

Novelo, Lilia

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2012 11:21 AM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Fire Station 39

From: Joan Terry [mailto:jterry88@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 12:09 PM
To: 'smadison@cityofpasadena.net'
Subject: Fire Station 39

Councilman Madison:

I wish to make known my “opposition” to the proposed use of 159 Glen Summer Road as a “temporary” location of ambulance and paramedic personnel; PRIMARILY because this “solution” is no solution to the lack of ambulance/paramedic services which have NEVER OPERATED OUT OF STATION 39. The BIGGER ISSUE is the provision of both FIRE AND AMBULANCE services at Station 39 – which, according to all analyses to date, is not (and never has been) possible due size constraints at the existing site.

It is my considered opinion that the City (Chief Wells,. Mgr. Beck and yourself) have been disingenuous in the presentation of the “solutions” to the dilemma of *What Can Be Done About Station 39!* Temporarily parking an ambulance on a residential driveway for 6 months, ergo a TEMPORARY CUP, followed up with a review and 3-month extension to “see how we’re doing” in no way addresses the BIGGER ISSUE, namely: The provision of fire and paramedic services to the community west of the Arroyo – both of which are a function of a fire station. Operation of an ambulance and paramedic personnel from this location is little more than a Trojan Horse; a “gift” of a service that has never operated out of Station 39 – and will not after the retrofit of this structure (an historic landmark!?) unless the current site can be expanded (via eminent domain?) – or a new location identified – neither of which alternatives appear possible.

The owner of 159 GSR has stated that she was originally negotiating a 1-year lease with the City with an option to renew for an additional 6 months; in reality an 18 month duration, which would have exceeded the time-frame of a TEMPORARY CUP that Chief Wells represented was the case. Now, in the staff discussion item on Monday’s agenda, that lease has been “shortened” to 6 months with a possible 3 month extension, which, of course, is unrealistic if not impossible! Notably, however, it can now be classified as a temporary use requiring only a temporary (T)CUP and none of the protocols attendant a full CUP process!

The residents of this community (not limited to Glen Summer Road!) are entitled to a full disclosure of the facts attendant the closure and re-opening of Station 39 – including the Good News, the Bad News, the

Undetermined and the Unresolved. We may not like what we hear, but we're entitled to hear it – not the pabulum that's being dished out for "public consumption".

I am deeply disappointed by the manner (an evasion!) in which this vitally important issue has been handled.

Respectfully

Joan Terry

232 Glen Summer Road

Jomsky, Mark

From: Melissa O'Bryant <melobry@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2012 6:05 PM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: 159 Glen Summer Rd.

February4, 2012

Dear Councilman Madison,

It brings me great sadness to know that the voices of the Glen Summer Road residents are not being heard. Your plan to put an ambulance on our street is not a wise decision, as it will bring many safety issues to the public.

The Glen Summer address will not only disrupt our daily living, but will pose a danger to the many people, children especially, who walk to and from the park on a daily basis. Not to mention the blind spot by the park is not safe for cars passing while an emergency vehicle is present. The street is very narrow and very hard to pass because of the curb parking along the curve. The idea of having this emergency vehicle responding to an emergency is asking for an accident to happen.

As a resident on Glen Summer, I hope you reconsider your plan and find an alternative. Our street is not a practical solution. The safety issue involving pedestrians and parking should not be compromised. We have enough traffic as it is, with the school and library traffic, placing an emergency vehicle will pose many hazards.

Sincerely,

Melissa O'Bryant

Jomsky, Mark

From: PAULA SNYDER <pjsdesign@att.net>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 9:04 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: ambulance at 159 Glen Summer Road

city clerk

Although I am not a resident of Pasadena, I am however one of the trustees that currently own the house at 149 GLen Summer Road. This house is right next door to the house in which you want to temporarily house the ambulance. (159 Glen Summer Road)

Although it would not help us in selling the house which is in escrow, but may not happen, it is somewhat a deterrent that when the ambulance backs in its lights and back up beep will be right in the master bedroom.

