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future expansion. A search began to identify existing buildings and/or sites to be considered for the facility. Twenty-six (26) building site alternatives were identified by the committee. Each site was then reviewed and scored as to their adequacy against site criteria standards. The Project Committee was able to reduce the initial list to three sites that met all of the site criteria, which are presented in this report. A map of the 26 locations is attached.

SITE CRITERIA UTILIZED:

The Project Committee identified 21 points of criteria to be utilized on each location that was identified to determine the value, both positive and negative, of that location. A point value was given to each criteria point, and each location received a total score. The criteria points used included:

	Criteria	Point Value
•	Property size	10
•	Demolition of structures	-5
•	Environmental	-5
•	Relocation of current structures and/or businesses	5
•	Loss of income	5
•	Historic building	-10
•	Existing building used	5
•	Existing parking used	5
•	Existing utilities	5
•	Access points	10
•	Located on major arterial	5
•	Existing traffic signal (tri-light)	5
•	Central location	10
•	Adjacent to railroad	-5
•	Adjacent to residential	-5
•	Multi / Commercial zoning	5
•	Proximity to Civic Center	5
	Better recommended usage	-5
•	Cost	10
•	Site visibility	10
•	Traffic congestion	-5

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DISCUSSION:

The current Police Headquarters Building is a two-story building sitting on 1.03 acres with approximately 20,000 square feet of building space and 67 parking spaces within the property. The building currently houses the Police Administration, including the Chief, Secretary III, and Criminal Analyst (3 employees); the Administrative Division, including a Lieutenant, Communications Unit, Records Unit, and Training Unit support staff (30 employees); Investigations Division, including a Commander, Sergeant, Detectives, Court Liaison Officer, and Evidence / Property Room staff (18 employees); and Operations Division, including a Lieutenant, Animal Control, Great Officers, Parking Enforcement, School Resource Officers and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services) (14 employees); a total of 64 employees.

Other units not currently house at the main station include the four patrol shifts, the Community Aides, the Gang Violence Suppression Unit, and the Traffic Unit. These units are currently housed at either the North and South Stations, or the Shannon Parcade Facility. This accounts for 72 additional employees.

With a projected workforce of 189 sworn personnel and 80 civilian personnel by the year 2035 (25-year build out), the projected building size would need to be approximately 50,000 square feet, with a total of 196 parking spaces. This would require an approximatel 2.5-acre site. For a site that would also house the expanded property room building (currently an additional rental site), and with room for building and parking expansion necessary for the future growth of the City, a larger acreage site would be required. The real estate market is in a favorable position to proceed with acquisition negotiations.

In order to meet the needs for the future, the Project Committee has identified three sites available for current and/or future needs of the City and the Department. Those sites are:

1. Yosemite Avenue and Mansionette Drive, with vacant, undeveloped property – 4.55 acres.