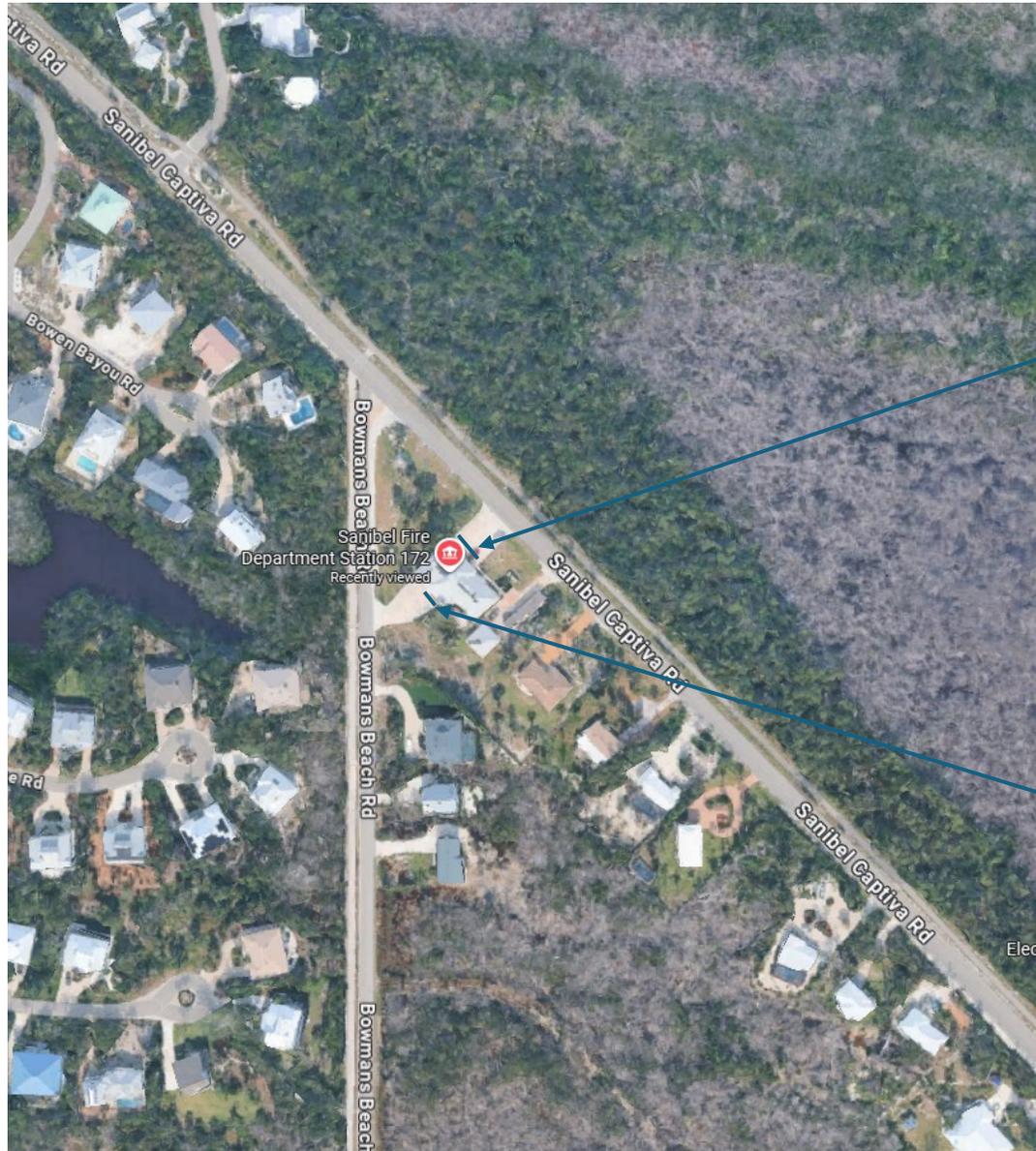


Sanibel Fire Station & Rescue
Station 172 Building Signage Exemption Request
03.02.2026



Sanibel Fire Station & Rescue – Station 172 Building Signage



BUILDING SIGNAGE #1

- Location facing J.N. Ding Darling Wildlife Preserve, no residential or commercial.
- Monument signage required to meet 75' set back. Not ideal with buffer requirements.
- Sanibel Landscape buffer requirement from building hard to see from road with the allowed 20' SF signage area.

MEMORIAL BUILDING SIGNAGE #2

- Location facing Bowman Beach Road, at read side of facility. Not visible from adjacent resident.
- This signage is treated as a memorial after Hurricane Ian



Building Signage #1 – San-Cap Road



Before the reconstruction, Station 172 had one monument sign within the 75’ building setback and a “Station 172” sign on building to indicate station number between the bay doors. There was no extensive landscape buffer blocking the sign and the building was a one-story facility.