If I have a say at all the biggest concern is that the street is 5 feet narrower than most of the streets in the area. I have driven this street for the past 10 years as I took care of the past resident of this house and I know that the curve at the top where the park is was a danger when kids were playing at the park and when cars are parked it makes it a one car through the street. If there is no way to move over some one does have to back up to where there is ample space to go through.

I found it very nerve racking and felt that any kid darting out into the street was an obvious accident waiting to happen.

I hope you take this into consideration before making your final decision. This really is a narrow street and may even hamper the ambulance's need to get somewhere in a hurry.

Thank you for your time,

Paula Snyder
Trustee Clelia Reilly Trust

Jomsky, Mark

From: Ron Paler <rpaler@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2012 9:29 PM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Ambulance at 159 Glen Summer Rd-Information Item: CUP/CEQA
Attachments: FW: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE; RE: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

Dear Council Member Madison,

Pertaining to the Information Item noted as agenda item # 9 on the City Council Meeting for February 6, 2012, City Manager Michael Beck and Fire Chief Calvin Wells have proposed using a residential home at 159 Glen Summer Rd for use of Rescue Ambulance without conducting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or CEQA analysis.

Please see the Pasadena City staff emails attached above detailing the need for a CUP and CEQA evaluation at the proposed site. Neither of these issues has been conducted on the aforementioned property and therefore, we request that the City Code as described in section 17.22.030 B be adhered to before using this residential property as a base for a Rescue Ambulance.

Regards,
Ron Paler, M.D
626 222 2359

Jomsky, Mark

From: Sinclair, David <dsinclair@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:30 PM
To: Bertoni, Vince; DeWolfe, Stephanie; Paige-Saeki, Jennifer
Subject: FW: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

All --

The Fire Department now intends to use a residence at 159 Glen Summer Rd. as a temporary two-man station with one ambulance.

This is the same sort of thing as was proposed on San Rafael, as well as other locations in the neighborhood, and as we have told them before, a CUP is required. Not only that, but a CEQA analysis with a traffic study, noise study, etc. would also be required.

Before we remind them of the CUP requirement, have there been any recent discussions about temporary sites where a CUP would not be required? I can't think of any exceptions, but I know the fire stations discussions have taken place at multiple levels over time.

Thanks.

David

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-----Original Message-----

From: Valenzuela, Maria
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:05 PM
To: Sinclair, David
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly
Subject: RE: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

Yes, there will be one ambulance.

Maria I. Valenzuela
Assistant Real Property Manager
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sinclair, David
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:04 PM
To: Valenzuela, Maria
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly
Subject: RE: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

So there will be emergency vehicles there as well, correct?

-----Original Message-----

From: Valenzuela, Maria
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:02 PM
To: Sinclair, David
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly
Subject: RE: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

David,

We were told by Chief Wells today that there will be a two man crew rotated every 24 hours living at the home and responding to emergency calls. The home will not be accessible to the public and a sign will be posted with something that says "Authorized Personnel Only".

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sinclair, David
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Valenzuela, Maria
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly
Subject: RE: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

Maria -

What is the extent that the Fire Dept. will use the site? Are they taking calls from there, similar to a regular fire station? Or it is just for sleeping?

We've been out of the loop on the temporary station issue, so we don't know what has been going on. My concern is that a CUP for temp station may be required.

Thanks.

David

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From: Valenzuela, Maria
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 3:45 PM
To: Sinclair, David
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly
Subject: 159 Glen Summer Road NOE

Hello David,
Fire Department looks like they are ready to make a decision on leasing 159 Glen Summer Road and I would like to know if an NOE will be needed for this property. If this is the case, what would be the ETA in getting the NOE prepared?

