

**FIRE-RESCUE BOND  
 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 December 15, 2005  
 City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> floor Chambers  
 100 N. Andrews Avenue  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present/ Absent</b>	<b>Cumulative from 01/27/05</b>	
		<b>(P)</b>	<b>(A)</b>
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	11	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	9	2
Mary Graham	P	11	0
Allan A. Kozich	A	9	2
Patrick McTigue	P	9	2
Douglas Ruth	P	9	2
Guido Teichner	P	2	0
Don Bastedo	P	10	1
Norman W. Thabit	P	11	0

**Staff**

Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief  
 Albert Carbon, Director, Public Works Department  
 Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect  
 Otis Latin, Fire Chief

**Visitors**

Nati Soto, FGSS Architects  
 Kevin Galt, Union Representative  
 David Carter, Union Representative

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the December 15, 2005 meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee for order at 6:03 P.M. A quorum was achieved with eight committee members present.

2. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2005

The minutes of the November 17, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the minutes without any further additions, corrections or deletions. Ms. Schuler seconded the motion. Public Works Director, Carbon noted Member Thabit had attended all meetings and the minutes would be changed to reflect that. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Staff Liaison Report

#### A. Activities over the past month and next month.

- Mr. Carbon addressed the Committee regarding Station 47, noting that it is currently in the plan-check stage. The building department director and the planning director have been notified.
- Mr. Carbon addressed the Committee regarding Station 88-53. He advised that on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 this station went to the P & Z Committee and the site was approved. The plan check is scheduled for the first week in January. He was pleased to note that this station is ahead of schedule.
- Mr. Carbon addressed the Committee regarding Station 29. Mr. Snedaker advised the Committee that the Environmental Assessments for Phase I and Phase II were completed. A consultant will be hired to prepare a remediation plan for the underground contamination.

Mr. Jarrett asked if the tank that caused the contamination was originally located next to the station. Mr. Carbon answered that he thought it was located behind the station. The tank was pulled out some time back but remediation was planned pending state funding.

Mr. Ruth inquired if the enzyme route for cleanup has been explored. Mr. Carbon advised that that would be up to the consultant's discretion. The enzyme method is generally considered when working in water conditions, but not in soil.

Mr. Jarrett inquired about the training facility located at this site. Mr. Carbon answered that an attempt will be made to keep the building at this site. The use of the facility will be determined when the new Station 29 is completed. Mr. Jarrett inquired as to the number of square feet in that location. Mr. Carbon noted that it is roughly 3000 sq. ft. The current Support Services facility is approx. 4000 sq. ft.

Ms. Shuler inquired as to what would be housed at the existing building. Mr. Snedaker noted that the building is currently being used as a training facility, which will be moved. At that time the building will become empty.

- Mr. Carbon addressed the Committee regarding the new Southeast Station, advising that he received a brief update from the Assistant City Manager who is in contact with the appropriate persons for the hospital property. Staff is continuing to work on securing this property. Mr. Carbon is not able to construct a time line for this project as it is still in a property acquisition phase.

Mr. Jarrett asked if there was a problem. Mr. Carbon advised he was only updated but will get more information over the next month.

- Mr. Carbon advised the Committee regarding Station 54 that he spoke with Mr. Lochrie, who is the attorney for the property. The decision to withdraw was reached strictly from the economic standpoint of the developer. The developer felt the time line did not make it economically feasible for them to proceed with the project. All of their options have expired voluntarily. They still retain ownership of one parcel, which is adjacent to station 54. At this time no sale information is available.

Mr. Carter inquired as to what property the city owns at that site. Mr. Carbon will report back to the Committee next month on the property information.

Mr. Carter asked if the property was platted. Mr. Carbon noted that that was not part of the plan for this project.

Mr. Jarrett inquired about other known problems on this site. Mr. Carbon noted that the site is small, there is no space for a temporary station and the parking lot is inadequate,

Mr. Bastedo inquired if the fuel tank was going to cause a problem at this site. Mr. Carbon noted that the site has not been fully assessed yet, so he cannot address that issue at this time. Mr. Bastedo inquired about the possibility of parking across the road. Mr. Carbon answered that the property use and need has not yet been determined.

Mr. Jarrett inquired as to the height limitation on the building. Mr. Snedaker noted that it was 100' and he anticipated no problems with height.

