that you have a breakthrough case of Covid and wish you s speedy and uneventful recovery.

I have an additional question after listening to tonight's presentation:

How will the proposed station impact deliveries and moving trucks accessing the 2700 North Ocean property delivery bays? Trucks are often parked along the area that would be the egress for the firetrucks.

Thanks again!

Mary Beth Winiarski

----Original Message----

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To: mabewin1@aol.com <mabewin1@aol.com>

Cc: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Thu, Aug 19, 2021 6:47 pm Subject: Re: Proposed Firehouse

Ms. Winiarski,

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n.com>

Date: 2021-08-19 20:23
Subject: Re: Fire station

Attachments: Fire-Station-86-Community-Meeting.jpeg

Bruce,

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Julie

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Cc: Dirk Schavemaker < Dirk. Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Fwd: Fire station

Hi Julie

Thanks for your prompt response

I would urge the board to identify another piece of property

more suitable for the new fire station.

Hope your Covid virus stays mild and disappears quickly.

Looking forward to meeting with you.

Regards

Bruce Adler

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Date: August 18, 2021 at 9:03:40 PM EDT
To: Calart100 <calart100@aol.com>

Cc: "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>, "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>, "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Fire station

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From: Calart100 < Calart100@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:58 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

Hi Judy

As an owner at the Ritz Carlton I strongly stand against a fire Station going on the current tennis courts.

If there is a way this could be prevented I would be on board to support.

Thank You Bruce Adler 2700 N ocean drive 201.362.7764

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Community Meeting

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Would you please attend any of the following meetings to learn more and share your thoughts?

All meetings are from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mon. - August 16, 2021 – Riviera Beach Ambassadors Center 1229 East Blue Heron Blvd, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Tues. - August 17, 2021 – Riviera Beach City Library 2129 N. Congress Avenue, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Thurs. August 19, 2021 – Virtual & In-Person Meeting
Marina Events Center: 190 E. 13th St. Riviera Beach, FL 33404
Join by Computer: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85163259286
Join by Phone: Dial +1 646 876 9923, Meeting ID: 851 6325 9286

** This meeting will be broadcasted on TV18 & Youtube.

P:561-845-4104 E:fire@rivierabeach.org W:rivierabeach.org

From: "Botel, Julia" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>
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Date: 2021-08-19 20:31
Subject: Re: proposed firehouse

Ms. Donofrio,

Thank you for your email.

If the fire station is located at the proposed location, the tennis courts will be moved to the south end of the park and enhanced with pickleball courts and other amenities.

Mr. Evans will continue to look for alternatives. Many other properties were considered and rejected for a variety of reasons.

I assure you, we will be working diligently to provide the best possible solution.

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Date: 2021-08-19 20:36

Subject: RE: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Councilwoman Botel, I am very concerned about what we see going on. For Mr. Evans and Chief Curd, why were my questions not addressed at this meeting, as Ms. Botel committed.

The discussion this evening raises many significant issues, which remain unaddressed. What is your plan to get this information about my questions and the many others that residents have raised to your constituents?

Based on the information you provided this evening, it is clear that the demand for Fire & Emergency services is west of Blue Heron Bridge, so locations there are more suitable. I look forward to discussing these issues. Thanks, Frank

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Frank and Kathy Finelli 2700 North Ocean Drive Singer Island, FL 33404

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Thank You Bruce Adler 2700 N ocean drive 201.362.7764

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Regards,

Julie

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From: Calart100 < Calart100@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:58 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station

Hi Judy

As an owner at the Ritz Carlton I strongly stand against a fire Station going on the current tennis courts.

If there is a way this could be prevented I would be on board to support.

Thank You Bruce Adler 2700 N ocean drive 201.362.7764

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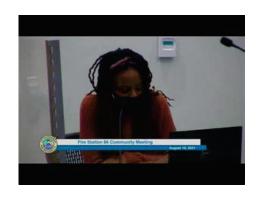
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Would you please send this to everyone who emailed me about the fire station?

Please send it from my email and say:

In case you missed the meeting last night about the relocation of the fire station on Singer Island, here is the link to the YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXISFWf838



Riviera Beach TV Livestream

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Thank you again for your input. There will be many more opportunities to have your voice heard. The Quarterly Singer Island Town Hall meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00 (flyer attached). It will be a hybrid event, with the opportunity to be here in person, or to participate virtually. Please let your concerns be heard. As Director Sirmons explained last evening, the process is a very long one that involves many public meetings prior to coming to Council for a vote. This site plan must be approved by all of the appropriate departments including Legal, Public Safety and Planning and Zoning. Many, many public meetings will be held before a final decision is made.

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Please include the flyer for the town hall meeting.

a Was that enough to say?

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Subject: Microsoft Skype: Re: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

Thank you again for your responsiveness and for keeping our residents informed on this matter.

Sent from my iPad

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Hopefully this matter can be resolved to reach a mutually beneficial outcome for everyone.

Kind regards,

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Thank you for your email. And thank you for your kind wishes for my recovery. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me.

There is a meeting on this important topic TODAY, Thursday, at 6:00 PM. It will take place at the Marina Event Center on 13th Street. It will also be televised. People can submit questions to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I encourage you to do so prior to the meeting. Please attend in person if you can, or watch if you are unable to be there. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Riviera Beach City Council will not vote on this matter until we have an opportunity to listen to all our residents.

There have been 2 meetings so far on this topic. I am attaching the flyers for the meetings so that you can log into tomorrow's meeting virtually if you cannot attend in person.

There will also be a televised Singer Island Town Hall meeting that will include this topic. That will take place on Tuesday. August 24 at 6:00 at the Ambassador Center at 1229 East Blue Heron. It will also be televised. Again, questions and comments can be submitted to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I am attaching the flyer for that meeting.

Some concerns that have been expressed previously were addressed by our City Manager and Fire Chief at a recent meeting:

- * The fire engines will not use sirens and lights until they reach North Ocean Drive.
- * The tennis courts will be relocated to the south end of the park. Pickle ball courts will be added. The children's play area will also be relocated to the south.
- * The owner of the property at the end of the bridge wants more than \$22 million for it. Purchasing it would take it off the tax rolls. We already own the property at the park.
- * Other properties such as the vacant banks would also be cost-prohibitive (\$3-\$5 million) and take those parcels off the tax rolls.
- * Devices will be installed at the parking lot at the Ocean Walk Mall so that pedestrians and cars will not be allowed to proceed onto that road when the fire trucks are leaving or entering the station.
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Date: 2021-08-20 08:19

Subject: Re: New Fire Station location - Response from Council Member Botel

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Sent from my iPad

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Date: 2021-08-20 10:41

Subject: Re: FYI

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Yup.

Jonathan Evans, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

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To: Jonathan Evans cjevans@rivierabeach.org, "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org</pre>

Subject: Re: FYI.

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Date: 2021-08-20 10:48

Subject: Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Mr. Finelli.

I must take exception to your remark about transparency. When I received the flyer from the City on August 4, I shared it with JB Dixson and Karen Gleason who immediately posted it on NextDoor. JB and Karen often post information at my request. That same day, the city posted the flyer on its Facebook page. I shared it on my Facebook page on August 7, August 12, and again on Monday, August 16.

I've included a presentation about the fire station on my quarterly Townhall agenda with the intention of sharing it with my Singer Island constituents at that time. I was anticipating that the Townhall meeting would provide an opportunity for me to solicit information from my constituents about the proposal.

In my opinion, there has been no lack of transparency in this process. As Director Sirmons explained last evening, the process is a very long one that involves many public meetings prior to coming to Council for a vote. This site plan must go through all of the appropriate departments including Legal, Public Safety, and Planning and Zoning. Numerous public meetings will be held before a final decision is made by City Council.

It is unfortunate that this issue was only brought to your attention on Wednesday. I strongly encourage residents of the Ritz to monitor both the City's social media platforms and mine in order to keep abreast of issues that might be of concern to them. I also recommend that you reiterate your questions and concerns in an email to Mr. Evans and Chief Curd. Mr. Evans can then direct your questions to specific Department Heads as necessary so that you can be provided with the most accurate information.

With regard to the potential utilization of the old fire station on Singer Island, It is our intention to hold a separate series of community meetings to ascertain the best use for this property. We will also be conducting a city-wide survey on this issue. Although the property is not appropriate for a new fire station, it may be appropriate for other purposes. In fact, it may even be torn down and left vacant. That remains to be seen and will only be decided after a great deal of community input.

I pride myself on being open and transparent. I know City Manager Evans does as well. Please believe me when I tell you that there was absolutely no attempt to obfuscate or conceal any information.

We heard you loud and clear yesterday and we read and responded to each of your emails. We are listening! Along with Mr. Evans, I will be working diligently to attempt to locate an alternative to placing the station at the Ocean Walk Mall.

I hope to continue our dialogue in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. I look forward to holding a special meeting at the Ritz.

Regards,

Julie

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Subject: RE: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Councilwoman Botel, thank you for getting back to me. I look forward to more information, since transparency has been woefully lacking from this process.

Broader information about the views of your constituents would also be appreciated, given the other station on the Island. To the best of my knowledge, we have not been given the opportunity to provide you feedback on this issue, since it was brought to the attention of our property owners association yesterday.

For how long have you been working this issue and how have you solicited information from your constituents about the proposal, which was discussed this evening? Thanks, Frank

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Mr. Finelli,

I will ask Mr. Evans and Chief Curd to review the questions you submitted in advance of the meeting and make sure they provide you with a response to each one.

There has been a serious concern on the part of many of my constituents that we keep a fire station on Singer Island. Many, many people on the Island would be vehemently opposed to placing another station west of the bridge.

Mr. Evans and Chief Curd will be presenting again at my Quarterly Singer Island Town Hall meeting on Tuesday. It will be conducted in the same way as this evening's meeting was conducted - virtual and in person. So there will be another opportunity for people to voice their concerns.

I will ask Mr. Evans to compile a document with all the questions asked by residents so that it can be shared with the entire community.

Also, we are hoping to work with Mr. Shavemaker to have a meeting just for residents at the Ritz some time in the very near future.

I know that Mr. Evans is committed to searching for the best possible location for our new station.

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Councilwoman Botel, I am very concerned about what we see going on. For Mr. Evans and Chief Curd, why were my questions not addressed at this meeting, as Ms. Botel committed.

The discussion this evening raises many significant issues, which remain unaddressed. What is your plan to get this information about my questions and the many others that residents have raised to your constituents?

Based on the information you provided this evening, it is clear that the demand for Fire & Emergency services is west of Blue Heron Bridge, so locations there are more suitable. I look forward to discussing these issues. Thanks, Frank

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Subject: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Dear Riviera Beach, we are very concerned about what appears to be an abrupt decision to destroy the tennis courts and playground on the public beach area and construct a fire station there. We have four initial key question areas, with more likely to follow:

- 1. What specifically is the vetting, permitting, approval, and financing process for such a capital investment project using public funds and how was that process carried out? Please include times & dates, constituent communications, and the names of the elected or appointed officials, who executed these process steps?
- 2. What is the cost of demolishing the facilities and structures on the Riviera Beach site, as well as for constructing the new fire station, and what is the source of funds for this project? Why specifically can't the existing fire station continue to be used as is, or modified to support its intended purpose, and what analysis of these alternatives have been conducted and shared with Riviera Beach constituents?
- 3. What is the intended use of the existing fire station and the land it sits on, should another fire station be constructed, and what entities are participating in that contemplated re-use?
- 4. What adjustments to the roads and shops will be required to enable huge firetrucks to quickly exit the fire station, should it be cited on Riviera Beach, and how will the high volume of pedestrians be kept safe, should fire trucks be moving into and out of this proposed location at high speed? What is the additional costs for these road and structure changes and how many business locations will be impacted? How many parking spaces are being lost and what remuneration would be provided to the

landlords or lessees / tenants of these impacted businesses and the associated real estate?

Thank you for your consideration. Please specifically address these questions on the record.

Frank and Kathy Finelli 2700 North Ocean Drive Singer Island, FL 33404

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Cc: jevans@rivierabeach.org; jcurd@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-20 10:50

Subject: Relocation of Fire Station on Singer Island

■■Dear Dr. Botel,

I am an owner at the Ritz Carlton Residences. My unit in Tower B overlooks the Rivera Beach city park.

I am writing to express my concern about and opposition to the proposed location for the new fire station. The new construction, noise, traffic problems, etc. represent a major impact to the city park and by virtue of our apartment's location, a negative impact to the value of our property and the entire RC community.

I urge you and fellow city council members to not move the fire station to the proposed area currently occupied by the tennis courts.

Yours truly,

Ana Harshaw

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To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: FYI.

