

Save the Centerville Fire Station!



Now is the time to SAVE THE CENTERVILLE FIRE STATION! In October 2017, the Fremont City Council directed the developer (Silicon Sage) to rehabilitate the Centerville Fire Station, with the city to retain ownership after completion. The developer will incur all costs. Now the station is under threat of demolition!

Why is it important to save the Centerville Fire Station?

Historical Significance of Fire Station

The city staff, the former city council and the Historical Architectural Review Board all agree that retaining the fire station is significant for the following reasons:

- It creates a tangible link to the past - all that is left of a cluster of buildings that served as Centerville's civic center
- This location was Station #1 (of the five stations) when Fremont was incorporated in 1956
- This is the only two story station from that era
- The station remains a notable local example of mid-century Modernism, designed in the International Style, by the well-known Niles-based architecture firm of Sorensen & Ellsworth

Modernization of Fire Station Paid by Developer

- The station will be refurbished and will become a beautiful, fully-functioning jewel and asset to the downtown Centerville area
- Any hazardous materials (i.e. asbestos) will be removed and/or contained, as required by law
- Only two of eight character defining features will be changed, and mitigation will result in minimal changes to the historical integrity of the station
- 3300 sq. feet of space will be available for use with ADA compliant elevator and restrooms
- A new ADA compliant elevator and ADA compliant restrooms will be installed

Community Benefits



- Retention of the station creates a community space that is owned by the City, not a private developer
- Retention of the station creates a centerpiece on that side of Fremont Blvd, with an open and inviting look and preserves the developer's planned green space and entryway
- A revitalized station will function as a transition piece blending the old with the new
- A revitalized station will provide a safe and clean environment for a gathering space, local business or community organizations
- Retention will be in keeping with the city's Centerville Framework Plan, which outlines the station as a future attraction of the district, emphasizes the preservation of cultural assets of the area, and encourages new development to be built in the scale and character of existing 'old Centerville'.
- This action may spur revitalizing the Center Theater and other buildings across the street

- Centerville can make its first steps toward returning to a welcoming, walkable activity center