Mr. Ruth inquired about use of the alleyway. Mr. Carbon answered that it will depend on the ownership. The alley may revert back to the adjacent properties. This issue is still not settled at this time and may depend on how the city obtained the right-of-way originally.

Mr. McTigue inquired about the status of the property on Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Carbon will, within a reasonable amount of time, go back to the Commission to make recommendations to surplus that property. At that time the property can be put up for sale. There is always the discussion at this point as to whether the land can be utilized for other city services.

B. Activities Scheduled for next month:

- Mr. Carbon noted stations 47 and 88/53 would be going out for bid. He advised he has met twice with URS for the proposed construction manager. They will bring forward to this Committee their proposed scope of services for stations 47 and 88/53.

Mr. Carbon asked the Committee if they would like to view the proposal before it is presented to the City Commission. Mr. Thabit and Ms. Graham noted they would prefer to see it before, and that was the general consensus of the Committee.

- On December 28<sup>th</sup> interviews will be held for the architects. Ms. Graham is sitting on that panel. It is contemplated that negotiations for the architect will begin in January.

#### 4. Member Discussion Items

- By the next meeting Mr. Carbon will have an idea of the scope of services for Station 29, and determine alternative sites for station 46. A meeting has been set with some of the union representatives, the Fire Board, city representatives, and personnel from the Parks Department.

Mr. Jarrett inquired if there were sites being considered on park land. Mr. Carbon noted that park land is being studied but a lot of factors play into that decision. Mr. Ruth inquired if the site was located on the east side of the railroad tracks. Mr. Carbon answered yes.

- Ms. Shuler inquired if the city could purchase the temporary station outright or if it had to go through a bidding process. Mr. Carbon answered the purchasing department could handle the process.
- Mr. Ruth inquired if more architects were being solicited. Mr. Carbon answered that no further solicitations were being considered in the short term, but it could be possible in the future. Mr. Ruth advised the board that he had spoken to an architect who was involved in the bidding for this project and the man seemed somewhat confused by the design. Mr. Carbon noted that there were nine submittals and he had not heard of any problems of that nature.
- Mr. McTigue inquired as to the estimate to tear down station 29. Mr. Carbon answered that the preliminary estimate was a half million dollars, which was consistent with the original figures. Mr. McTigue would like to see the information (dollar figures, penalties, interest, as well as solid plans) as it is received regarding the progress on the Sunrise property.
- Mr. Carter inquired if there was any initial funds set aside to tear down station 29 and vacate the site to move to the new property. Also if station 46 is vacated and moved to a new site, will the bond requirements dictate that the old station be torn down and the site cleared.

Mr. Carbon responded with regard to station 29, the half million-dollar figure covered the cost of removing the existing station and remediation in preparation for putting that property up for sale.

As far as station 46, that is still speculation. They will begin the process and it will be analyzed as it proceeds.

- Ms. Shuler would like future agendas to reflect whenever a minority participates in the bidding process.
- Mr. Jarrett inquired about the time line spread sheet that had been originally disseminated, asking whether it had been updated. Mr. Carbon noted that many changes have taken place and the schedule does need to be updated and would be prepared for next month's meeting.

*A quick summary of projects:*

Station 47 is behind schedule due to hurricanes and changes to the instrumentation (fire call out system) changes

Station 88/53 is on schedule.

Station 29 has been delayed due to remediation

Station Southeast is a year away from construction, but land acquisition is behind.

Station 46 is ahead of schedule.

Station 54 is being moved back to its' original scheduled place.

- Mr. Thabit made a motion that this Committee would like to see positive action made by staff and the appropriate persons in the Hospital District to move the new Southwest station forward, with monthly updates. Mr. McTigue seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Jarrett inquired as to the size of the property requested from the Hospital District. Mr. Snedaker answered that generally it's a half-acre.
- Mr. Carter addressed the Committee thanking them and letting them know he appreciates all the hard work this board has accomplished. He spoke about how fast a rumor spreads and changes and asked the committee members to be careful when speaking to firefighters and/or addressing any issues. The average firefighter does not know the complexities of this committee's work and may mistakenly take a statement out of context by virtue of that fact. Mr. Carter acknowledged that the minutes are available to anyone at the fire stations, but whether they are read or not or is another story. It is difficult to quell fears when rumors fly. Mr. Jarrett agreed and added that he has had similar experiences.

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5. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on January 19, 2006 at Fire Station #2 at 6:00 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Teichner and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody E. Lebel, Court Reporter/Public Notary