Yup.

Jonathan Evans, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

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correspondence confirmation.

From: Julie Botel < JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 9:44 AM

To: Jonathan Evans <ievans@rivierabeach.org>, "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: FYI.

So is the fire station right at the resort? Cool.

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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From: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 9:38 AM

To: Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: FYI.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kim Ciklin <kciklin@pbcgov.org>

To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-20 11:46

Subject: RE: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Attachments: Image003.png image002.jpg

Thank you Dr. Botel.

From: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 5:27 PM

To: Kim Ciklin < KCiklin@pbcgov.org>

Cc: Maria Marino G. <MMarino@pbcgov.org>; Elicia Sanders <ESanders1@pbcgov.org>; Evans, Jonathan

<jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Brown, Sammie T.

<STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

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Kim,

Thanks for forwarding this. Earlier today, I sent Commissioner Marino the response I have been providing to residents of the Ritz. I hope many of them attend tonight's meeting and subsequent meetings we will hold on this topic. I have asked the Ritz building manager for a date when we can have a special presentation to the residents there.

Thanks again,

Julie

PS - If you would like to receive a recording of one of the meetings, I would be happy to provide it.

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From: Kim Ciklin <KCiklin@pbcgov.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:02 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Maria Marino G. <MMarino@pbcgov.org>; Elicia Sanders <ESanders1@pbcgov.org> **Subject:** FW: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

Good Afternoon Dr. Botel,

On behalf of Commissioner Marino, I am forwarding to you the email below from Siobhan O'Grady, a Riviera Beach resident who has expressed her vehement opposition to the site selected for a new fire station on Singer Island. Could you have a member of your staff kindly provide information to us on how the site was selected to replace Station #86, or advise if this is simply a temporary site until the new replacement station is built?

We appreciate any assistance you can provide to bring us up to speed on this City project.

Thank you,

Kim Ciklin

Sr. Administrative Assistant to

County Commissioner Maria Marino

District 1

From: Siobhan O'grady <scogrady11@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:57 AM

To: Dave Kerner M. <DKerner@pbcgov.org>; BCC-All Commissioners <BCC-AllCommissioners@pbcgov.org>;

Gregg Weiss < GWeiss@pbcgov.org>; Robert Weinroth S. < RWeinroth@pbcgov.org>; Mack Bernard

<MBernard@pbcgov.org>; Melissa McKinlay <MMcKinlay@pbcgov.org>; Maria Sachs <MSachs@pbcgov.org>

Subject: Riviera Beach Plans To Build Firehouse on Singer Island Public Beach

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Dear Palm Beach County Elected Officials,

I am writing this to make you aware of Riviera's Beach Plan on building a firehouse directly on Singer Island's Public Beach. Picture of where is attached. This beach is used and enjoyed by so many Palm Beach County residents and we need you to understand the negative impact to residents this would cause, and please fight for us, our environment and our beautiful beach..

There could be NO WORSE location to place a firehouse, than on our beautiful beach. The aesthetic debasement, environmental disruption, decrease in property values and impact on families who enjoy this beach find solace here, solace that would be disrupted by the constant trucks in and out, the smell of diesel, and the expected chaos that goes hand in hand with a fire station.

I can not imagine that anyone believes it to be a good idea to add a firehouse on the beach. Beaches are supposed to be serene. We moved here full time from NY to get away from chaos. My children play in that park, we bbq on the grass there, and it will permanently turn what is supposed to be a beautiful pubic landscape into mayhem. This area is filled with bike riders, roller bladers, pedestrians, this is no place for a firehouse.

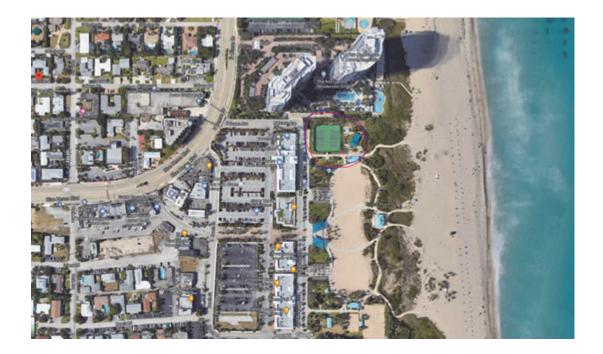
Please get in touch with Riviera Beach and tell them this is not acceptable- this directly affects your constituents who use this beach, and permanently damages this beautiful and serene environment. I think it is clear that Riviera beach is improperly managed..the drugs, the crime. Do not let them destroy one of our county's most beautiful retreats.

Our councilwoman is Julie Botel, who told us that there is a meeting tonight at 6pm at Marina Event Center. **JBotel@rivierabeach.org**

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Siobhan O'Grady 270 North Ocean Drive resident



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To: "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-20 15:44

Subject: Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Thanks. I wasn't going to respond to him. Happy you did. Is it ok if I send out links to the Tuesday meeting YouTube video?

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From: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 3:35 PM

To: Botel, Julia

Cc: Botel, Julia; Curd, John; Brown, Sammie T. **Subject:** Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Councilperson Botel,

Please refrain from communicating to the public that we are moving from the proposed location. The balance of the board has not articulated their position, and we do not want to give any false pretense. This is a policy decision that must be handled in the appropriate fashion. We are bringing all the options for the board to consider in September.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 20, 2021, at 3:28 PM, Frank Finelli <Frank.Finelli@carlyle.com> wrote:

Councilwoman Botel, thanks for getting back to me. This is about transparency before and after August 4. We look forward to a more open discussion with you and the City Manager about the merits of and approval process for this & alternative proposals.

With all due respect, the questions raised in my initial email responding to your request for questions relating to last night's meeting, have not yet been addressed.

Have a great weekend, thanks, Frank

From: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 10:48 AM

To: Frank Finelli <Frank.Finelli@carlyle.com>

Cc: Kathy Finelli <finellif@msn.com>; dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com; Evans, Jonathan

<jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; joey@aarongrouprealty.com;

Dstrand@onesothebysrealty.com; jbdixson@me.com; Karen Gleason <kgleason@karengleason.com>;

Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Mr. Finelli.

I must take exception to your remark about transparency. When I received the flyer from the City on August 4, I shared it with JB Dixson and Karen Gleason who immediately posted it on NextDoor. JB and

Karen often post information at my request. That same day, the city posted the flyer on its Facebook page. I shared it on my Facebook page on August 7, August 12, and again on Monday, August 16.

I've included a presentation about the fire station on my quarterly Townhall agenda with the intention of sharing it with my Singer Island constituents at that time. I was anticipating that the Townhall meeting would provide an opportunity for me to solicit information from my constituents about the proposal.

In my opinion, there has been no lack of transparency in this process. As Director Sirmons explained last evening, the process is a very long one that involves many public meetings prior to coming to Council for a vote. This site plan must go through all of the appropriate departments including Legal, Public Safety, and Planning and Zoning. Numerous public meetings will be held before a final decision is made by City Council.

It is unfortunate that this issue was only brought to your attention on Wednesday. I strongly encourage residents of the Ritz to monitor both the City's social media platforms and mine in order to keep abreast of issues that might be of concern to them. I also recommend that you reiterate your questions and concerns in an email to Mr. Evans and Chief Curd. Mr. Evans can then direct your questions to specific Department Heads as necessary so that you can be provided with the most accurate information.

With regard to the potential utilization of the old fire station on Singer Island, It is our intention to hold a separate series of community meetings to ascertain the best use for this property. We will also be conducting a city-wide survey on this issue. Although the property is not appropriate for a new fire station, it may be appropriate for other purposes. In fact, it may even be torn down and left vacant. That remains to be seen and will only be decided after a great deal of community input.

I pride myself on being open and transparent. I know City Manager Evans does as well. Please believe me when I tell you that there was absolutely no attempt to obfuscate or conceal any information.

We heard you loud and clear yesterday and we read and responded to each of your emails. We are listening! Along with Mr. Evans, I will be working diligently to attempt to locate an alternative to placing the station at the Ocean Walk Mall.

I hope to continue our dialogue in the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. I look forward to holding a special meeting at the Ritz.

Regards,

Julie

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From: Frank Finelli < <u>Frank.Finelli@carlyle.com</u>>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:24 PM

To: Botel, Julia; Brown, Sammie T.

Cc: Kathy Finelli; dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com; Evans, Jonathan; Curd, John;

joey@aarongrouprealty.com; Dstrand@onesothebysrealty.com

Subject: RE: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Councilwoman Botel, thank you for getting back to me. I look forward to more information, since transparency has been woefully lacking from this process.

Broader information about the views of your constituents would also be appreciated, given the other station on the Island. To the best of my knowledge, we have not been given the opportunity to provide you feedback on this issue, since it was brought to the attention of our property owners association yesterday.

For how long have you been working this issue and how have you solicited information from your constituents about the proposal, which was discussed this evening? Thanks, Frank

From: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:46 PM

To: Frank Finelli < Frank.Finelli@carlyle.com >; Brown, Sammie T. < STBrown@rivierabeach.org > **Cc:** Kathy Finelli < finellif@msn.com >; Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com; Evans, Jonathan

<<u>ievans@rivierabeach.org</u>>; Curd, John <<u>JCurd@rivierabeach.org</u>>

Subject: Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Mr. Finelli.

I will ask Mr. Evans and Chief Curd to review the questions you submitted in advance of the meeting and make sure they provide you with a response to each one.

There has been a serious concern on the part of many of my constituents that we keep a fire station on Singer Island. Many, many people on the Island would be vehemently opposed to placing another station west of the bridge.

Mr. Evans and Chief Curd will be presenting again at my Quarterly Singer Island Town Hall meeting on Tuesday. It will be conducted in the same way as this evening's meeting was conducted - virtual and in person. So there will be another opportunity for people to voice their concerns.

I will ask Mr. Evans to compile a document with all the questions asked by residents so that it can be shared with the entire community.

Also, we are hoping to work with Mr. Shavemaker to have a meeting just for residents at the Ritz some time in the very near future.

I know that Mr. Evans is committed to searching for the best possible location for our new station.

Thank you,

Julie

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:36 PM

To: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org >; Brown, Sammie T. < STBrown@rivierabeach.org >

Cc: Kathy Finelli <finellif@msn.com>; Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com

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Subject: RE: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Councilwoman Botel, I am very concerned about what we see going on. For Mr. Evans and Chief Curd, why were my questions not addressed at this meeting, as Ms. Botel committed.

The discussion this evening raises many significant issues, which remain unaddressed. What is your plan to get this information about my questions and the many others that residents have raised to your constituents?

Based on the information you provided this evening, it is clear that the demand for Fire & Emergency services is west of Blue Heron Bridge, so locations there are more suitable. I look forward to discussing these issues. Thanks, Frank

From: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 5:24 PM

To: Frank Finelli < Frank.Finelli@carlyle.com >; Brown, Sammie T. < STBrown@rivierabeach.org > Cc: Kathy Finelli < finellif@msn.com >; Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com; Evans, Jonathan

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<STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Mr. Finelli,

Thank you for your input. I will be sure Mr. Evans and Chief Curd address these concerns at tonight's and subsequent meetings.

Julie

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To: Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Kathy Finelli <<u>finellif@msn.com</u>>; Botel, Julia <<u>JBotel@rivierabeach.org</u>>; Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com <Dirk.Schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Proposed Riviera Beach Fire Station

Dear Riviera Beach, we are very concerned about what appears to be an abrupt decision to destroy the tennis courts and playground on the public beach area and construct a fire station there. We have four initial key question areas, with more likely to follow:

- 1. What specifically is the vetting, permitting, approval, and financing process for such a capital investment project using public funds and how was that process carried out? Please include times & dates, constituent communications, and the names of the elected or appointed officials, who executed these process steps?
- 2. What is the cost of demolishing the facilities and structures on the Riviera Beach site, as well as for constructing the new fire station, and what is the source of funds for this project? Why specifically can't the existing fire station continue to be used as is, or modified to support its intended purpose, and what analysis of these alternatives have been conducted and shared with Riviera Beach constituents?
- 3. What is the intended use of the existing fire station and the land it sits on, should another fire station be constructed, and what entities are participating in that contemplated re-use?
- 4. What adjustments to the roads and shops will be required to enable huge firetrucks to quickly exit the fire station, should it be cited on Riviera Beach, and how will the high volume of pedestrians be kept safe, should fire trucks be moving into and out of this proposed location at high speed? What is the additional costs for these road and structure changes and how many business locations will be impacted? How many parking spaces are being lost and what remuneration would be provided to the landlords or lessees / tenants of these impacted businesses and the associated real estate?

Thank you for your consideration. Please specifically address these questions on the record.

