

RESOLUTION No. 220381

(R- 78-1710)

Adopted on FEB 27 1978

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

That in connection with the acquisition by the City of a portion of Lot 4 of Mira Mesa Shopping Center Unit No. 4 for fire station purposes, for which acquisition Environmental Impact Report No. 76-07-20C was prepared, the attached statement of mitigating measures was approved and the Council hereby finds that said mitigating measures, together with the lack of a viable alternative to the proposed project, cummulatively outweigh the adverse impact as described in Environmental Impact Report No. 76-07-20C.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By


Harold O. Valderhaug, Deputy

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Or.Dept.:Clerk

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Findings, EQD File No. 76-07-20C

Fire Department - Chief Kent

While the mitigating measures previously described do not mitigate to the level of insignificance, they do lower the impact of this proposed project. The other project alternatives referred to in the EIR are infeasible for the following reasons:

Location of a fire station to serve the Mira Mesa area was determined principally on the basis of projected maximum response times to the perimeter areas proposed to be served. Utilizing a maximum six (6) minute response time to developed areas as a criterion, an acceptable site vicinity circle was identified as the area within Reagan Road and New Salem Street with the intersection of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Camino Ruiz being the center.

Four alternate sites meeting the criteria were explored from the standpoint of operational feasibility, construction feasibility and cost. The site selected required the least preparation costs and offered the greatest response advantages.

Location of the future proposed helistop, separate and away from the fire station, would be operationally undesirable and therefore infeasible. The colocation of the facilities allows for site security, crash fire protection for the air crew and surrounding neighbors and rapid response times. Fire fighters directed to respond would be familiar with the station location, while a remote site, seldom used, would require clarification upon dispatch. The acquisition of two sites and their improvement would require additional costs for acquisition and improvement.

Another alternative would be to delete all planning for future helicopter operations in the North City area. This alternative is considered to be infeasible because of the ultimate additional cost of providing fire protection to an area as large as this (approximately 1/3 the total city land area is involved). As development occurs in this area, it is anticipated that improved state of the art fire protection service will mandate an increasingly efficient operation which will include helicopter operations.

Alternative locations to the south of Mira Mesa are infeasible for operational reasons: The primary planning reason for this northern site acquisition is the provision of a service area north of the NAS Miramar flight pattern. Location of a shuttle facility at Montgomery would involve longer flights, crossing two positive controlled airspaces operating on differing frequencies and requiring different transmitters and receivers. It would be hazardous and time consuming to require the pilot, operating in an emergency situation, to monitor three radios (UHF, VHF, and fire) and change three transmitter frequencies on each shuttle run. In low visibility conditions, the likelihood of midair collision would be increased by repeated crossings of the approach path by a relatively slow moving helicopter.

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Emergency helicopter operations are envisioned as consisting mainly of shuttle-type operations whereby equipment and personnel would be flown to and from the site of an emergency incident from the helistop. Extinguishing agents stored at the helistop would be loaded, flown and applied to fire incidents from helicopters. If this alternative were to be adopted, provision for storing and handling equipment and housing personnel would have to be made.

A no project alternative would mean that the Mira Mesa area would be left without adequate fire protection service when the lease on the present temporary facility expires on October 16, 1979. The lessor has already expressed a desire to discontinue the existing lease as soon as possible.

The Fire Department has determined that the mitigation measures and project alternatives identified in the final EIR are infeasible for the economic, social and operational considerations mentioned above.

Bill Kent

Bill Kent, Deputy Fire Chief

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 27 1978,
 by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Bill Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Bill Lowery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leon L. Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred Schnaubelt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larry Stirling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jess D. Haro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON
 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR
 City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Allyn D. Smith, Deputy.

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