

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2023

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REQUEST: STUDY SESSION FOR UPDATE ON THE DESIGN PROCESS OF THE
NORTH SPHERE FIRE STATION (FS 102)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on the current design and progress of the North Sphere Fire Station (FS 102).

BACKGROUND:

The City has approved the following contracts for the North Sphere Fire Station Project:

- January 26, 2023: On-site design contract to PBK Architects. PBK is overseeing the fire station site design on APN 694-160-015, this includes the building floorplan, apparatus bays, covered parking, retention basin, and all the structural/mechanical/plumbing needed for the building.
- April 27, 2023: Off-site design Contract to ERSC. This engineering firm is designing the street improvements associated with the new fire station along Gerald Ford Drive, between Cook Street and Frank Sinatra Drive. The scope of work involves street widening, bike lanes, median, curb and gutter, and a new traffic signal.

Other important dates to note:

- July 14, 2023: PBK presented and received input from the Architectural Review Commission on the conceptual building design options.
- September 1, 2023: PBK submitted their Entitlement Package to the Development Services Department.

ATTACHMENT:

Fire Station 102 Study Session Update, dated September 14, 2023