Frank and Kathy Finelli 2700 North Ocean Drive Singer Island, FL 33404

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Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-23 12:34

Subject: Fwd: Upcoming news bulletin

Attachments: 📙 September Community News Bulletin 2021.pdf

I don't see any problems with this, but please let me know if you do. Lee will be sending it out on September 1.

Thanks,

Julie

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From: Botel Julie <juliebotel@me.com> Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 12:05 PM

To: Botel, Julia

From: Lee Weiss <leeinn78@gmail.com>
Date: August 23, 2021 at 9:44:24 AM EDT

To: Julie Botel <juliebotel@me.com>, JB Dixson <jbdixson@me.com>

Subject: Upcoming news bulletin

I thought you would appreciate an advance copy of the news bulletin. If anything offends your eye, please let me know. This will go out Sept 1.

Thank you,

Lee

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From: Nancy Billington <nbillington@inspireinc.org>
To: "JBotel@rivierabeach.org" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org"</pre>

Cc: John Billington <jbillington@barnumfg.com>

Date: 2021-08-23 12:39

Subject: New Fire Station-Location/Safety concerns

Hello Ms. Botel,

My husband and I are new owners at 2700 N Ocean Drive. We were informed of the possibility of Riviera Beach building a new Fire Station next to our building..specifically **on the beach**, next to our swimming pool.

I attended the community meeting remotely last week and now have a good idea of the issues as well as the current plan. We do agree that the drawing of the proposed building looks attractive AND that the Fire/Emergency personnel deserve much better accommodations, for their personal safety and their mental health. No argument there!

However, I must say that we see that the location is part of a very short-sighted and inappropriate plan-riddled with inherent negative consequences, primarily the safety of hundreds of pedestrians who walk between the Ocean mall and the Ritz-Carlton delivery access road EVERY day. Our condo faces the 7/11 and from our balcony we have watched the constant pedestrian traffic- (beach- users, dog-walkers, joggers and kids on bikes and skateboards) pass through intersection of the road between the Ocean Mall and the Ritz delivery access road next to the trash dumpsters. In less than a year of watching, we have also witnessed numerous car accidents, police 'pull-overs' and police cars arriving to frequent disturbances at the 7/11 If/when a traffic study is done, please be sure to include the pedestrian activity. It really is the busiest spot imaginable to place a fire station.

Clearly this has not been taken into consideration which makes no sense to us.

Secondly, we have observed that the **vast majority** of fire trucks that arrive to the 'Southern Singer Island' neighborhood are going to the SANDS HOTEL. Many are late at night. I have never seen any smoke or fire. **Do you have any idea what is going on at that location**? I know that the building includes a bar where there are many suspicious characters loitering around also. I would like to suggest that there be an inclusion of specific addresses for the calls that the Chief said are much more frequent around the southern part of the island. If a particular building is amounting to the conclusion of 'a logical change of location' of the Fire House to our area, **it would be valuable to analyze the exact nature of those calls.** Perhaps efforts to address the underlying causes for the calls is a much needed undertaking....for the safety of both nearby residents as well as our emergency personnel?

I am the Executive Director of a non-profit, www.lnspireinc.org, that serves mental and emotional wellness needs of both adults and teens, many who have turned to alcohol or drug use to 'self-medicate". You are probably aware there is a national trend emerging to shift some emergency calls protocol to include mental health professionals involvement when the situation deems necessary. These would be calls that lack any fire, smoke or physical injuries to be evident. I am curious if such an innovation has been discussed on Riviera Beach. My observations tell me that it could be an effective adaption that might improve the safety and quality of life in this area and relieve some of the heightened stress of our Fire/Police staff mentioned by the Chief.

My primary residence is in Connecticut, but I be would be happy to provide (free of charge) more information on this topic to any interested Riviera Beach administrators.

Thank you for your public service,

Sincerely,

Nancy and John Billington

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From: "Busby, Lina" <lbusby@rivierabeach.org>
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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>
Cc: "Wynn, Dawn S." <DWynn@rivierabeach.org>; "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-23 14:20

Subject: Re: Upcoming news bulletin

Attachments: 📙 September Community News Bulletin 2021.pdf

Good afternoon Councilperson Botel,

Some of the information can be updated. If you allow me to I can send you an updated blurb. For example, the City has already moved forward in its code compliance case against Halo and the second part of the hearing is scheduled for Sept. 16. Also the second part shouldn't state that we are awaiting the judge's order in the DEP v. Lozman case. It was entered, as cited in #3. Also #4 we received an order. I can provide a synopsis of that order.

Please let me know. I will also check with Ms. Wynn about the solid waste solicitation.

Sincerely,

Lina

Lina Busby, Esq.■

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Cc: Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fwd: Upcoming news bulletin

I don't see any problems with this, but please let me know if you do. Lee will be sending it out on September 1.

Thanks,

Julie

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From: Botel Julie <juliebotel@me.com> Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 12:05 PM

To: Botel, Julia

From: Lee Weiss <leeinn78@gmail.com>
Date: August 23, 2021 at 9:44:24 AM EDT

To: Julie Botel <juliebotel@me.com>, JB Dixson <jbdixson@me.com>

Subject: Upcoming news bulletin

I thought you would appreciate an advance copy of the news bulletin. If anything offends your eye, please let me know. This will go out Sept 1.

Thank you,

Lee

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Date: 2021-08-23 18:14

Subject: Singer Island Riviera Beach Town Hall 08/23/2021

Attachments: 🔑 Town Hall Flyer .pdf 🚣 Singer Island Town Hall Agenda.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Manager,

This email serves to remind you that Councilwoman Dr. Julia A. Botel will be hosting her Singer Island Riviera Beach Town Hall tomorrow, August 24, 2021.

We look forward to seeing you and the rest of the City staff copied on this email in attendance.

Please see the attached meeting flyer and meeting agenda. Subsequent to this email will be a meeting invitation.

Thanks,

Sam T. Brown, IBA

Legislative Assistant

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Date: 2021-08-23 18:43

Subject:

REMINDER: Singer Island Riviera Beach Town Hall

🖊 Town Hall Flyer .pdf 🖊 Singer Island Town Hall Agenda.pdf

Good afternoon Residents of Singer Island Riviera Beach,

Please see the attached meeting flyer and meeting agenda.

This email serves as a reminder that Councilwoman Dr. Julia A. Botel is hosting her Quarterly Singer Island Riviera Beach Town Hall Meeting tomorrow, August 24, 2021.

Registration is now closed. If you have not registered yet, please see the virtual meeting link below; it will be live-streamed on the City's social media and youtube channel.■

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Thanks,

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Cc: Julia Botel <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com&

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Date: 2021-08-24 00:44

Subject: Relocation fire station in Riviera Beach

Attachments: Image001.png

Good afternoon Sammie Brown,

Some of my residents in Singer Island are receiving "Bounce backs" from your email address. I am acting as a middle man for some of residents by forwarding their request to you as they are unable to email you directly..

Below is an email from my resident in Singer Island Florida, containing questions regarding the upcoming Fire Station next to our property.

Please reference the email below and respond accordingly to Mr. Axel Nueman, whos contact information is located at the end of the email.

Feel free to respond to this email or Mr. Nueman directly at 954 203 6570.

Thank you in advance for communicating and providing follow up information to myself and my resident.

" Dear Mr. Brown, dear all

I regret to hear that Mrs. Julie Botel tested yesterday positive for Covid-19. I sincerely wish her a prompt and positive recovery.

I am owner of unit 902 b at the Ritz Carlton Tower B next to the tennis courts and Mrs. Botel invited me yesterday to use this last opportunity to make some questions I have for all of you:

1) Why the existing fire station cannot be elevated into a proper level over the flood plain, this would allow to keep it we're it is and save big money for the community. 2) I understand the argue from Mrs. Botel that buying new properties is super expensive, especially in our days, but the Riviera beach community already owns some good ones, for example the corner at Broadway with Blue Heron, this is an excellent location for a new fire station and headquarter. 3) The Mac Arthur Florida State Park lays exactly on the same way as we are, I am sure that a long term lease for a place to relocate there the fire station can be discussed without having to buy land, can this option be explored? This would benefit also the park cash flow so it would work as a gain/gain situation. 4) If all the previous options are / or sound too complicated than let us keep it as simple as this, let us save the money and instead of relocate the two tennis courts let us just built the new fire station to the south end part of the park avoiding the interference with our two towers at the RCR, we have enough noise, especially during weekends by the music bands and also lots of roofing visual intrusion to absorbe with the mini mall as our neighbor, sincerely we don't want or need more roofing and more loudness around us.

Thanks for the opportunity to ask questions and to share with all of you our concerns about how this affects automatically the value of our property.

Kind regards

Axel Neumann

Cel: 954 203 6570 "

Skylar Johnson

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Cc: "Schavemaker, Dirk" <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: 2021-08-24 12:53
Subject: Fire Station 86

Dear Dr. Botel,

I live at 2700 North Ocean Drive and am contacting you re: the relocation of Fire Station 86 next door on Riviera Beach. This is not a NIMBY issue but, rather, an issue of safety and of logic. Of all the possibilities for relocation, this seems about the worst.

First, it would take over part of a public beach. This is a popular beach with families who often come to spend the day. Now they would lose some of the precious beach area, as well as the quiet. Parking is already an issue for beach-goers. What happens during the construction and relocation of the tennis courts? What happens once the structure is complete and firefighters need to park to get to work?

Second, the mall is vibrant at night with the draw being live music. How is the fire station not going to affect that?

Third, the congestion on the road is horrible. They have made the back row of the mall one way only, which has helped but it is still congested with traffic at times, with beach-goers, people who want to eat at the various mall restaurants and people who come to enjoy the music. Delivery trucks for the businesses in the mall and delivery and moving trucks for 2700 North Ocean residents enter and exit at that corner. I cannot imagine a worse place for a fire station. A fire station does not need "a conference room overlooking the ocean," it needs quick and safe egress.

What other options have been considered? Why is remediating the mold at the former location and building a second story, if necessary, not an option? The footprint is already there. No one is questioning the need, just the location. I cannot think of any reason why, after all these years, the fire station needs a new location. That a public beach in a congested area could be a logical choice is mind-boggling.

I voted for you twice because one of your big concerns is transparency. That the groundwork for this relocation have been in the planning stages for some time and we are only hearing about it now, with no input from the public it affects, is worrisome. The city council Website states "The Mayor helps solicit residents' views on issues, and helps interpret these views for policy makers." So whose views were solicited? Not the voters'. You once said, "The role of city council is to set policy, not run the city." That's why you won our vote. We've had your back, now please have ours and "reimagine" Fire Station 86 elsewhere.

Sincerely,

William B Mattle 2700 North Ocean Drive, 303B 585.746.7169

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2021-08-24 13:05 Date:

Fwd: Fire Station Proximity Valuation Impact Subject:

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Hon. Mayor, Chairperson, and Councilmembers,

Please see the below email from the PBCPA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Evans, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

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Date: August 24, 2021 at 12:55:10 PM EDT

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Subject: Fire Station Proximity Valuation Impact

Please see the response below from the PBC Chief Appraiser.

Randy M. Sherman, CPA, CGFO, CTP

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From: Tim Wilmath < TWilmath@pbcgov.org> Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:16 AM

To: 'mnoel@rivierabeach.org' <mnoel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Dino Maniotis <dmanioti@pbcgov.org>

Subject: RE: 2021 Preliminary Tax Roll now available on eTRIM

Hi Randy,

Dino asked me to answer your question. We haven't conducted any studies to determine the impact on value due to the distance from a fire station. However, in speaking with our appraisers, they all agree that there are definitely no detrimental impacts to having one in your neighborhood. If anything, there might be a slight bump in value due to the proximity of those services. I'm afraid that is the best we can do for you without conducting a deep study.

Tim

Tim Wilmath, MAI Chief Appraiser

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From: Dino Maniotis <dmanioti@pbcgov.org> Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:01 AM To: Tim Wilmath <TWilmath@pbcgov.org>

Subject: FW: 2021 Preliminary Tax Roll now available on eTRIM

Tim,

Please answer below email for the Riviera Beach Finance Director.

Thanks

Dino

Dino Maniotis, CFE

Tax Roll Coordinator

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:59 AM **To:** Dino Maniotis <dmanioti@pbcgov.org>

Subject: Re: 2021 Preliminary Tax Roll now available on eTRIM

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Dino,

I know this is your busy season, so I am sorry to bother you, but I am hoping you can point me in the right direction. Riviera Beach is looking to relocate a fire station. One question that we are receiving is, "Does the proximity of a property to a fire station impact the appraised value?" Do you know who I could contact that could provide an answer?

