

FIRE-RESCUE BOND BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 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	Resigned	4	0
Dianne DeLyons Shuler	P	4	1
Donald Bastedo	P	5	0
Mary Graham	P	5	0
Thornie Jarrett	P	5	0
Allan A. Kozich	P	5	1
Patrick McTigue	P	5	0
Douglas Ruth	P	5	0
Norman W. Thabit	P	5	0
Lydia Waring	A	3	2

Staff

Otis J. Latin, Sr., Fire Chief
Keith P. Allen, Deputy Fire Chief
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Frank C. Snedaker, Jr., AIA, Architect
Fernando Blanco, Acting Airport Engineer

Guests and Public Officials

Lt. Dave Carter
Mike Salzano
Ted Fling

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Shuler called meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

A. Roll Call

Member Waring was the only member not in attendance

Vice Chair Shuler announces Chair Albee had resigned from the Committee.
Member Shuler requested nominees for Chair.

Public Works Director Carbon commented that if the Committee desired, the Committee could wait for the new Chair selection until Commission appoints a new member. The Committee agreed to table the item until its next meeting.

Member Jarrett presented a letter from Former Chair Albee that was read by Vice Chair Shuler. The letter is attached to these minutes. Former Chair Albee's letter made the following suggestions:

- Compile a list of specific recommendations on: Overall budget; comparison of costs of outsourcing vs. staff efforts and review of the 17% allocation of overhead cost provided by City staff.
- Establish benchmarks for scheduling goals.
- Request of the City Commission that budget and scheduling recommendations be presented at a Commission Conference meeting.
- Place the information before Commission early in the process as to serve as an advantage of the Committee
- Tax dollars should be spent wisely so that the firefighters have the type of facilities deserved.

2. Approval of Minutes (April 21, 2005)

Approved

3. Staff Liaison Report

- Public Works Director Carbon noted that he would update the Committee on the status of the SE Station location at the next meeting. The preliminary update he gave was that staff has looked into three potential properties.
- Committee Members requested an updated map of the Fire Station locations that indicated whether the proposed station be a battalion or satellite station.
- Committee Members requested an update on Station Nos. 54 and 47. Fire Chief Latin noted that Station 54 location is being discussed with an adjacent development but no formal action or negotiations are underway. Public Works Director Carbon stated that temporary Station 47 is now scheduled to be complete by the end of June. Contractor delays and permit and code requirements were the reasons for the delay. He also stated that he had met with the Contractor and requested a delivery schedule, which will be included in the next agenda packet.

4. Member Discussion Items

A. Member Ride-a-Long with Battalion Chief

Member Jarrett presented several photographs of the existing deficiencies in the Station 2 construction. These photos included but were not limited to:

- Security door locking system needs to be reset.
- Emergency generator location does not meet electrical code.
- An exposed conduit was observed.
- The apparatus room concrete is showing signs of fatigue and the outside asphalt is failing.

- The apparatus doors inserts need to be coated better or made of another material. The existing inserts (for locking the doors) are showing signs of rust.

B. Fire Station Improvement Program

- i. Cost Estimate
- ii. Schedule

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the projects cost estimate and schedule. All members participated. Comments consisted of:

- Whether to design the station in house or use consultants.
- How the projects could be accelerated.
- What cost savings the City could have by bidding multiple stations.
- How the temporary station would be relocated to accommodate the schedule.

Public Works Director Carbon responded to the comments. He stated the Fire Rescue Bond Projects are a priority for his staff but are not the only active projects Engineering is working. He shared with the group a list of projects Engineering currently has both active and inactive. If Fire Bond Projects were accelerated, one or more of the City's other projects would be delayed. Strategic planning is needed for both the Fire Bond, as well as the over three hundred projects currently in progress, to avoid additional inflationary cost to any of the projects.

Engineering is limited on the number projects that can be worked on whether they are being designed in house or a consultant is being used. In hiring and monitoring the efforts of a consultant, City staff time needs to be dedicated to monitor and review the work of the consultant.

Fire Chief Latin and Public Works Director Carbon stated that the temporary station would be moved to accommodate the construction of four stations total, including Station 47.

Members requested a detailed schedule of each station with cash flow included. Public Works Director Carbon will work with Member Thabit on the creation of the document. Public Works Director Carbon was confident the information was available but not in the format the Committee desired.

Member Jarrett pointed out that the information requested by the Committee and supplied by staff on Station 2 was not what was requested. Upon review, Public Works Director Carbon did have the information and will make it part of these minutes.

Members Thabit and Graham stated that the Committee also requested design costs from consultants on the design of future stations. Public Works Director Carbon stated that cost proposals were requested from Kimely Horn and Keith and Schnars. But neither had come in. He will have those documents for the next meeting.

5. Construction Management Selection Committee

Member Don Bastedo volunteered and was approved by the Committee to sit on the Construction Management Selection Committee

6. Member Comments on Future Agenda Items

7. Adjournment (Next regular meeting: June 16, 2005)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Attachments:

- Draft Minutes
- Station 2 Costs
- Handouts of April 21st Meeting