

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



SEP 1 2009

DOUGLAS L. BARRY
FIRE CHIEF

August 19, 2009

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 09-100

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: IN-KIND DONATION – BEL AIR ASSOCIATION – FIRE STATION 71

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Accept an in-kind donation from the Bel Air Association for the construction of a wall and gate for Fire Station 71 valued at approximately \$26,500.
2. Instruct the Commission Executive Assistant II to forward this report for necessary action to the Mayor's Office in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and the City Council in accordance with the Los Angeles Administrative Code Article 12.

Summary.

Fire Station 71 has experienced some structural damage from third party vehicles entering the open station driveway in the rear and the theft of personal property from vehicles of members working at Fire Station 71. This block wall and automatic electric gate will help eliminate these problems.

The Bel Air Association has secured the necessary funds to complete this project and will directly handle the payments to all of the vendors involved. This project has been cleared through Building Administration and approved by the Department of General Services. The contractor will obtain all the necessary permits and approvals.

Conclusion:

The members of Fire Station 71 are very grateful to the Bel Air Association for their very generous donation and continued support.

Board report prepared by: Blanca E. Perez, Sr. Management Analyst I, Community Liaison Office.

Attachment: F-225 from FS 71

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July 23, 2009

RECEIVED
09 AUG -3 AM 8:59
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

TO: Bureau Commander, Bureau of Emergency Services,
THROUGH CHANNELS

FROM: Station Commanders, Fire Station 71, "A", "B", & "C" Platoons

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SECURITY WALL AND GATE
AT REAR OF FIRE STATION 71**

SUMMARY

Currently Fire Station 71 is without perimeter security, which has compromised the safety of the station, personnel, the public and city property. The station has experienced structural damage from third party vehicles entering the open station driveway in the rear and theft of personal property from vehicles owned by members working at Fire Station 71. In order to address the issue identified, it has been determined that a block wall with an automatic electric gate would solve these problems.

Additionally, The Bel Air Association has secured private donations to completely fund this project and has provided logistical support in the following areas:

- Assisted in obtaining approval from Department of Planning
- Assisted in the process of choosing a contractor

RECOMMEDATION

1. It is recommended that approval be granted for this project.
2. It is recommended that Fire Facilities work in collaboration with the community to complete this project.

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		<i>APM</i>	7-23-09		
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FINDINGS

The Bel Air Association has accepted monetary donations from the community that have provided for complete funding of this project. Paulette M. DuBey is the General Manager of the Bel Air Association and has been the facilitator of this project. Paulette M. DuBey can be reached at 310 474-3527.

Fire Station 71 has had several incidents that could have been prevented with the appropriate safety and security measures. For example:

- March 1, 2003, an unidentified driver entered the rear parking area and attempted to cut through the rear yard of Fire Station 71. Damage was done to Fire Station 71, the rear grass area, and one of the member's parked vehicles. Battalion 9 handled the investigation and LAPD West Traffic Division completed a hit and run report.
- March 17, 2003, an unidentified, unoccupied vehicle was parked in the station parking lot for approximately 1 hour.

The incidents listed above were in a letter to BES dated March 19, 2003, requesting a block wall and automatic gate. In addition to the incidents listed above, we have had monthly incidents where unknown private automobiles were found parked in the fire station parking lot. Additionally, we have found unknown civilians sleeping in their cars while parked on fire station property.

Due to increased traffic congestion on Sunset Boulevard it has become common for civilian driven automobiles to enter the rear of the station from Sunset Boulevard in an attempt to find a short cut to Beverly Glen Boulevard. This action threatens the safety of city personnel as well as the public, and could compromise the emergency egress for Rescue Ambulance 71.

Fire Station 71 is a pre-designated staging location for pre deployed companies when the Brush Burning Index reaches Extreme (1 company), Critical and Red Flag (3 companies). The addition of block wall and gate will provide for apparatus security during these deployments. Currently these deployments have lasted the entire shift which has caused members to remain on security watch throughout the balance of the deployment.

Rescue Ambulance 71 responds from the rear of Fire Station 71. Additionally, local car pools have used this area as a drop off and collection point for elementary students. These car pools have created a bottleneck of civilian automobiles compromising the response of emergency vehicles, as well as unnecessary pedestrian traffic on Fire Department property.

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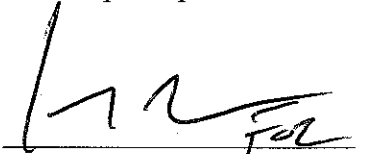
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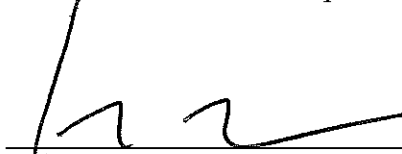
Currently Rotondi Construction is engaged in the process of obtaining all necessary permits with The Department of City Planning. The work will be performed by Rotondi Construction, CA State License 315978.

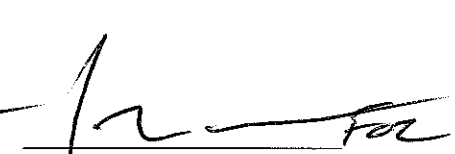
CONCLUSION

The installation of the proposed block wall and automatic gate will provide much needed improvements to Fire Station 71 in the following areas:

- Added station security.
- Security for all apparatus on Pre-deployed days.
- Prohibits all unauthorized vehicles from entering Fire Department property.
- Keeps response area for Rescue 71 free and clear of pedestrians and civilian automobiles.