Randy M. Sherman, CPA, CGFO, CTP

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Date: 2021-08-24 13:34

Subject: Re: Tonight's Town Hall Meeting

I understand that. I just thought you were objecting to the meeting. Sorry. Misuderstanding. Julie

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

City Councilwoman

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From: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 1:31 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Tonight's Town Hall Meeting

From the City Council, I don't want to have staff go through a prolong process if realistically there is no will to place the fire station where it's being proposed.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2021, at 1:16 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

Sorry. Do you mean support from the Board for having a meeting at the Ritz?

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

City Councilwoman

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Cc: Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Re: Tonight's Town Hall Meeting

Councilperson Botel,

We're trying to get directions from the board in September on this topic. If there's not support from the board it may be a wasted activity. I prefer to wait until the Board provides us with directions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2021, at 12:53 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

Dirk,

It can absolutely be attended via Zoom. We know there are many residents of the Ritz who are not in town at the moment, and we want to be sure they all have an opportunity to participate. I am asking my Legislative Aide, Sam Brown, to send you the link to the meeting.

We would also like to have a meeting exclusively for the residents of the Ritz. When might we be able to set that up? It could also be a hybrid meeting so that people who are away can participate.

Thanks,

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To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Subject: Tonight's Town Hall Meeting

Good morning Dr. Botel,

Can tonight's town hall meeting be attended via Zoom or telephone, or only in person?

Best regards,

Dirk

DIRK SCHAVEMAKER AREA GENERAL MANAGER

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Date: 2021-08-24 15:09
Subject: Re: Fire Station 86

Mr. Mattle,

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me.

Please let me assure you that while the groundwork by City administration may have been in the works for some time, I advertised the initial community meetings as soon as I was able and have been totally transparent throughout the process. The meetings we had last week, and the one planned for this evening, are only the first of MANY that will take place before this item is placed on the City Council agenda. The site plan must go through all the steps necessary for approval, including community meetings. There is still plenty of time to make your opinion known.

Please remember that I am only ONE of FIVE City Council members. In order to consider putting the station at a site that would require the City to purchase property, my colleagues on Council will have to be convinced that this is the best use of tax dollars. If you wish to communicate your concerns to them, their email addresses can be found on the City's web

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Let me reiterate that the final decision by Council will not take place until many more public meetings are held.

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Cc: Schavemaker, Dirk < dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Subject: Fire Station 86

Dear Dr. Botel,

I live at 2700 North Ocean Drive and am contacting you re: the relocation of Fire Station 86 next door on Riviera Beach. This is not a NIMBY issue but, rather, an issue of safety and of logic. Of all the possibilities for relocation, this seems about the worst.

First, it would take over part of a public beach. This is a popular beach with families who often come to spend the day. Now they would lose some of the precious beach area, as well as the quiet. Parking is already an issue for beach-goers. What happens during the construction and relocation of the tennis courts? What happens once the structure is complete and firefighters need to park to get to work?

Second, the mall is vibrant at night with the draw being live music. How is the fire station not going to affect that?

Third, the congestion on the road is horrible. They have made the back row of the mall one way only, which has helped but it is still congested with traffic at times, with beach-goers, people who want to eat at the various mall restaurants and people who come to enjoy the music. Delivery trucks for the businesses in the mall and delivery and moving trucks for 2700 North Ocean residents enter and exit at that corner. I cannot imagine a worse place for a fire station. A fire station does not need "a conference room overlooking the ocean," it needs quick and safe egress.

What other options have been considered? Why is remediating the mold at the former location and building a second story, if necessary, not an option? The footprint is already there. No one is questioning the need, just the location. I cannot think of any reason why, after all these years, the fire station needs a new location. That a public beach in a congested area could be a logical choice is mind-boggling.

I voted for you twice because one of your big concerns is transparency. That the groundwork for this relocation have been in the planning stages for some time and we are only hearing about it now, with no input from the public it affects, is worrisome. The city council Website states "The Mayor helps solicit residents' views on issues, and helps interpret these views for policy makers." So whose views were solicited? Not the voters'. You once said, "The role of city council is to set policy, not run the city." That's why you won our vote. We've had your back, now please have ours and "reimagine" Fire Station 86 elsewhere.

Sincerely,

William B Mattle

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Additionally, their are unit owners, such as Mr. Green, who have been unit owners since the opening of our property, and who had every reason to believe that the City's own Charter, which governs the area where the fire station is now planned, would be upheld in perpetuity - as stated in the Charter itself.

Our unit owners are very willing to be an active part of a constructive solution, which will result in a new, state of the art fire station; however, remarks by the fire chief, who stated "he does not have any patience for rich people at the Ritz" during last Thursday's meeting, obviously upset a lot of our owners, who contribute approximately \$10M in property taxes annually, and who felt they could and should have been apprised of these plans earlier and more directly - by a letter - as most don't use Next Door or Facebook.

Anything you can do to communicate directly to our owners - even if it is through me - will go a very long way. Listening to and utilizing the professional and business experience our unit owners have, may also help the City in achieving the best solution for a new fire station in the quickest and most efficient manner.

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Joe C Green <jcneerg@aol.com>

Bcc: jcurd@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-26 09:17

Subject: Re: Town Hall Flyer / Ritz-Carlton Unit Owners

Thank you, Jonathan, for responding. I'm looking forward to the discussion with my colleagues on Council.

Julie

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From: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:59 AM

To: Schavemaker, Dirk

Cc: Botel, Julia; Joe C Green; Brown, Sammie T.; Curd, John Subject: Re: Town Hall Flyer / Ritz-Carlton Unit Owners

Thank you Mr. Schavemaker, as stated staff will be reviewing every option to relocate our Fire Station. We anticipate having a discussion with our Council at our second meeting in September. The project will likely be delayed. All the emails shared will be provided to the Council in order for them to know the public sentiments of the owners in the Ritz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan

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■ Good morning Dr. Botel -

Thank you for responding to all emails from our very concerned unit owners. I know it has taken a lot of your time; however, the situation is extremely sensitive - not in the last place, as we have roughly 20% new unit owners, who purchased their unit in the past 6 months, and who now realize that the view and overall experience they purchased with their unit, may not remain the same for very long.

Additionally, their are unit owners, such as Mr. Green, who have been unit owners since the opening of our property, and who had every reason to believe that the City's own Charter, which governs the area where the fire station is now planned, would be upheld in perpetuity - as stated in the Charter itself.

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Anything you can do to communicate directly to our owners - even if it is through me - will go a very long way. Listening to and utilizing the professional and business experience our unit owners have, may also help the City in achieving the best solution for a new fire station in the quickest and most efficient manner.

Thank you as always for your consideration,

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To: Marilyn Bullock <bullock.marilyn@yahoo.com>
Bcc: jbotel@rivierabeach.org; sclarke@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-26 09:27

Subject: Re: Garbage collection on N Ocean Drive

Good morning Ms. Bullock,

Thank you so much reaching out.

I have sent this information to our Interim Director of Public Works, Mr. Sedrick Clark.

He will have one of his staff members follow up with this complaint to address the issue and see what can be done about it.

Thanks,

Sam T. Brown, IBA

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To: Brown, Sammie T. <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Garbage collection on N Ocean Drive

Dear Mr Brown

I hope this finds you safe and well.

Six years ago my husband and I bought a condo on Singer Island. We went through an adjustment period regarding the restrictions of not moving when and at whatever hour we chose; not being able to park or have visitors park certain vehicles on premises after a certain hour, etc etc. So as we know, if there is no order,

chaos reigns.

I have never in the previous five years seen junk furniture, plastic furniture and trash / garbage on the side of the road for collection for several days before it was picked up. As a matter of fact, I have never before seen garbage set out for collection, period. Even in gritty NYC where I ran two businesses, could we get away with that. Garbage could not be put out more than 2 hours before collection and if you did or caused your garbage to litter the sidewalk, you would be given a huge ticket. We also had to hire a private carter. The city would NOT pick up commercial u garbage.

Now, in the last several weeks there are several condos from about the vicinity of the fire station going southward on Ocean Drive that have LOOSE items for collection on the side of the road. I will hazard a guess that this sight is not why 99% of the residents bought condos on the island.

Palm Beach County in general and specifically SI has always held itself in high esteem regarding opulence, aesthetics, beauty and just plain civic pride. So, my question is, why is that tenure being destroyed? Yesterday, I witnessed a pickup truck leaving a building, and no sooner than he got on NODrive, garbage which looked like lunch paper bags started blowing from the back of his truck. No one is held accountable. In order to maintain the beauty and integrity of singer island, I would propose that NO BUILDING BE ALLOWED TO PUT EITHER TRASH OR RECYCLABLES ON THE CURB. COLLECTORS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE PREMISES AND COLLECT FROM A DESIGNATED POINT ON EACH COMPOUND. If their gate is too narrow for the collection truck, cause the gate to be widened. This should be a basic requirement. There are several cities and towns in unincorporated Dade County for example, where the citizens CANNOT put garbage on the sidewalks for collection. Why should not the same apply in Singer island where the residents pay their fair share of the taxes and want to keep their surroundings beautiful?

The cost of collection would not fall on the city but it would be up to the city to mandate the change and enforce it.

I would really appreciate it if you forward this concern to the appropriate department of Riviera Beach for action.

Thanks	for your	help.
Marilyn	Bullock	

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From: marc.cohen322@gmail.com
To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-08-30 12:31

Subject: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

Dear Ms. Botel,

I am writing to advise you of my complete displeasure with the City of Riviera Beach's proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 to the City of Riviera Beach Municipal Beach by the Ocean Mall. This proposal will not only unnecessarily disrupt the lives and businesses of prospective neighbors, the justifications and rationale advanced during the presentations I attended wreak of laziness and lack of concern about the impact of this ill-conceived proposal.

First, let me emphasize that the presentation by the Fire Chief at the Town Hall meeting a couple of weeks ago was completely self-serving and insulting to the residents. He deliberately set up a false choice for us to consider and revealed that very little work has been done to carefully consider what the most appropriate and feasible place to relocate this Fire Station to actually might be. He also <u>LIED TO US</u> about what the actual footprint of the proposed paradise for firefighters would be, by showing a rendering that impacted only about one-third of the ground that will actually be taken.

NOBODY believes or credibly argues that no improvement is needed from the current situation. The issue is <u>not</u> whether a new and modern station is needed. The issue is whether the location that has been proposed is the most feasible and appropriate. It should be clear to everyone that <u>NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH WORK</u> <u>HAS BEEN DONE</u> to draw any reasonable conclusion.

Succinctly stated, this location:

- will create a vehicle and human traffic nightmare for both the resident and business neighbors
- · would take away and compromise a valuable resource in the form of a recreational area that draws tourism and business to our community
- disregards the City Charter requirements that this property be used in perpetuity for recreational or tourism purposes only, and in so doing, callously discounts valid expectations that neighboring residents had when they purchased their properties
- · would severely impair the operations of the neighboring businesses and residences

More importantly, it is clear that representatives of the Fire Department and City Council have abdicated their obligations to the community to thoroughly consider not only the financial but lifestyle and environmental impacts of relocation. The work that has been done has NOT considered all the costs and benefits of all alternatives and you MUST insist that it do so. You must also insist that it consider the financial penalties that neighbors may incur in diminished property values. The Fire Chief's assertion that Fire Houses increase the value of surrounding properties – presented without ANY supporting evidence and context – is both insulting and laughable at the same time!

There are a number of alternative sites that are being too easily dismissed by the Fire Chief. These include empty properties along Blue Heron Boulevard on BOTH sides of the Blue Heron Bridge and even the municipal parking lot behind the Singer Island Liqour Booth complex. We have empty abandoned buildings all along the Boulevard, but the Fire Department has excluded these for convenience and used specious financial analysis to justify the decision. The City MUST evaluate other locations using real efforts to quantify the financial possibilities, not just some BS pulled together in a lazy analysis!

I have some questions:

- 1. How can the City Council just set aside the City Charter and just repurpose this land? Are we as residents and businesses not entitled to think that you mean what you say when you adopt policies?
- 2. What is being budgeted for this new Fire Station and exactly how much does each alternative cost?
- 3. What are the environmental implications of the various locations?
- 4. Have you considered the losses in tax revenues from local businesses and properties in assessing all of the costs?
- 5. How does each prospective location actually affect fire response time?