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuentes, Theresa <tfuentes@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2012 3:17 PM
To: Balchunas, Karen
Cc: Rix, Dan; Paige-Saeki, Jennifer; Sinclair, David; Mermell, Steve; Bertoni, Vince
Subject: RE: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

Hi, Karen. The City Attorney asked me to get more details regarding this latest proposal. Can you tell me about the temporary use, particularly: (1) how are we binding ourselves to only using it for a rescue ambulance; (2) how are we binding ourselves to using it for less than a year; (3) what happens if we go beyond a year, especially given the knowledge we have now that rehab of Station 39 will take more than a year; (4) how many employees will be housed at the location at any given time.

I assume that Planning is advising regarding any land use requirements, particularly a temporary use permit versus a conditional use permit.

If the use is truly for less than one year, it appears that class 4 (minor alterations of land – specifically minor temporary uses of land) would be the exemption we would use. But I would appreciate more information before we draft the Notice of Exemption to that effect.

Thanks,
Theresa

From: Balchunas, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2012 10:40 AM
To: Fuentes, Theresa
Cc: Rix, Dan
Subject: FW: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

Theresa:

Happy New Year! As part of the Fire Station #39 project, pursuant to an email from Steve Mermell below, PFD will be proposing to relocate PFD personnel and house a Rescue Ambulance at 159 Glen Summer Road (RS-6 zoning) as a temporary site for less than one year. Dan Rix has asked me to inquire with you as to whether any environmental action is required for this site, given the temporary use for less than one year.

Please let Dan and me know if any Environmental Determinations are required for this use at this address.

Thank you for your kind review of this request.

Regards,

Karen

Karen L. Balchunas, LEED® AP



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From: Rix, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2012 10:11 AM
To: Balchunas, Karen
Subject: FW: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

Karen,

Please check with Theresa F. regarding any environmental actions needed for this action.

Thanks,

DAN

From: Wright, Steve
Sent: 2012-01-03 10:07
To: Rix, Dan; Torstenbo, Dale
Subject: Fw: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

Sent using BlackBerry

From: Mermell, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2012 09:37 AM
To: Sinclair, David; Paige-Saeki, Jennifer
Cc: Kitasato, Kelly; Wells, Calvin; Bertoni, Vince; Wright, Steve
Subject: 159 Glen Summer Road - Temporary Posting Station - RA-39

David & Jennifer, it is looking like we may move forward with the housing of a Rescue Ambulance at 159 Glen Summer Road. Can you advise as to what environmental review is necessary, I thought Kelly told me info to support an NOE was forwarded recently. Thanks.

Steve Mermell
Assistant City Manager
City of Pasadena
626-744-6936

Jomsky, Mark

From: Summerglen320@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 1:03 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: 159 Glen Summer Rd LEGAL CONCERNS

Mark, this is what was sent to city council members for tonight's meeting.

Ralph Hubbard

From: Summerglen320@aol.com
To: smadison@cityofpasadena.net, cholden@cityofpasadena.net, mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net, ttornek@cityofpasadena.net, jrobinson@cityofpasadena.net, vgordo@cityofpasadena.net, gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net, pasadenalas@yahoo.com, nadine.danz@sothebyshomes.com, rpaler@earthlink.net
Sent: 2/6/2012 11:55:15 A.M. Pacific Standard Time
Subj: 159 Glen Summer Rd LEGAL CONCERNS

Although the city manager and fire chief have announced via emails to the residents on Glen Summer Road that "the fire chief and I have decided to move forward with the lease of 159 Glen Summer Road to house a rescue ambulance" I request that this matter be referred to the City Attorney for a legal opinion and that the concerned neighbors be advised of the findings. I have made a similar request to the city manager; as of this date we have yet to hear anything. Additionally, I wish to advise that we have a diminished value issue for the surrounding properties. Should anyone owning property adjacent to 159 Glen Summer Road want to sell their house, they would quickly find that the value of their property would be diminished by at least 10%. I base this opinion on having been in the appraisal business for more than twenty years.