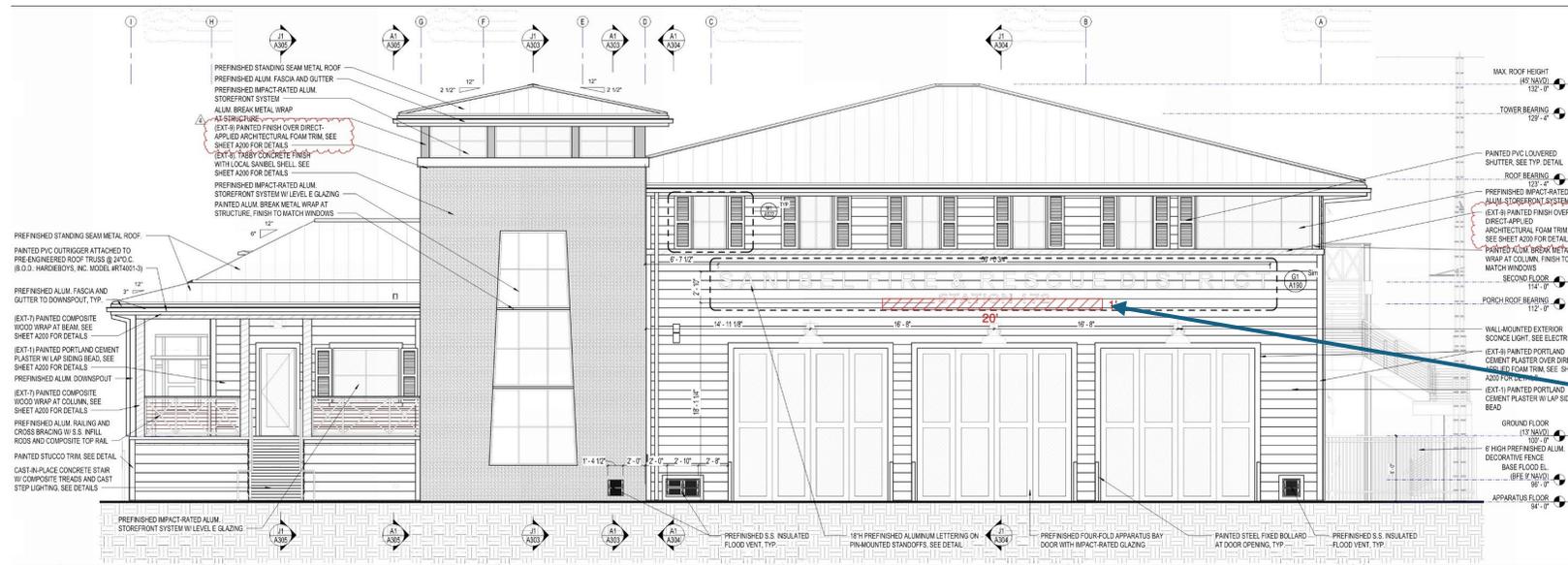
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Exterior Design presented to City of Sanibel Planning Commission Meeting 12.12.2023 – Unanimously Approved

- Requested a variance to allow the flagpole within the building set back and while maintaining landscape buffer requirements.
- The new building sits right at the 75' allowable setback.
- A monument sign would be difficult to see in the set back with the buffer. Therefore, a building sign was preferred.

Building Signage #1 – San-Cap Road



Area hatched in red is the allowable 20 SF

Exemption Request for Main Building Signage

Sec. 106-201. - Institutional uses

- Code allows for 20 SF sign face.
- Sec 106-3. Exempt Signs

(1) Signs that are not visible from a publicly owned area, public access area or from any adjacent property.

(4) Signs erected on public or private property under authority of or **with permission from the city** or signs required by federal or state law.

1. Due to buffer and 75' set back monument signage was eliminated, and building sign was selected, raised for visibility above the required landscape buffer.
2. Due to the site location, this building sign is not facing any adjacent facility or resident. This sign is facing J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife preserve.
3. The districts name and station number is necessary for their identification to the public. Unique to most institutional buildings on Sanibel Island. The full name is long and important for the district. This is not just Fire department this also included Rescue making the District's full name long.
4. The additional need for the station number is important to the district for identification. Previously allowed 2 signs prior to reconstruction.
5. The code min allowable SF is not effective for visibility due to buffer. Raising the sign higher due to height of apparatus that sit on the apron. We believe the larger letters are important for the community to identify this essential facility for public safety.
6. In addition, the signage layout was designed to reduce large area of siding due to the proportion of the building levels. Ground level is 15' for the apparatus bays.
7. The signage construction is of individual letters attached directly to façade. This building has already been constructed.



Building Signage #1 – San-Cap Road



This is a view from the road heading north on San-Cap with the current landscape buffer. As you can see the buffer will only continue to grow in density and height.



This is a view from the road that the apparatus apron. The location of the sign is high to allow for visibility when the truck are in front of the building and not obstructed from the existing road which is at a lower elevation.



Building Signage #2 – Bowman Beach Road

Exemption Request for Memorial Sign

Sec. 106-201. - Institutional uses

- Code allows for 20 SF sign face.
- Sec 106-3. Exempt Signs

(7) Memorial signs, plaques, or tablets, or other remembrances of persons or events that are noncommercial in nature, subject to city council approval.

1. Location is on the rear of building facility, not visible to the adjacent resident.
2. This “*Bruised but not Broken*” design was created after Hurricane Ian as an artistic expression to commemorate the significant impact the storm brought to the entire community and used as encouragement to the community to bounce back after the devastation. This also symbolizes the personal sacrifices of the first responders.
3. This art design inspired the new station design and is deeply meaningful to this reconstruction and history of the Fire District.