In closing, this proposed location is charitably described as half-baked and otherwise described as half-assed. I implore you to do your jobs to make sure that the community gets an alternative that is completely vetted.
Sincerely,
Marc Cohen 917-359-4412

From: sara Desai <sd04005@gmail.com>

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Date: 2021-08-30 13:42

Subject: Fire station riviera beach

I'm a resident of riviera beach

And strongly opposing the proposed fire station
Location

Ocean mall -tennis courts

Here are the points:

- 1. The City Charter clearly states, that the property proposed is to be used in perpetuity for recreational or tourism purposes only. A fire station might be of great civic use; however, it will be hard to argue that it fits the land-use restrictions as included in the Charter.
- 2. Theimageprovidedonthemapofthelocation, which was used during the Community Town Hall Meetings is misleading. The image shows the building will be located on the current site of the tennis courts only (approximately 0.5 acres), while the plans call for the need of 1 1.5 acres, which means the impact on the municipal beach will be far greater than represented on the maps that were used.
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- 4. Theproposedsiteislocatedonaonewaystreet, which has substantial pedestrian traffic.
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Sent from my iPhone

From: Robert Herz <rherz@verizon.net>

To: JBotel@rivierabeach.org

Cc: watt25@aol.com
Date: 2021-08-30 13:50

Subject: Proposed Site of new Fire Station 86

Dr. Botel, this is Robert Herz. We previously exchanged emails about the proposal regarding Fire Station 86. Thanks, and I hope that you have now fully recovered from your bout with COVID. And thanks for hosting the Town Hall session on August 24. I and my wife Louise watched that session as well as the presentation a few days earlier by Chief Curd and the City Manager on the proposed new site for Fire Station 86. While we found these sessions informative, from their comments and responses to questions it seemed very much to us that the Chief and City Manager have all but made up their minds on the matter, notwithstanding that the proposal has not entered the planning and permitting stage and even before receiving the results of the potential impact on adjacent property values and an evaluation of the potential impact on the Ocean Mall, before conducting traffic and environmental impact studies, and before comprehensively evaluating other potential sites. In recent meetings and discussions amongst residents of 2700 North Ocean Dr., many additional specific questions and concerns have been raised including whether the proposal violates the City Charter which states that the property adjacent to 2700 North Ocean Dr. shall be used in perpetuity only for recreational or tourism purposes, whether all other potential sites such as the old Wells Fargo property at 1100 Blue Heron Blvd. have been evaluated, etc. Accordingly, we very much depend on you and your fellow Council Members to ensure that there is a thorough and even-handed evaluation of all these matters before any decisions are made on the current proposal and on any proposals for alternative sites for the fire station. Thank you very much for your continuing attention to this most important matter.

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Date: 2021-08-30 14:33

Subject: Location of new fire station - concerns of owner of condo unit at 2700 North Ocean Drive

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Date: 2021-08-30 16:02
Subject: Fire Station 86

I had the opportunity to listen remotely to two presentations on the proposal for fire station 86. Up front there is no disagreement on the necessity of renovating the existing fire house at the current location or to move to an appropriate location in the future. Although it has been suggested that many sites have been evaluated it was very clear that a comprehensive analysis has not been undertaken and that some locations were dismissed without the proper due diligence.

There are so many factors involved in site location of a fire house that using only the cost of the land is premature and shortsighted. No one is suggesting spending \$25 million for waterfront property is feasible but there were certainly other sites to consider including across the bridge. There is most certainly a set up for significant liability to the municipality at the proposed location considering the high level of foot traffic near the egress of the station, including small children on foot and bikes unaccompanied by adults, bar and restaurant patrons, the directional changes in the road around the entry to the Ocean Mall including from Blue Heron and North Ocean and potential environmental issues from chemicals leached from cleaning equipment post any fire call. There is the additional environmental issue given the focus in this area of the sea turtle population.

In reviewing the City Charter it is apparent that there is a disregard for the land use restrictions which were previously agreed to and written into the bylaws of the Charter. There was a good reason to protect the Riviera Beach Municipal beach for the many underserved people of Riviera Beach. You would be well served to review the video which highlights the beautiful and pristine beach made precisely to attract tourism and to highlight the breadth of recreational opportunities on the beach and in the park area. An additional video made by Jonathan Evans upon reopening the beach from Covid also highlights the same attraction of the beach and surrounding Mall for all the people of Riviera Beach.

We pay significant taxes to Riviera Beach and we believe it is in the best interests of your constituents that you provide us with a much more thoughtful and comprehensive evaluation of the relocation of Fire House 86. It is clear that you have not put forth the appropriate effort or due diligence to make sure the proposed location meets the numerous objectives that will be required to make this a success for all involved.

Regards,	
Karen and Joseph Grimes	
2700 N Ocean Drive	

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Cc: megan mcdonald <megan_mcdonald@mac.com>

Date: 2021-08-30 16:23

Subject: Plans to move Fire Station 86 from North Ocean Drive to the tennis courts

Hi Julie,

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Thanks again for your input.

Julie

Julie Botel, Ed. D.

City Councilwoman

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To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; McCoy, Tradrick <TMcCoy@rivierabeach.org>; Miller-Anderson, KaShamba <KMiller@rivierabeach.org>; Lanier, Shirley D. <SLanier@rivierabeach.org>; Lawson, Douglas

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Regards,	
Karen and Joseph Grimes	
2700 N Ocean Drive	

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-30 18:01 Subject: Re: Fire Station 86

Good evening Councilwoman Botel,

I appreciate you want to answer every question but the reality is they will never stop and I am trying very hard to get a Regeneron truck in service along with other assigned task. On September 15th we will be presenting and discussing Station 86 and all options available. I ask that you have concerned parties attend and provide input. This weekend at Station 86 community meeting held by Councilman Lawson we were prepared to answer many of these questions but only 2 residents showed up. I look forward to finding a solution for our firefighters who desperately need a new home. Also, coming off the island is not an option to me as 10X as many residents on the north end would be just as upset if not worse.

Respectfully,

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; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlt</pre>

on.com>; megan mcdonald <megan_mcdonald@mac.com>

Date: 2021-08-30 18:39

Subject: Re: Plans to move Fire Station 86 from North Ocean Drive to the tennis courts

Thank you getting back Chief.

Ken McDonald

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2021, at 5:54 PM, Curd, John <JCurd@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

- Thank you for your time and expressing your concerns. As it relates to the questions each answer is a conversation in its own. I do know that city administration will be putting out an FAQ that will address many if not all of your questions. As it relates to the fire related questions I will do my best to simply answer.
- 2) Yes a station is needed on the island to maintain acceptable response times for the residents.
- 3). Station 86 runs approximately 1,200 calls a year with the majority being on the island. Also, other units come over the bridge as often as Station 86 crosses the bridge.
- 6) All of our stations support each other which is what makes the system as a whole effective.
- 7) We are looking at other sites as well but this is the only location I was asked to provide data for and the reasoning was strictly based on cost as the property is city owned.
- 8) Yes, it is shown in the preliminary rendering provided by the architect.
- 11) The stations current site is obsolete according to P&Z based on the elevation requirements for flood plain which didn't exist in 1972.
- 12) The diesel exhaust is problematic for our crews because we keep them indoors with little to no ventilation. Currently every delivery truck at the Ocean Mall emits diesel fumes but in the open environment it is dissipated.
- 13) Cleaning is done within the building in showers and not something that is done outdoors or would expose anyone else.

I hope this sheds some light on some of your concerns. I'm sure city administration will have the FAQ out in the near future. Please keep in mind I don't feel the station has to go there. This was the option provided to consider. What I can say is yes it needs to be on the island and yes I would prefer to see it on the south side as that is where the majority of our call volume is located. Please feel free to come out to the September 15th council meeting where this and other options will be discussed.

Respectfully,

I also apologize for any grammatical errors as this was written on my phone.

John M. Curd

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From: K M <kmac6000@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 4:23 PM **To:** Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: megan mcdonald < megan mcdonald@mac.com >

Subject: Plans to move Fire Station 86 from North Ocean Drive to the tennis courts

I am writing you and other Riviera Beach Council Members about pans to move Fire Station 86 from North Ocean Drive to the tennis courts. I live at 2700 N. Ocean Drive and very strongly oppose these plans. The questions I have for you as a Riviera Beach Council Member regarding these plans are as follows:

- 1. How can you go against the City Charter in considering the Municipal Beach location? Has a formal legal opinion been obtained that supports going against the Charter?
- 2. Is it strictly necessary for the new fire station to be located on Singer Island? The Blue Heron Bridge is not a drawbridge and land costs are substantially lower on the other side of the bridge,
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- 5. What is the impact to the Ocean Mall on the Municipal Beach site?
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- 7. Have you looked at the old Wells Fargo property at 1100 East Blue Heron?
- 8. Have you mapped out what the footprint of the Municipal Beach location would look like, including the necessary road alterations, so the firetrucks can drive around and face the proper way?
- 9. Would building a parking garage for the Ocean mall be cheaper than buying property?
- 10. Where would the proposed fire station in the parking area west of the Ocean Mall be located?
- 11. Could the existing Station location/site be significantly remediated or rebuilt to eliminate or significantly reduce the impact or issues caused by a king tide, which may only occur at that location perhaps once per year?
- 12. In the last town meeting the fire chief made it clear that diesel fumes from these fire trucks are significant. Diesel gas exhaust pollution is not something that 2700 N. Ocean residents should have to deal with but would have to given the proposed fire station would be only 100 feet from the balconies of 2700 N.Ocean Drive. With all due respect, would you agree that being so close to recurring diesel gas exhaust pollution is not good for one's health?
- 13. The fire chief also noted that the firemen and fire woman need a better station to rinse off carcinogens that their boots pick up on certain calls. This also does not sound like a healthy situation for the residents to 2700 N. Ocean should be exposed to being just 100 feet from the proposed fire station. With all due respect, would you agree with this as well?
- 14. Would the cost to relocate the Station to Ocean Walk (and related displacement of a children's park, tennis courts, and the overall beautiful aesthetic of the Ocean Walk sand park on which many community activities are held) be more than cost to remediate the existing site to get it free of any king tide flooding that may occur once per year? Has an independent study been conducted to answer this?
- 15. If the tennis courts can be readily moved to the south end of Ocean Walk, might the Station be moved there instead? That way the Station would be closer to the Palm Beach Shores Marriott properties, which seems to be where the Station's firetrucks and rescue vehicles respond to the most per my observations.
- 16. The proposed location is very heavily trafficked by pedestrians, cars, and delivery trucks (18 wheelers). The delivery trucks (18 wheelers) continually park next to or in front of the 7-Eleven throughout the day and middle of the night, and often block or impede the existing traffic coming into and out of Ocean Walk. I would think the ready egress needed by fire trucks and rescue vehicles to respond to emergencies would be significantly impacted by this heavy traffic, and in particular these big delivery trucks (18 wheelers), and so this Station being located so deep back behind Ocean Walk is less than optimal for a Fire Station. For this reason alone it seems the proposed location should be moved to one that is right on N. Ocean Drive, instead of 3 blocks deep behind it in an obstructed location with narrow street lanes.
- 17. As for impact to property values, I have heard the argument that the proposed location would not impact residential property values because the existing Station location has not impacted property values of the condo buildings near to it. I drove past the existing Station location this morning and it is 5-6 football fields away from either of the condos behind it (Station is right on the street, the condos are way far back and on the beach). This would not be the case for the proposed location and so property values of the condo next to the proposed location will be affected. This is because the high rise condos next to the proposed site are located just 100 feet away it (not 5-6 football fields away).

18. In light of the Surfside condo demise, would it make sense for there to be an independent study to determine how a significant construction project to erect a new fire station might impact the structural integrity of the 26-story high rise condos located just 100 feet from this proposed site for the fire station? This should be required - do you agree?

Please get back. The current proposed solution seems to be a path of least resistance. There has to be a better location to relocate this fire station to. I implore you and your fellow Council Members to please reconsider and reinvestigate the this proposal. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kenneth McDonald 2700 N. Ocean Drive Singer Island, FL 33404

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gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.

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Date: 2021-08-30 21:18 **Subject:** Re: New Fire Station

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 8:53 PM
Cc: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: New Fire Station

It is a disgrace you are contemplating having a fire station a few hundred feet from the beach where pedestrians, tourists, children running are present all the time.

As it is, traffic is crazy!

Between noise, accidents w traffic, lights and 24/7 disturbance, you CANNOT do this !!!!!!!

What if a fire station was built under your window??? How would you like that???!?!?!

NO NO AND NO!!!!!!!

Not denying there is a need, but as it stands, those fire trucks go straight to Riviera Beach 80%+ of the time! Why not build it on the other side of the bridge????

Property values will plummet instantly and the ongoing nuisance will be horrendous. It already is when they are driving by in ocean drive!!

