

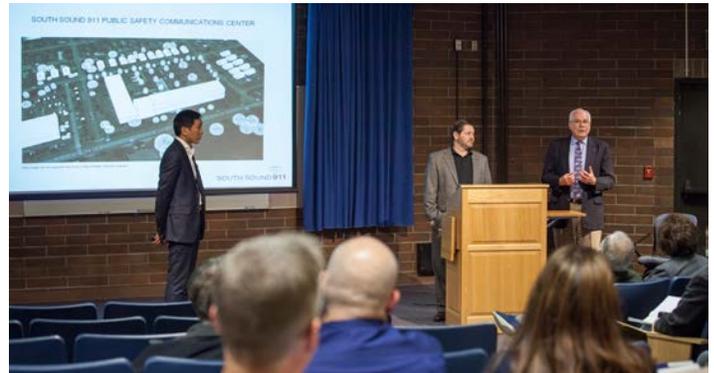


We hear you: Neighbor concerns, comments shared at community meeting

South Sound 911 leaders and representatives of the architectural and engineering design team shared — and received — information and comments about the agency's future public safety communications center (PSCC). Thirty-eight neighbors and stakeholders attended the Nov. 29th meeting in the auditorium of Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to learn about the building's pre-design and design phase, and to share any concerns or feedback about the project.

Chris Beza from CallisonRTKL and Ian Reeves from Architects Design Group (ADG) spoke about the upcoming process and presented conceptual information: massing diagrams compared the now-demolished Puget Sound Hospital to the future PSCC, illustrations showed the planned use of landscape and buffer zones to better blend the commercial use property into the surrounding residential area, and a general project timeline estimated the design phase to begin in first quarter 2018, construction to begin in first quarter 2019, and building completion in second quarter 2020. *[Download the slides from the [presentation](#).]*

The information provided at the meeting is preliminary, however. South Sound 911 and the design team are conscientiously informing the community, to keep neighbors



involved, and to keep their concerns in mind as the project progresses.

"We heard nothing but constructive questions and helpful comments from our future neighbors," South Sound 911 Executive Director Andrew Neiditz said.

Topics included:

- employee and customer traffic flows and volumes,
- fencing and other security,
- whether neighbors will lose their newly revealed mountain view,
- if the facility can include a ham radio repeater,
- how the building will be "hardened," built to withstand natural and man-made disasters, and
- a request that the City of Tacoma implement a Residential Parking Zone for residents across the street from the site.



Many of the topics are still under study, but knowing about these concerns early on is valuable for the success of the PSCC project.

"We want to be a good neighbor and we will continue to ask questions and ask for feedback," Neiditz said, committing to return for future community meetings as the project progresses.

The next community meeting is tentatively planned for spring 2018. Until then, project information and updates can be found at www.southsound911.org/pssc.

Upcoming Meetings

Policy Board

Dec. 20
9 a.m.

Lakewood City Hall
6000 Main St SW
Lakewood WA 98499

Operations Board

Dec. 8
9:30 a.m.

WPFR Station 20
10928 Pacific Hwy SW
Lakewood WA 98499

Meeting agendas and meeting minutes are available online at www.southsound911.org

Policy Board

Joe Lonergan
City of Tacoma Councilmember

Tim Curtis
City of Fife Councilmember

Mike Brandstetter
City of Lakewood Councilmember

Bruce Dammeier
Pierce County Executive

Julie Door
City of Puyallup Councilmember

Dave Enslow
City of Sumner Mayor

Grant Erb
West Pierce Fire & Rescue
Commissioner

Paul Pastor
Pierce County Sheriff

Doug Richardson
Pierce County Councilmember

Robert Thoms
City of Tacoma Councilmember

Operations Board

Jim Sharp
West Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief

Peter Fisher
Fife Police Chief

Bud Backer
East Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief

John Burgess
Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One Chief

Kelly Busey
Gig Harbor Police Chief

Nick Hausner
Pierce County Sheriff Operations Chief

Bryan Jeter
Puyallup Police Chief

Tony Judd
Graham Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief

Cliff McCollum
Browns Point-Dash Point Fire Chief

Brad Moericke
Sumner Police Chief

Faith Mueller
Tacoma Fire Deputy Chief

Dan Olson
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief

Ron Schaub
Pierce Transit Chief

Ed Wade
Tacoma Police Asst. Chief

Mike Zaro
Lakewood Police Chief

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PSCC Design Team Spotlight: Architects Design Group



Ian Reeves, AIA
Specialty Design Architect

Ian is president of ADG and has been with the firm since 1984. He has been involved in the planning and design of numerous emergency management, communications, and public safety facilities. He participates in all phases of architecture providing oversight for programming, master planning, design, and construction administration. He is an expert in both CPTED and CALEA design standards and will bring that expertise to the design of the new facility.

University of Florida, Master of Arts in Architecture
University of New Mexico, Bachelor of Architecture



Susan Gantt, AIS, LEED AP
Specialty Design Project Manager

Susan is senior vice president of ADG and has been with the firm since 2007. She is a registered architect, holds a general contractor's license, and is a LEED AP by the U.S. Green Building Council. As one of the Studio Design Directors, she has worked on multiple emergency management, communications, and public safety projects. Because of her experience in programming, master planning, and designing these types of facilities, she is knowledgeable in NFPA, CALEA, and CPTED design standards. Susan is certified by the National Disaster Preparedness Center as an instructor on FEMA-based building design guidelines.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Bachelor of Architecture



Daniel Taylor, Associate AIA
Specialty Design Project Coordinator

Daniel has over 10 years of experience in the field of public safety architecture. He has worked on several different types of projects including communications and emergency operations centers, and public safety facilities. His expertise centers around environmental hazard analysis, conceptual design, space planning, systems integration, design development, construction documents and construction administration.

He has extensive experience in extreme weather hardened facilities including building envelope detailing, exterior equipment protection, glazing protection, site security and engineering coordination. While dealing with the most critical of facilities, Daniel is devoted to designing sophisticated projects that incorporate sustainable practices. Natural day lighting, solar shading and energy-efficient design strategies are at the core of his philosophy.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Master of Architecture
University of Florida, Bachelor of Design