It is recommended that the city council seriously consider these requests before allowing the city manager to "move forward" on the lease of 159 Glen Summer Road.

Further, it is my understanding that this property may be leased for up to 24 months and that the cost to the city would easily exceed \$75,000. Additionally, I feel the council should be aware that the lease appears to be deliberately set up for six months to qualify for the category 4 exemption under California Environmental Quality Act guidelines section 15304. In my opinion this is an inappropriate use of this section.

Respectfully,
Ralph A. Hubbard
320 Glen Summer Rd.

cc: city attorney

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW: Attached Image
Attachments: 2270_001.pdf

From: Danz, Nadine [mailto:Nadine.Danz@Sothebyshomes.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 2:41 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Mr. Jomsky: Here is a communication I sent to the Council members in regards to tonight's meeting and in particular to the proposed site of 159 Glen Summer being used as an Ambulance site. The attachment is an earlier letter to Chief Wells, Mr. Beck and Mr. Madison for you to read as well.

Nadine Danz
263 Glen Summer Road

From: Danz, Nadine
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 2:21 PM
To: 'cholden@cityofpasadena.net'; 'mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net'; 'ttornek@cityofpasadena.net'; 'jrobinson@cityofpasadena.net'; 'vgordo@cityofpasadena.net'; 'gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net'
Subject: FW: Attached Image

Dear Sirs and Madame:

I sent this letter to Chief Well and Mr. Beck as well as Steve Madison in January regarding the proposed use of 159 Glen Summer Road as a site for an Emergency Vehicle and want to share it with you in anticipation of the meeting tonight to discuss the issue. Our neighborhood is taking great umbrage with the dictatorial tone that Mr. Beck seems to think he is entitled to communicate. I feel there are legal issues to be pursued as well as recognition of the impact of loss of property value before any one tries to bull doze such a negatively impacting idea on the neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Nadine and Tony Danz
263 Glen Summer Road

Dear Chief Wells:

Thank you for your generous time given to the start of addressing the concerns of Glen Summer Road residents on Sunday afternoon. It was greatly appreciated.

It also brought up many more questions about the suitability and impact of a personal residence being converted to a public facility. One of the great and significant issues is the loss of property value (or perceived value) by potential buyers for any property that goes up for sale on Glen Summer Road. It would have to be a Seller's Disclosure that there is an Emergency Vehicle facility located on the street as if it wouldn't be noticeable enough just driving down the street. Again, within the Real Estate realm, it does not make sense that the city could just take over 2-3 feet of a neighbor's property. In fact wouldn't the owner of the property have to take possession (how does that happen?) since the city would just be a Tenant? I am also not quite clear why this would not require a CUP. The city beautifully if not to the extreme preserves our neighborhoods with over the top requirements to be met by home owners regarding permits and building codes. Your response could very well be that it is only "Temporary". I think it is naive for anyone to really think that it would only be for 1.5 to 2 years. The duration of the street lights installation on La Loma comes to mind.

The safety as well as esthetics of routinely stopping, going, moving over, so that an Ambulance can whip by for 2 or more years is an absurd request to the neighborhood.

Could you let me know what the average frequency of the ambulance being deployed is likely to be weekly?

There is a house also in foreclosure at 65 Annandale Road-where the street is straight and wider that was not looked into. Also the large estate on San Rafael with the burnt down Tudor mansion could surely handle a Fire Truck, Ambulance and trailer for housing staff. Was that space ever approached?

Many of my neighbors were surprised that we were all caught quite unaware of the degree that using 159 GSR had been decided upon by the City. The fact the lease and upgrades to make it habitable for the staff is to be paid for with tax payers money is another aspect where this whole situation needs much further legal and due diligence work done. I have attached a Comp sheet for rentals in our immediate neighborhood that would induce hopefully that all involved in any decisions are going to be prudent and aware of the cost of such an endeavor not only in dollars spent but to the quality of life to our neighborhood.