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Date: 2021-08-30 21:32
Subject: Relocation of fire station 86
Attachments: image0.jpeg unnamed.obj image0.jpeg

■Council, and manager,

My name is Edward Dipasquale, and my wife and I own property at the Ritz Residences. There are many reasons to oppose the relocation of the fire house to what we believe is truly a beautiful municipal beach park. If the reason for moving here is truly being fiscally responsible, what other projects might the city decide to use the park for? Being as it was stated that the city has no reserve for this project, and an assessment is necessary, perhaps the 15 million for the station could include land. We watched the transformation of this area to a beautiful park, and it should not be disturbed. The following are other reasons to not move to the park

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From: Noelle George <noellegeorge590@gmail.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-08-31 13:40

Subject: Fwd: Proposed fire station site

As a resident of the Ritz Residences on Singer Island I am adamantly opposed to locating the new fire station next to our home. We were told when we purchased this property that the City Charter clearly states that the property next to our building would be used in perpetuity [AKA Forever] for recreational or tourism purposes only. That was one of the contributing factors in this major investment decision. It meant we would have a clear view and be siren free so close. The plans call for 1.5 acres which would have a great impact on the municipal beach and thus the businesses in the mall. Locating it over the bridge would make financial sense where the land costs are lower. I can foresee several lawsuits and much time being taken up by a decision to locate next to our home. Please seriously reconsider and read the City Charter.

A very concerned resident,

Noelle M. George

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To: Julie Ree <julree246@yahoo.com>

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Date: 2021-08-31 16:38
Subject: Re: New Fire Station

Please know that Mr. Evans is working diligently to identify alternate sites. Here is an excerpt from an email I received from him this morning:

Additionally, we have begun to review alternative locations throughout the barrier island to facilitate the construction of a municipal fire station. It has become increasingly more challenging to proffer options to the board for consideration regarding the acquisition of parcels that are suitable enough to accommodate the construction of a new Fire Station 86. Nonetheless, we will ensure that every opportunity and/or alternative is regarded as you deliberate on the options that staff will proffer to you at your September 15, 2021, regular meeting.

City staff are also exploring an opportunity related to what mitigation efforts and modifications would have to occur to construct a fire station on the existing site. Not optimal, but an option. Staff are vetting all options at the moment.

Mr. Evans is listening to the concerns of residents of the Ritz. I trust that he will do a thorough review of all potential sites.

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Thank you for the reply. 5 people received my email including me Evans.

It is a formidable mistake to even consider that location! And it is outrageous to see that no work is being done to find an alternate space! Just horrible when we support this entire area w our taxes!!!

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Date: 2021-08-31 16:42

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■Council, and manager,

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-09-01 14:38

Subject: Singer Island, Riviera Beach News Bulletin

Attachments: 📙 September 2021 Community News Bulletin 2021.pdf

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This news bulletin is written and published by Singer Island, Riviera Beach resident Dr. Lee Innocenti

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https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fQoY6C-rn58m3IokltKObCnWHXD4c3We/view?usp=sharing

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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:39 PM

**To:** Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Miller-Anderson, KaShamba <KMiller@rivierabeach.org>; Lawson, Douglas <DLawson@rivierabeach.org>; Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Lanier, Shirley D.

<SLanier@rivierabeach.org>; McCoy, Tradrick <TMcCoy@rivierabeach.org>

**Subject:** Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Dear City Manager and City Council Members,

Our names are Michael and Renee DeLuke and we own a unit in Tower B of the Ritz Carlton Singer Island. It has come to our attention that the City is considering relocating the fire station to the north side of the park, the current location of the public tennis courts.

We implore you not to disturb the gorgeous park by placing relocating the fire station to that location. The residents of the Ritz find such peace and respite looking out over the community residents enjoying their gorgeous park. Placing a fire station in that location would undoubtedly disrupt the natural habitat that exists in that area of the beach.

We love watching people strolling along the Boulevard, laughing and enjoying themselves. And when events are held on the park grounds (soccer, volleyball, etc.), the park and the surrounding area are filled with competitors and onlookers alike. It is a gem that is such an asset to both the Singer Island and Riviera Beach communities, and disrupting such an amazing resource by placing a fire station anywhere on that property would be tragic, to say the least.

We are also shocked that our elected officials would act in opposition to the City Charter. As I'm sure you are aware, The Charter clearly states that east of N. Ocean Avenue "shall be reserved for and perpetually used as a municipal beach...". Further, that "the land shall not be used for purposes other than those beneficial to tourism and recreation." With that said, we are literally in disbelief that you are proposing the Charter be violated by putting a fire station in this location.

#### We request that you provide answers to the following questions:

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- 6. What other fire stations are overburdened and need coverage support from the Singer Island Station?
- 7. Have they looked at the old Wells Fargo property at 1100 East Blue Heron?
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We promise that we, along with other residents, will fight this with all of our will and might. The primary reason we chose to purchase a unit in that location was the unique view it offered and the fact that it overlooked a natural landscape. We surely could have invested approximately \$2 million dollars in other communities, but we selected the Ritz at Singer Island largely due to the fact that it overlooked City property (i.e. the park). We trusted that the City and its

leaders, in accordance with the City Charter, would preserve the park in its current format and not disrupt it by building a building, any building, on that site.

Please do not betray our trust and disrupt that precious community resource. We are counting on you to listen to your constituents and preserve our precious park in its current state.

Dr. Michael K. DeLuke

Mrs. Renee N. DeLuke

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Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.com>

Date: 2021-09-02 11:31

Subject: Re: Location of new fire station - concerns of owner of condo unit at 2700 North Ocean Drive

Mr. Gundi,

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 2:39 PM

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Subject: Fwd: Location of new fire station - concerns of owner of condo unit at 2700 North Ocean Drive

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Date: August 30, 2021 at 2:33:20 PM EDT

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Subject: Location of new fire station - concerns of owner of condo unit at 2700 North Ocean Drive

■To the City Planner Jonathan Evans, and, Councillors: Taddrick McCoy, KaShamba Miller-Anderson, Shirley Lanier, Julie Botel and Douglas Lawson voted in to care for the City Of Riviera Beach

We bought our beautiful condo at 2700 North Ocean Drive in 2010 with a stunning view facing south looking at the park below. Since arriving I was impressed with the efforts the city of Riviera Beach has made to beautify the area by upgrading the park, the play area, parking, a volleyball court and better rules for protecting the turtles. In addition to the park, the road improvements to North Ocean Drive gave our unit the added real estate value that the high taxes reflect.

I remember when I first moved in and the area was not as attractive, a potential buyer of another unit said "I would never buy here as it is like being next to The Bronx in New York". I can imagine now trying to sell my unit with a fire station potentially next to me with fire trucks rushing out at all times of the day and night to respond to the average of 300 to 400 calls made generally for fires on the other side of the bridge.

It's seems prudent for the city of Riviera Beach to reconsider their choice of location of the fire station as you will have gone against your own charter of a Municipal park and beach there for the enjoyment of all people living in Riviera Beach. What a disservice to the people you supposedly are serving. People that don't live in a place as wonderful as where I live will have a less beautiful space to escape to for fun and relaxation and as I have often witnessed family barbecues. I always thought your next project was to upgrade the public tennis court not take it away. Additionally the restaurants and shops in that location will also lose appeal when there is a fire engine blaring. Lastly, pedestrians, including us, will be at great risk when we go out on our routine walks and a fire truck comes blasting out in response to a fire. How can an elderly person, which is most people in the area, jump quickly out of the way of the truck.

It seems very odd to me that the city has been using my tax dollars to spend on BiCentenial Park, beautification and upgrade of roads and a beautiful municipal park. Suddenly you are saying you cannot spend tax dollars and have to use existing land to build a fire station on. The Bicentennial upgrade cost over \$50 million to the best of my knowledge and is rarely used. Now you want to grab land from a park that is always used to save some dollars? And at the same time you will lose tax revenue from all the owners at 2700 North Ocean as everyone will ask for a reduction.

Yours very sincerely, Gundi Seifried and Steve Laciak Unit owners of 2700 North Ocean Drive

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Date: 2021-09-02 11:33

Subject: Fire Station 86 - Real Estate Study
Attachments: MARKET STUDY 2210443.000.pdf

Hon. Mayor, Chairperson, and City Councilmembers,

The premise of this email is to provide with the Real Estate Study on the proposed location for Fire Station 86. The FAQ's will include a link to this study.

Respectfully Submitted,

### Jonathan Evans, MPA, MBA, ICMA – CM

City Manager – CRA Executive Director

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Date: 2021-09-02 11:36

Subject: Re: Proposed Site of new Fire Station 86

Thank you for your email and thank you for taking the time to express your concerns about the location of the fire station. And thank you for your good wishes for my recovery. I am doing GREAT and am fully back at work.

I am happy to learn that you were able to watch the Town Hall meeting. If you have not already done so, I recommend that you email my colleagues on Council so that they are aware of your concerns. Their email addresses can be found on the City website. if you would like me to provide them, please let me know. I am only one vote out of five!

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>
Cc: watt25@aol.com <watt25@aol.com>
Subject: Proposed Site of new Fire Station 86

Dr. Botel, this is Robert Herz. We previously exchanged emails about the proposal regarding Fire Station 86. Thanks, and I hope that you have now fully recovered from your bout with COVID. And thanks for hosting the Town Hall session on August 24. I and my wife Louise watched that session as well as the presentation a few days earlier by Chief Curd and the City Manager on the proposed new site for Fire Station 86. While we found these sessions informative, from their comments and responses to questions it seemed very much to us that the Chief and City Manager have all but made up their minds on the matter, notwithstanding that the proposal has not entered the planning and permitting stage and even before receiving the results of the potential impact on adjacent property values and an evaluation of the potential impact on the Ocean Mall, before conducting traffic and environmental impact studies, and before comprehensively evaluating other potential sites. In recent meetings and discussions amongst residents of 2700 North Ocean Dr., many additional specific questions and concerns have been raised including whether the proposal violates the City Charter which states that the property adjacent to 2700 North Ocean Dr. shall be used in perpetuity only for recreational or tourism purposes, whether all other potential sites such as the old Wells Fargo property at 1100 Blue Heron Blvd. have been evaluated, etc. Accordingly, we very much depend on you and your fellow Council Members to ensure that there is a thorough and even-handed evaluation of all these matters before any decisions are made on the current proposal and on any proposals for alternative sites for the fire station. Thank you very much for your continuing attention to this most important matter.

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Date: 2021-09-02 11:41

Subject: Re: Fire station riviera beach

Ms. Desai,

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 1:42 PM

To: TRILOK DESAI <stadesai@gmail.com>; Anand Desai <satdrk@gmail.com>; McCoy, Tradrick

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- <SLanier@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Fire station riviera beach

I'm a resident of riviera beach

And strongly opposing the proposed fire station

Ocean mall -tennis courts

Here are the points:

- 1. The City Charter clearly states, that the property proposed is to be used in perpetuity for recreational or tourism purposes only. A fire station might be of great civic use; however, it will be hard to argue that it fits the land-use restrictions as included in the Charter.
- 2. Theimageprovidedonthemapofthelocation, which was used during the Community Town Hall Meetings is misleading. The image shows the building will be located on the current site of the tennis courts only (approximately 0.5 acres), while the plans call for the need of 1 1.5 acres, which means the impact on the municipal beach will be far greater than represented on the maps that were used.
- 3. The estimated cost of the proposed new firestation does not include any cost resulting from legal actions by our association and/or individual unit owners, which will also result in significant delays to complete the project.
- ${\it 4. The proposed site is located on a one way street, which has substantial pedestrian traffic.}\\$
- 5. Theproposedsiteislocatednexttoourloadingdockentrance, wheregarbage trucks go in and out, delivery vehicles are parked, etc.
- 6. TheRivieraBeachMunicipalBeachisatrulyremarkableassetfortheCity, it seems obscene and completely unnecessary to use part of that property for a fire station, which could easily be located in a less desirable and less pristine location.

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Date: 2021-09-02 11:59

Subject: Fw: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

My response to follow. Need your advice.

# Julie Botel, Ed. D.

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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:31 PM

To: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Subject: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

Dear Ms. Botel,

I am writing to advise you of my complete displeasure with the City of Riviera Beach's proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 to the City of Riviera Beach Municipal Beach by the Ocean Mall. This proposal will not only unnecessarily disrupt the lives and businesses of prospective neighbors, the justifications and rationale advanced during the presentations I attended wreak of laziness and lack of concern about the impact of this ill-conceived proposal.

First, let me emphasize that the presentation by the Fire Chief at the Town Hall meeting a couple of weeks ago was completely self-serving and insulting to the residents. He deliberately set up a false choice for us to consider and revealed that very little work has been done to carefully consider what the most appropriate and feasible place to relocate this Fire Station to actually might be. He also <u>LIED TO US</u> about what the actual footprint of the proposed paradise for firefighters would be, by showing a rendering that impacted only about one-third of the ground that will actually be taken.

