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September 6, 2022

J. Michael Gately,
General Manager
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Re: Pyramid Companies
Proposed Costco Development

Dear Michael,

It is my understanding that the Costco project continues to progress forward through the approval process. The Westmere Fire Department has been in continued discussions with the Town Planner and Chairman of the Zoning Board regarding this project. Discussions that included our collaboration thus far over the past couple of years regarding the Costco project. Please note the following items were discussed throughout our many conversations and were previously agreed to by Pyramid Companies.

Site Work – Engineering

- The developer has agreed to coordinate hydrant quantities and locations with the fire department.
- Developer has agreed that all drive aisles, curb cuts, and access roads conform to the turning radius and set-up requirements of our Tower Ladder (specifications provided). In addition, the parking isles conform to the turning radius requirements of our current E-One Engine identified as Engine 98.
- We understand that the entire building and loading dock(s) is fully sprinklered. We asked to be included in the discussions determining the location of the outside connections and Pyramid/Costco understood the potential need for two separate but tied in connections located at different sides of the building. Each will have a 2-1/2" wye combination sprinkler/standpipe connection utilizing national fire thread couplings. Each connection will be equipped with an exterior waterproof horn/strobe light mounted approximately fifteen feet above such connections and shall activate upon all fire department alarm activations and not only water flow.

- It is our understanding that the building may be equipped, upon request of the fire department, with interior standpipe fire department connections. The Developer agreed to and recommended having the fire department review exact locations prior to construction commencement.
- The fire department requested low profile green space around the building perimeter as future growth is a concern as plantings mature.

Architectural – Building Systems

- We understand the building will be equipped with a fully addressable monitored alarm system as well as a fully addressable remote sub-panel located just inside the main entrance to each building.
- The Developer has agreed to multiple (2-3) Knox boxes per building to be located at exterior entrances. Westmere FD would like to review locations prior to installation and provide a list of keys to be installed within.
- We have discussed an interior roof access point equipped with a stair ladder similar to the one installed in the stairwell at the most recent 60K sq. ft. addition and Hotel (drawing provided).
- The Developer agreed to provide floor plans near the main lobby fire panel, as well as interior signage that clearly indicates utility and mechanical rooms.
- Developer agreed to exterior building signage that would indicate exterior entrances – access points – sprinkler connections, etc.

Two-way Radio Communications

The ability to have reliable two-way radio communications for emergency services is paramount. Until the building is completed, we won't know how well the new 800MHz radios will work in the structure. As such, it may be necessary for the developer to install what's known as a bi-directional amplifier for the 800MHz system. Since a large part of the cost of such a system is the cabling, the developer may want to install the cable during construction or leave provisions for installation should it be required. This type of system would work for police, fire and EMS.

Furthermore, as the project progresses, additional requests will be made. We look forward to sitting down to finalize any/all fixture locations as well as any other questions you may have. We look forward to working with Pyramid Companies and Costco throughout this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Anthony Carrow, Chief
Westmere Fire District

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