

MINUTES
FIRE-RESCUE BOND BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2005 - 6 P.M.

Fire-Rescue Station No. 2 - Third Floor
528 N.W. 2nd Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Absent/ Present</u>	Cumulative from 01/27/05	
		<u>(P)</u>	<u>(A)</u>
Jon Albee, Chairman	P	2	0
Diane DeLyons Shuler	P	2	0
Donald Bastedo	P	2	0
Mary Graham	P	2	0
Thornie Jarrett	P	2	0
Allan A. Kozich	P	2	0
Patrick McTigue	P	2	0
Douglas Ruth	P	2	0
Norman W. Thabit	P	2	0
Lydia Waring	P	2	0

Staff

Otis J. Latin, Sr., Fire Chief/Director
Keith P. Allen, Blue Ribbon Committee Liaison
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Alan Gavazzi, Chief Architect
Frank C. Snedaker, Jr., AIA Architect
Peter Partington, City Engineer
Mehrdad Fayyaz, Assistant City Engineer
Fernando Blanco, Project Engineer
Stephen Scott, Assistant City Manager
Peggy Steptoe, Recording Secretary

Guests and Public Officials

Commissioner Cindy Hutchinson

1. Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.
2. Approval of Minutes (1/27/05). Chairman Albee asked that the January 27, 2005 minutes be approved. Change "Commissioner" to "Committee Member"; identify Member Thabit as

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the nominator of Vice Chair Shuler; correct the spelling of Vice Chair Shuler and there is no need for Public Works to be in all caps. After agreeing to these minor changes, the minutes were approved.

3. Staff liaison comments on items not on the Agenda. Chairman Albee asked for Staff comments and there were none.
4. Member Discussion Items.
5. A. Resolutions.
 - i. Fire Bond Ballot Measure
 - ii. Creation of Blue Ribbon Committee

Chair Albee requested Committee comments and there were none.

B. Fire Bond Issuance. No Committee comment.

C. Member Ride-a-Long with Battalion Chief - Mr. Carbon explained that Chief Allen was the Committee's coordinator for ride-a-longs, and if they cared to sign up tonight, a sheet had been provided. Otherwise, they may contact Chief Allen via email, or they may directly contact Steve McNerny, Assistant Chief of Operations and he will arrange the ride-a-long. All agreed they would look forward to seeing how the 40 million dollars will be spent.

D. Fire Station Improvement Program

- i. Current Cost Estimate and Funding Sources
- ii. Schedule
- iii. Current Project Design Status

Committee members discussed the items and the following items were identified or requested:

- The City's Real Estate Office, Victor Volpi, is investigating properties for the new southeast fire station.
- The City Commission approved the \$40 million Bond as part of the 2004/2005 budget process.
- Mr. Volpi is also looking for available property to replace Station 35.
- The Committee discussed acquisition methods.
- Staff will keep the Committee updated on property acquisition status at every meeting.
- Member McTigue offered his serves to assist in identifying properties.

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- Chief Latin was requested to present the Department's Station Location Software.
- Staff stated that a fire station site ideally would be about one (1) acre.
- Staff will update the Committee next meeting on current station design status.

E. Construction Contracting Methods - Mr. Carbon said it is the design/bid method with pre-qualification of contractors eligible to bid.

Committee comments were:

- Concerns about change orders.
- The City Engineer would be responsible for construction through the City's Construction Manager.
- Staff will present the status of the current station design.

Items to be included on next month's agenda:

- Southeast site update
- Detailed cost estimates for the two stations already in design
- CAD Analyst presentation by Chief Latin

5. Member comments on items not on the Agenda – None.

6. Adjournment - It was agreed that the next meeting would be held Thursday, March 17th.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Peggy Steptoe
Recording Secretary
February 21, 2005