NOBODY believes or credibly argues that no improvement is needed from the current situation. The issue is <u>not</u> whether a new and modern station is needed. The issue is whether the location that has been proposed

is the most feasible and appropriate. It should be clear to everyone that <u>NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH</u> WORK HAS BEEN DONE to draw any reasonable conclusion.

Succinctly stated, this location:

- · will create a vehicle and human traffic nightmare for both the resident and business neighbors
- would take away and compromise a valuable resource in the form of a recreational area that draws tourism and business to our community
- disregards the City Charter requirements that this property be used in perpetuity for recreational or tourism purposes only, and in so doing, callously discounts valid expectations that neighboring residents had when they purchased their properties
- · would severely impair the operations of the neighboring businesses and residences

More importantly, it is clear that representatives of the Fire Department and City Council have abdicated their obligations to the community to thoroughly consider not only the financial but lifestyle and environmental impacts of relocation. The work that has been done has NOT considered all the costs and benefits of all alternatives and you MUST insist that it do so. You must also insist that it consider the financial penalties that neighbors may incur in diminished property values. The Fire Chief's assertion that Fire Houses increase the value of surrounding properties – presented without ANY supporting evidence and context – is both insulting and laughable at the same time!

There are a number of alternative sites that are being too easily dismissed by the Fire Chief. These include empty properties along Blue Heron Boulevard on BOTH sides of the Blue Heron Bridge and even the municipal parking lot behind the Singer Island Liqour Booth complex. We have empty abandoned buildings all along the Boulevard, but the Fire Department has excluded these for convenience and used specious financial analysis to justify the decision. The City MUST evaluate other locations using real efforts to quantify the financial possibilities, not just some BS pulled together in a lazy analysis!

I have some questions:

- 1. How can the City Council just set aside the City Charter and just repurpose this land? Are we as residents and businesses not entitled to think that you mean what you say when you adopt policies?
- 2. What is being budgeted for this new Fire Station and exactly how much does each alternative cost?
- 3. What are the environmental implications of the various locations?
- 4. Have you considered the losses in tax revenues from local businesses and properties in assessing all of the costs?
- 5. How does each prospective location actually affect fire response time?

In closing, this proposed location is charitably described as half-baked and otherwise described as half-assed. I implore you to do your jobs to make sure that the community gets an alternative that is completely vetted.

Sincerely,

### Marc Cohen 917-359-4412

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Date: 2021-09-02 12:00

Subject: I will forward this guy's email to you. Please let me know if my response is inappropriate. Than

ks I haven't sent this yet.

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To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Date: 2021-09-02 13:18
Subject: Neighborhood Bulletin

Attachments: 🚣 September 2021 Community News Bulletin 2021.pdf

### Good afternoon Dr. Botel,

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## Thank you!

### Dirk

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Date: 2021-09-02 15:33

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- 2. Fire Station 86
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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>
To: "Botel, Julia" <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

Cc: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>; Dirk Schavemaker <dirk.schavemaker@ritzcarlton.

com>

Date: 2021-09-03 09:06

Subject: Re: Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Ah, got it. :-)

On Fri, Sep 3, 2021 at 9:04 AM Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

No need for apologies. My mother's name was Julia and it is my legal name, hence the one I had to use in running for office. But there could only be one Julia in the house, so I have always been known as Julie!

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From: Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 9:01 AM

To: Botel, Julia

Cc: Brown, Sammie T.; Evans, Jonathan; Curd, John; Dirk Schavemaker

Subject: Re: Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Also, in my reply, I used the name listed in your email address (Julia) but now see that you signed your email as Julie. My apologies for addressing the email to Julia if you prefer to be addressed as Julie.

Mike

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 5:55 PM Michael DeLuke <mdeluke23@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Julia,

Thank you for your prompt response, and we look forward to hearing more from Mr. Evans in the near future.

Mike and Renee

On Thu, Sep 2, 2021 at 11:04 AM Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

Dr. and Mrs. DeLuke,

Thank you for your email and thank you for taking the time to express your concerns about the location of the fire station.

You raise some very serious issues, and I believe they can best be answered by City Manager Evans. He is putting together a FAQ about the fire station and I am copying him on this reply so that he can include your questions in his document. As soon as it is complete, I will post it on NextDoor and my FaceBook page.

Please know that Mr. Evans is working diligently to identify alternate sites. Here is an excerpt from an email I recently received from him::

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Mr. Evans is listening to the concerns of residents of the Ritz. I trust that he will do a thorough review of all potential sites.

Thanks again for your input.

Julie

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From: Michael DeLuke < mdeluke23@gmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:39 PM

To: Evans, Jonathan <jevans@rivierabeach.org>; Miller-Anderson, KaShamba

<KMiller@rivierabeach.org>; Lawson, Douglas <DLawson@rivierabeach.org>; Botel, Julia

<JBotel@rivierabeach.org>; Lanier, Shirley D. <SLanier@rivierabeach.org>; McCoy, Tradrick

<TMcCoy@rivierabeach.org>

**Subject:** Proposed Fire Station Relocation

Dear City Manager and City Council Members,

Our names are Michael and Renee DeLuke and we own a unit in Tower B of the Ritz Carlton Singer Island. It has come to our attention that the City is considering relocating the fire station to the north side of the park, the current location of the public tennis courts.

We implore you not to disturb the gorgeous park by placing relocating the fire station to that location. The residents of the Ritz find such peace and respite looking out over the community residents enjoying their gorgeous park. Placing a fire station in that location would undoubtedly disrupt the natural

habitat that exists in that area of the beach.

We love watching people strolling along the Boulevard, laughing and enjoying themselves. And when events are held on the park grounds (soccer, volleyball, etc.), the park and the surrounding area are filled with competitors and onlookers alike. It is a gem that is such an asset to both the Singer Island and Riviera Beach communities, and disrupting such an amazing resource by placing a fire station anywhere on that property would be tragic, to say the least.

We are also shocked that our elected officials would act in opposition to the City Charter. As I'm sure you are aware, The Charter clearly states that east of N. Ocean Avenue "shall be reserved for and perpetually used as a municipal beach...". Further, that "the land shall not be used for purposes other than those beneficial to tourism and recreation." With that said, we are literally in disbelief that you are proposing the Charter be violated by putting a fire station in this location.

#### We request that you provide answers to the following questions:

- 1. How can they go against the City Charter in considering the Municipal Beach location? Do they have a legal opinion that supports going against the Charter?
- 2. Is it strictly necessary for the new fire station to be located on Singer Island? The Blue Heron Bridge is not a drawbridge and land costs are substantially lower on the other side of the bridge, 3. How many calls does our fire station answer on the island and how many across the bridge? 4. What is the budget for the new fire station and how will construction be funded? How much of a difference will it make on a 30-year life of a new fire station if the overall investment is increased by a land cost of \$5 million? They said the station itself will cost approximately \$15 million. They also said they will be selling a building that now houses municipal offices for about \$15 million when the new office space is ready. This space is allegedly too far west to locate the new fire station?
- 5. What is the impact to the Ocean Mall on the Municipal Beach site?
- 6. What other fire stations are overburdened and need coverage support from the Singer Island Station?
- 7. Have they looked at the old Wells Fargo property at 1100 East Blue Heron?
- 8. Have they actually mapped out what the footprint of the Municipal Beach location would look like, including the necessary road alterations, so the firetrucks can drive around and face the proper way?
- 9. Would building a parking garage for the Ocean mall be cheaper than buying property?
- 10. Where would the proposed fire station in the parking area west of the Ocean Mall be located?

We promise that we, along with other residents, will fight this with all of our will and might. The primary reason we chose to purchase a unit in that location was the unique view it offered and the fact that it overlooked a natural landscape. We surely could have invested approximately \$2 million dollars in other communities, but we selected the Ritz at Singer Island largely due to the fact that it overlooked City property (i.e. the park). We trusted that the City and its leaders, in accordance with the City Charter, would preserve the park in its current format and not disrupt it by building a building, any building, on that site.

Please do not betray our trust and disrupt that precious community resource. We are counting on you to listen to your constituents and preserve our precious park in its current state.

Dr. Michael K. DeLuke

Mrs. Renee N. DeLuke

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To: "Brown, Sammie T." <STBrown@rivierabeach.org>; "Evans, Jonathan" <jevans@rivierabeach.org&

gt;; "Curd, John" <JCurd@rivierabeach.org>

Bcc: jbdixson@me.com
Date: 2021-09-03 09:35

Subject: Fwd: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

I am not dignifying his email with a response. I can do without the support of a guy like him. He should go back to New York with his opinions. (917 area code)

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From: Marc Cohen <marc.cohen322@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 8:11 PM

To: Botel, Julia

Subject: Re: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

Dear Ms. Botel,

I went back and read my email to you and resent that you mischaracterized what I wrote to be a personal attack on Chief Curd as being a "lazy liar"! I NEVER USED SUCH LANGUAGE AND DEMAND AN APOLOGY FROM YOU FIR INPLUING SUCH.

I did say that the people who were presenting this site had been lazy about their work to comprehensively look at the situation. You confirmed as much by acknowledging that this work is only now being done!

As far as being lied to, look at the map that was presented! The rendering only shows a portion of the land being seized for this project that is actually being claimed. I'm blind in one eye, but not both!

This project is an abomination and you should vote against it. I hope you do if you want my continued support.

Sincerely,

Marc Cohen

Sent from my iPhone

Marc Cohen 917-359-4412

On Sep 2, 2021, at 5:40 PM, Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org> wrote:

Mr. Cohen,

First, let me say that I take exception to your characterization of our Fire Chief as a liar. Chief Curd is a consummate professional and would never deceive or obfuscate with regard to the footprint of the new station. There is no "laziness and lack of concern" on the part of either Chief Curd or City Manager Evans. They are both very well aware of the concerns of the residents of the Ritz and are doing everything in their power to investigate alternate sites.

In fact, here is an excerpt from an email I recently received from Mr. Evans::

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suitable enough to accommodate the construction of a new Fire Station 86. Nonetheless, we will ensure that every opportunity and/or alternative is regarded as you deliberate on the options that staff will proffer to you at your September 15, 2021, regular meeting.

City staff is also exploring an opportunity related to what mitigation efforts and modifications would have to occur to construct a fire station on the existing site. Not optimal, but an option. The staff is vetting all options at the moment.

Mr. Evans is listening to the concerns of residents of the Ritz. I trust that he will do a thorough review of all potential sites. Had previous city administrations and councils addressed these issues in a timely manner, we would not now be in such a dire situation. If we postpone the decision on this, we are at risk of moving to the bottom of the list of fire stations to be renovated. The Singer Island firefighters face the prospect of working out of the Ambassador Center for months, if not years. Because of the inaction of our predecessors, we are now faced with addressing multiple critically important projects at the same time. We need a new City Hall complex, new water treatment plant, new fire stations, new Public Works buildings, and many other infrastructure projects.

Mr. Evans is putting together an FAQ about the fire station and I am copying him on this reply so that he can include your questions in his document. As soon as it is complete, I will post it on NextDoor and my FaceBook page.

I work hard every day on behalf of the residents of this city and I appreciate the work of Mr. Evans and Chief Curd as they attempt to find the best possible location for the new station. I will support the purchase of property on which to build the station or the renovation of the existing site (if that can be accomplished). However, I am only one of five Councilmembers. Ultimately, the Council will need to vote on the location as a legislative body. I recommend that, if you have not already done so, you contact each of my colleagues to express your concerns. I am only one vote.

I also recommend that you refrain from impugning the honesty of the Chief when you do so. He is very well regarded by my colleagues and referring to him as a lazy liar may color their impression of you and make them less likely to vote on your behalf.

Julie

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From: marc.cohen322@gmail.com <marc.cohen322@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:31 PMTo: Botel, Julia <JBotel@rivierabeach.org>Subject: Proposed Location for Fire House 86

Dear Ms. Botel,

I am writing to advise you of my complete displeasure with the City of Riviera Beach's proposal to relocate Fire Station 86 to the City of Riviera Beach Municipal Beach by the Ocean Mall. This proposal will not only unnecessarily disrupt the lives and businesses of prospective neighbors, the justifications and rationale advanced during the presentations I attended wreak of laziness and lack of concern about the impact of this ill-conceived proposal.

First, let me emphasize that the presentation by the Fire Chief at the Town Hall meeting a couple of weeks ago was completely self-serving and insulting to the residents. He deliberately set up a false choice for us to consider and revealed that very little work has been done to carefully consider what the most appropriate and feasible place to relocate this Fire Station to actually might be. He also <u>LIED TO</u> <u>US</u> about what the actual footprint of the proposed paradise for firefighters would be, by showing a rendering that impacted only about one-third of the ground that will actually be taken.