I am Block Captain of Neighborhood Watch for Glen Summer Road and would appreciate any announcements, comments or progress reports be emailed to me to pass on to the neighbors. We all emphatically want to be informed in a timely and complete manner.

Best regards,

Nadine Danz
263 Glen Summer Road

Novelo, Lilia

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: 159 Glen Summer Road

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lasley Biven <pasadenalas@yahoo.com>
Date: February 6, 2012 3:01:40 PM PST
To: "mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net" <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: 159 Glen Summer Road
Reply-To: Lasley Biven <pasadenalas@yahoo.com>

My name is Lasley Biven. I am speaking for my husband and my self . We have been home owners on Glen Summer Road for 48 years.

A beautiful quiet tree lined narrow street in Pasadena in which we courteously pull over to the side to let each other pass. Glen Summer Road is not a two lane thoroughfare. Even the school buses to San Rafael Elementary are not allowed to travel on Glen Summer.

On Christmas eve 2010, supposedly someone knocked on a few selected doors asking residents their opinion about housing an ambulance on Glen Summer Road. We were home all day and evening. No one came on our door with this question. So how can three people in local city government justify what is best for the San Rafael area without polling the entire neighborhood? This is absurd!

So what is this fixation of housing an ambulance at a rental house on Glen Summer Road at the cost of \$3,800 a month? Who found out about this rental property? Who contacted who and negotiated this supposed temporary lease? Is the owner now striking a deal with a lesser amount of monthly rent? In this economy of cities crying poor and cutting back how does Pasadena have the funds to pay for this extravagance? These are unanswered questions.

The owner/neighbor/resident on Glen Summer owns 3 houses on the street. I happen to know that all 3 are earmarked for auction. Interesting that 159 Glen Summer Road is one of them.

There has never been an ambulance based at Fire Station 39. Rescue has always come from the Fair Oaks station. Living in a high fire danger area the need for fire equipment is what is important here.

We all admire and appreciate the profession of fire fighters and paramedics. A block away next to the condemned Fire Station 39 in the triangle of Avenue 64, Melrose and Colorado zoned for commercial are apartment rentals and ample parking. And on the west side the fire station is parking and room for a portable. That's where the fire and ambulance equipment belongs.

Thank you.

Jomsky, Mark

From: Carol Jones <carol@acmecocos.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2012 4:10 PM
To: 'cholden@cityofpasadena.net'; 'mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net';
'ttornek@cityofpasadena.net'; 'jrobinson@cityofpasadena.net'; 'vgordo@cityofpasadena.net';
'gmasuda@cityofpasadena.net'; Jomsky, Mark; Madison, Steve
Cc: 'David Jones'; rpaler@earthlink.net; Suzuki, Takako
Subject: Proposed ambulance at 159 Glen Summer Road, Pasadena
Attachments: GS northbound traffic (640x480).jpg; Glen Summer Road (640x480).jpg; GS southbound traffic (640x480).jpg; GS park entry (640x480).jpg; Current ambulance street (640x480).jpg; Current ambulance station (640x480).jpg

Gentlemen and Ladies:

I wanted to voice my concern in advance of the meeting this evening to address the proposed installation of an ambulance service on our street.

We have triplets that are 3 years old that regularly use the park at the north end of Glen Summer, and we have major concerns about the safety of ambulance traffic at this location.

The street width is only 30', less than the street width at the closed fire station and half the street width at FS #31 on Fair Oaks.

With cars parked on both sides of the street, traffic can only pass in one direction at a time.

Children are regularly present in the area.

I've attached photos of FS #31 and the street it is located on, as well as photos of Glen Summer, with traffic shown in both directions.

I think the photos speak for themselves.

Please reconsider the pending decision.

Carol Jones
Resident and mother of 3 year old triplets
340 Glen Summer Road

2/6/2012
Item 9