Michael Coleman, Captain I
Fire Station 71, "A" Platoon


Antonio J. Gonzales, Captain I
Fire Station 71, "B" Platoon


Jeffrey J. Mills, Captain I
Fire Station 71, "C" Platoon

FIRE STATION 71

PARKING AREA

15'6"

43'

50'

FENCE (BLOCK)

ELECTRIC MOTOR

SELF CLOSING GATE

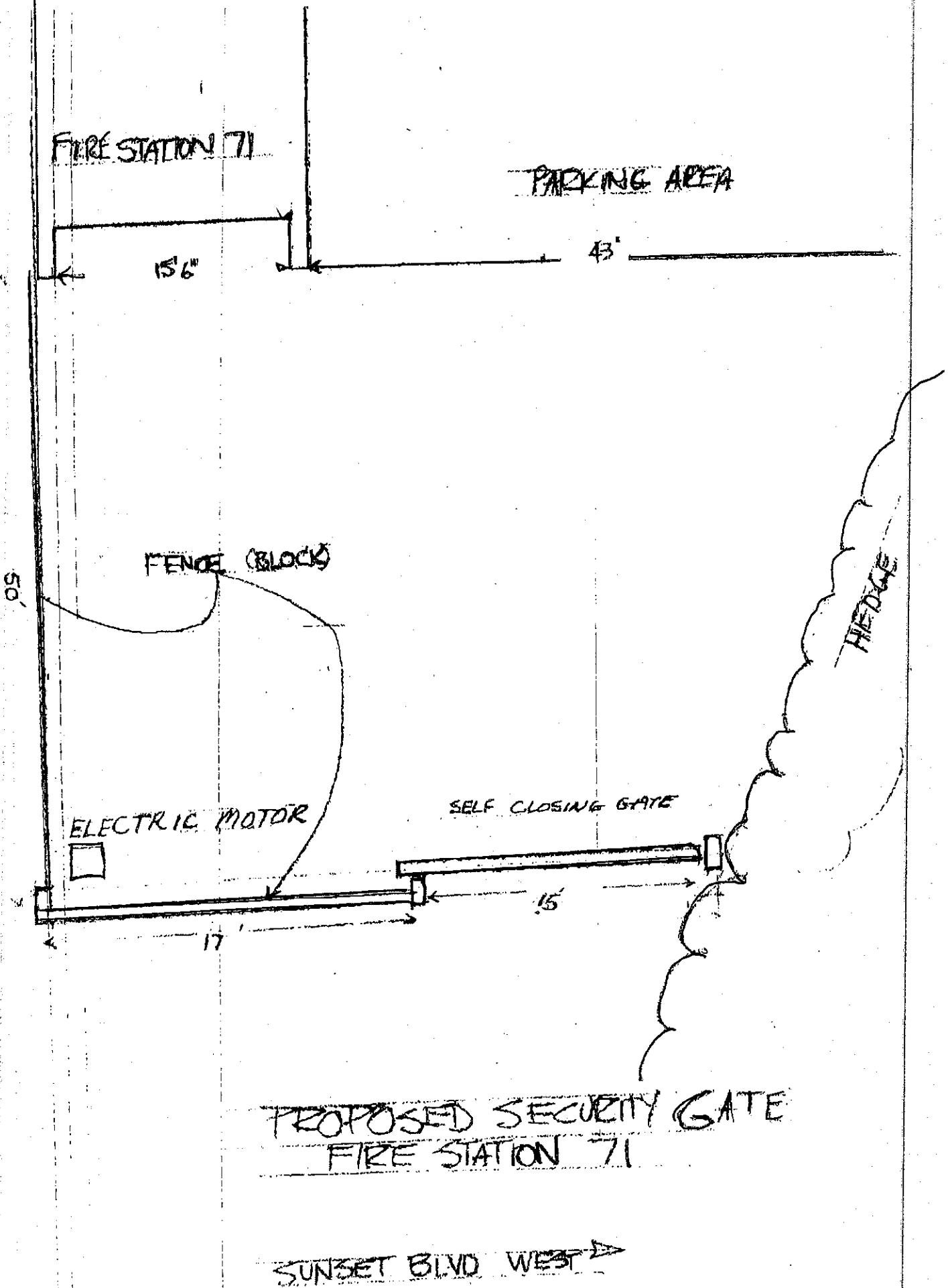
15'

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HEDGE

PROPOSED SECURITY GATE
FIRE STATION 71

SUNSET BLVD WEST ➡



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July 22, 2009

To: Commander Community Liaison Office, THROUGH CHANNELS
From: Commanders, Fire Station 71, "A", "B" and "C" Platoon
Subject: PROPOSED DONATION TO FIRE STATION 71

SUMMARY

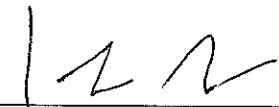
The Bel Air Association has raised and graciously donated 26,500 for the construction of a wall and gate for Fire Station 71.

RECOMMENDATIONS

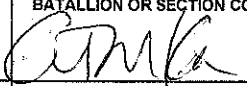
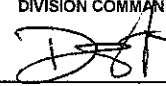
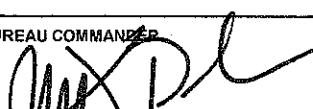
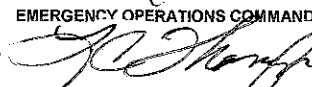
It is respectfully recommended that the Fire Department and Fire Commission allow Fire Station 71 to accept this donation. The Bel Air Association will distribute payment to contractors and the costs of building materials for the proposed security wall and electric gate for Fire Station 71.

FINDINGS

Fire Station 71 and the Bel-Air Homeowner's Association have been working together and laying the ground work for a proposed security wall and electric gate at Fire Station 71. Community donations will entirely support this project. All necessary plans and permits are currently being obtained through the City of Los Angeles Building Department


Antonio J Gonzales, Captain I
For Commanders, Fire Station 71,
"A", "B" and "C" Platoon

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