NOBODY believes or credibly argues that no improvement is needed from the current situation. The issue is <u>not</u> whether a new and modern station is needed. The issue is whether the location that has been proposed is the most feasible and appropriate. It should be clear to everyone that <u>NOWHERE</u> **NEAR ENOUGH WORK HAS BEEN DONE** to draw any reasonable conclusion.

Succinctly stated, this location:

- · will create a vehicle and human traffic nightmare for both the resident and business neighbors
- would take away and compromise a valuable resource in the form of a recreational area that draws tourism and business to our community
- disregards the City Charter requirements that this property be used in perpetuity for recreational or tourism purposes only, and in so doing, callously discounts valid expectations that neighboring residents had when they purchased their properties
- would severely impair the operations of the neighboring businesses and residences

More importantly, it is clear that representatives of the Fire Department and City Council have abdicated their obligations to the community to thoroughly consider not only the financial but lifestyle and environmental impacts of relocation. The work that has been done has NOT considered all the costs and benefits of all alternatives and you MUST insist that it do so. You must also insist that it consider the financial penalties that neighbors may incur in diminished property values. The Fire Chief's assertion that Fire Houses increase the value of surrounding properties – presented without ANY supporting evidence and context – is both insulting and laughable at the same time!

There are a number of alternative sites that are being too easily dismissed by the Fire Chief. These include empty properties along Blue Heron Boulevard on BOTH sides of the Blue Heron Bridge and even the municipal parking lot behind the Singer Island Liqour Booth complex. We have empty abandoned buildings all along the Boulevard, but the Fire Department has excluded these for convenience and used specious financial analysis to justify the decision. The City MUST evaluate other locations using real efforts to quantify the financial possibilities, not just some BS pulled together in a lazy analysis!

I have some questions:

- 1. How can the City Council just set aside the City Charter and just repurpose this land? Are we as residents and businesses not entitled to think that you mean what you say when you adopt policies?
- 2. What is being budgeted for this new Fire Station and exactly how much does each alternative cost?
- 3. What are the environmental implications of the various locations?
- 4. Have you considered the losses in tax revenues from local businesses and properties in assessing all of the costs?
- 5. How does each prospective location *actually* affect fire response time?

In closing, this proposed location is charitably described as half-baked and otherwise described as half-assed. I implore you to do your jobs to make sure that the community gets an alternative that is completely vetted.

Sincerely,

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From: Paula Torre <petbenedetto@gmail.com>

To: jbotel@rivierabeach.org

Date: 2021-09-03 13:41

Subject: Re: Proposed New Location of Fire Station

Dear Dr. Botel,

I hope this email finds you extremely well, and thank you very much for your prompt answer.

I apologize for not having answered your email sooner, but I was in the countryside with no internet access at all. Unfortunately, we have not been able to travel back to the USA yet.

I am sure the City Manager Evans and the Fire Chief Curd have a very strong reason to relocate the existing fire station, but I must respectfully tell you once again I think the City has not fully evaluated the proposed new location and its consequent disastrous environmental and traffic impact. For many years we have done everything at hand to help keep or enhance the beauty and charm of the place. So many beach clean ups during these years, no lights in our terraces and low lights in gardens and pools because of sea turtles, careful slow traffic at the Ocean Walk, etc., etc. All at once none of them matters: neither the beach, nor the turtles, nor the recreational area... They would only be history now...

I will deeply appreciate your sending us the video.

Thank you very much once again, and I hope to meet you in person soon.

Best regards,

Paula Torre.

On Thu, Aug 19, 2021 at 3:13 PM Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org > wrote:

Ms. Torre,

Thank you for your email. I understand your concerns and appreciate that you took the time to share them with me. You must have already seen my response to other residents, but I am copying it here for your convenience. I hope you can watch one of the meetings virtually.

There is a meeting on this important topic <u>TODAY</u>, Thursday, at 6:00 PM. It will take place at the Marina Event Center on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. It will also be televised. People can submit questions to <u>stbrown@rivierabeach.org</u>. I encourage you to do so prior to the meeting. Please attend virtually if possible. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Riviera Beach City Council will not vote on this matter until we have an opportunity to listen to all our residents.

There have been 2 meetings so far on this topic. I am attaching the flyers for the meetings so that you can log into tomorrow's meeting virtually if you cannot attend in person.

There will also be a televised Singer Island Town Hall meeting that will include this topic. That will take place on Tuesday. August 24 at 6:00 at the Ambassador Center at 1229 East Blue Heron. It will also be televised. Again, questions and comments can be submitted to stbrown@rivierabeach.org. I am attaching the flyer for that meeting.

Some concerns that have been expressed previously were addressed by our City Manager and Fire Chief at a recent meeting:

- The fire engines will not use sirens and lights until they reach North Ocean Drive.
- The tennis courts will be relocated to the south end of the park. Pickle ball courts will be added. The children's play area will also be relocated to the south.

- The owner of the property at the end of the bridge wants more than \$22 million for it. Purchasing it would take it off the tax rolls. We already own the property at the park.
- Other properties such as the vacant banks would also be cost-prohibitive (\$3-\$5 million) and take those parcels off the tax rolls.
- Devices will be installed at the parking lot at the Ocean Walk Mall so that pedestrians and cars will not be allowed to proceed onto that road when the fire trucks are leaving or entering the station.
- The existing fire station is located next to TWO residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values.
- The current station is in the flood plain and cannot be renovated. In a king tide, the station floods. It has reached the end of its useful life and must be vacated.
- The City hopes to obtain community input as to the future use of that building. We will be conducting a survey of all residents.
- The property being used for the Community Garden does not belong to the City and the owner is not interested in selling it to us for use as a fire station.
- The City has engaged the services of an appraiser to determine the impact on property values at the Ritz.
- The vote on the placement of the fire station will not take place for quite some time. The City is planning several charrettes about it and would be happy to have a special presentation to the residents of the Ritz. I made this offer to Dirk Shavemaker and hope he will provide me with a date when we can do that.

City Manager Evans addressed this topic at last night's City Council meeting. He answered many of the questions and concerns that have been raised. I will forward that video to you as soon as it is available.

Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with COVID on Tuesday ("breakthrough" and mild) and so will not be able to attend the meetings in person. However, I feel confident that Chief Curd and City Manager Evans will be able to answer all your questions and respond to your concerns. I am copying them on this reply so that they can provide additional information if they are able.

| Regards, |  |  |  |
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From: Paula Torre <petbenedetto@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:04 AM

To: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org >

Subject: Proposed New Location of Fire Station

Dear Mrs. Botel.

I hope this email finds you very well.

Unfortunately I am actually abroad and shall not be able to attend this afternoon meeting.

It was a shocking surprise to learn that the City of Riviera Beach is planning to place the new fire station at the Ocean Walk next to our building.

This new proposed location would undoubtfully mean the ruin of our property values. Although they might say that the existing fire station is located next to two residential towers and has not negatively impacted their property values, it cannot be compared at all with the locarion of the new proposed one. If you just have a 360 degrees look at the street view and you consider the design, positioning and orientation of our two buildings, you will realize the enormous damage they will suffer. The proposed new location blocks our views and destroys the whole atmosphere which made us fall in love with Singer Island and choose the Ritz to be our home: the silent dark nights with very low lights because of the turtles, whole families playing tennis and walking carelessly by, slow and careful traffic, small children playing on the playground, and all of these taking place with the only noise of the waves...

Please, do help us to keep these invaluable treasures which make Singer Island such a beautiful unique place.

There are surely far better spots where to relocate the fire station permanently, just a little further away from the residential area. I think there is no need to spoil neither the access to the beach nor the calm ambience of the mall and our building.

Please, take good care of it. Thank you so much for your time and hard work.

Best regards, Paula Torre 2700 N Ocean Dr Riviera Beach

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From: lee@performance-strategies.com

To: 'Bob Comfort' <bobcomfort73@gmail.com>

Cc: "'Botel, Julia'" <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>; 'Loret Comfort' <loret52@comcast.net>

Date: 2021-09-03 14:11

Subject: Yes, you are both on the news bulletin "Around Our Neighborhood" distribution list

Attachments: 📙 September Community News Bulletin 2021.pdf

Bob, you were on the previous list and should have received an email from Julie's office on 9/1 from rivierabeach.org. Sometimes, sadly, we end up in spam. Loretta was not on our list, but I just added her for the next news bulletin on 12/1. In case you missed this current issue, I've attached it.

Hope you enjoy.

Warmly,

Lee Innocenti

845-721-4250



From: Bob Comfort <br/>bobcomfort73@gmail.com><br/>Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 9:34 AM

To: Lee Innocenti <Lee@performance-strategies.com>

Cc: Botel, Julia <jbotel@rivierabeach.org>; Loret Comfort <loret52@comcast.net>

Subject: Fwd: Fane Lozman; Newsletter

Hello, Lee,

Are we now on the distribution list for the Singer Island newsletter? When is the next issue due?

Thanks,

Bob and Loretta Comfort

Ocean's Edge at Singer Island

Unit 1001

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Botel, Julia < JBotel@rivierabeach.org>

| To: Bob Comfort < bobcomfort73@gmail.com > Cc: Loret52 < loret52@aol.com >, Lee Innocenti < Lee@performance-strategies.com >, Brown, Sammie T. < STBrown@rivierabeach.org >, Busby, Lina < LBusby@rivierabeach.org >                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Bob and Loretta,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Much has been happening on the Lozman issue. I am currently out of state but when I return on Wednesday, I would be happy to give you a call to provide an update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| On the issue of The Singer Island newsletter, I am happy to ask Lee Innocenti, who produces the newsletter, to add you to the distribution list.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| If you provide me with a phone number, I would be happy to call you when I return to Florida.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thanks,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Julie                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| From: Bob Comfort < bobcomfort73@gmail.com > Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 12:03 PM To: Botel, Julia Cc: Loret52 Subject: Fane Lozman; Newsletter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Hello, Julia,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1. What has been happening with respect to the dispute with Mr. Lozman over his submerged property on N. Ocean Dr.? I believe that there was an administrative hearing scheduled for April, but we've not been able to track down any recording or transcript. There has been recent news about his dispute with the Justice Department and the Corps, but we've not seen any news about his case with the City. |
| 2. Some time ago, Sharon Bock shared with other residents of Ocean's Edge a back issue of a Singer Island-specific newsletter that I believe you produce. Can we get on the list to receive this letter?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Thanks for all your hard work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Bob and Loretta Comfort                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Ocean's Edge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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### Dear City Council Members and Mr. Evans:

The owners in our building are extremely upset about the possible placement of a fire station on the municipal beach. Everyone understands and supports the idea of a new fire station 86. We want our first responders to have state of the art facilities. However, the issues with the beach location are numerous. Some are listed below:

- 1. The City Charter Article VII states that the property east of Ocean Avenue "will be reserved for and perpetually used as a municipal beach"
- 2. The area outlined on the drawing is not the actual size that the fire station would need. The actual area needed will be about three times that size (assuming the Chief's statement of needing 1-1.5 acres) and that might not even include the road that would be needed to allow the fire trucks to drive around the building and pull in.
- 3. Ocean Avenue is a one way street
- 4. The location is at beach level and would probably need to be raised, possibly requiring even more property, as the current site does in order to have the ramps in at a proper steepness.
- 5. Lighting might be an issue with respect to turtles

The municipal beach is one of the prime assets of the City of Riviera Beach. Residents from the entire City use the beach and I am sure if they were aware, would want to save the beach.

There are multiple lots on Blue Heron and just off it that are not current being used, including the PNC bank building, 1100 East Blue Heron where Wells Fargo had a bank, the southwest corner of Blue Heron and Park Avenue. There are also underutilized pieces of property like where the Illustrated Properties office is and the Sands Hotel is a huge blight on the neighborhood. We certainly understand and support the desire to save money but destroying a huge asset (the municipal beach) will ultimately be more costly than buying a piece of property for the Fire station or upgrading the current location.

We have lots of questions we would like you to consider, here is a sampling:

- 1. How many calls does Fire Station 86 respond to?
- 2. How many more would it respond to if it was located further south?
- 3. Is it necessary to have the Fire Station even on the barrier island? The Blue Heron bridge is not a drawbridge
- 4. How many vehicles does the station need to accommodate?
- 5. Have architectural plans for the station been drawn up?
- 6. Could the fire station have apartments or offices above it to defray some of the cost?
- 7. Can you create a committee of concerned residents to help in finding a good location?
- 8. We understand that this is an urgent need but what is the time frame under which a new fire station needs to be available?

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues.

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