

FIRE-RESCUE BOND  
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 19, 2006  
Fire-Rescue Station #2 – Third Floor  
528 Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

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

Staff

Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief  
Albert Carbon, Director, Public Works Department  
Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect  
David Carter, Union Representative Engine 46  
Kevin Galt, Union Representative  
Peter Partington, City Engineer

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the January 19, 2006 meeting of the Fire-Rescue Blue Bond Ribbon Committee for order at 6:04 P.M. A quorum was achieved with six committee members present.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2005

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Item 3, Staff Liaison Report, page 2, paragraph 6. The original minutes stated: "Mr. Jarrett inquired about the training facility located at this site. Mr. Carbon answered that an attempt will be made to keep the training facility at this site and use it as an operational facility." Mr. Carbon corrected the sentence to read: "to reuse that facility for something like support". The minutes read: "When the new Station 29 is completed whether or not they operate (\*\*add the words – 'the training facility' --) out of this station is still under discussion, but we'll use it for something else".

Paragraph 7, regarding: the footage of the warehouse bay. The original minutes stated: "Mr. Jarrett inquired about adding footage to the warehouse bay." Mr. Jarrett clarified saying he noted that there was some discussion about the facility being used for support services, which is now located in a little area behind the police station. Mr. Jarrett said Chief Bacic pointed out that there was not enough room there. Chief Bacic clarified that they still have to look at some layouts, but the square footage at the current facility vs. the facility at 29 is about 1000 sq ft smaller plus there is a ceiling height difference, so it's a matter of doing an evaluation of the support services to see what equipment they have and looking at the configuration to see how a redesign would meet the needs of the office space as well as the warehouse space. Some renovations would be needed.

At this point in the minutes' correction discussion, the Board began asking related questions:

Mr. Jarrett questioned Mr. Snedaker, asking if there would be a problem there with water during a major hurricane. Mr. Snedaker answered that the lake is land locked, it's an old quarry, and so the only raise in the water level would be from runoff. Mr. Kozich felt a large storm surge coming off the beach area may affect the area. Some members were skeptical that the water would actually flow over the ridge. Mr. Snedaker added that the water in the lake is spring fed, its ground water. Mr. Jarrett inquired as to how much distance is between the water and the floor of the facility? Chief Bacic felt it was a comfortable distance. Lieutenant Carter added that he worked out of that location for several years and it was not a problem even during heavy rains.

Mr. Ruth inquired about the cleanup of the site. He recalled there was a \$500,000 budget. He inquired if the contractor was told what that figure was before it goes out for bid. Mr. Carbon answered that the dollar amount is disclosed when the item gets placed for bid. Mr. Kozich added that budgets for these types of projects have known figures. Mr. Carbon added that the contractors use the estimate to grasp the magnitude of the project. They want to know we have the bonding capacity before they bother to respond. Mr. Kozich inquired if the company bid less than what our budget proposed. Mr. Snedaker answered that we just

approved the proposal from the consultant. Once it is signed he's got 30 days to prepare all the documents. At that point it will go out for bid for the actual contractor.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the minutes with the above noted corrections. Ms. Schuler seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Staff Liaison Report

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

##### 1. Project Status on Fire Station 47

Mr. Carbon addressed the Committee regarding Station 47. Mr. Snedaker noted this site was in for permit as of 4:00 P.M. today. It has been reviewed by building, fire, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and zoning, with engineering yet to be reviewed. He advised that there is nothing significant to be discussed. As far as DEP, we have not been through that process yet, and cannot do that until the plat is recorded. Mr. Carbon noted that we couldn't place that for bid until we get a building permit signoff.. Mr. Jarrett noted that at that point the final plans would be used as the bid plans. Mr. Snedaker added that that reduces the possibility of change orders. Mr. Jarrett inquired as to the approximate period of time from approval of the permit to the bid process. Mr. Carbon answered that the bid process is 30 days to bid, we review the bids, we then award at the next Commission meeting, and then the contractor has 20 days to return the signed contracts with bonds and insurance. From there it's whatever time it takes us to get it through the process, so Mr. Carbon figures it's a good three months, and then construction is another 12 months or 220 working days.

##### 2. Station 88/53

Mr. Carbon commented that Station 53 is about "in the same boat". He added that we are incorporating comments from electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and fire. We are still waiting for comments from structural, landscaping and engineering. He expects the engineering comments to be minor. They have submitted for the DEP storm water permit. Kimley Horn will be giving us design services during construction, scope of services. Ms. Graham inquired if they normally provided that service anyway. Mr. Carbon answered that it was not part of the original scope of design. Mr. Carbon desires design services during construction. Ms. Graham inquired as to who was going to review all of the architectural and MEP related shop drawings and submittals. Mr. Carbon answered that will be Kimley Horn's responsibility. Mr. Carbon advised that he prefers two separate agreements, because too many things change during design. He feels it's

a better use of funding to separate. Ms. Graham inquired about the shop drawing submittals being two submittals, the initial and a resubmittal. Mr. Carbon answered that that is correct. He added that we are looking to place this up for bid in February.

Mr. Jarrett commented that we are not as far along on these plans as the other station. Mr. Carbon answered that, yes, we were, as Kimley Horn caught up. We are approximately two weeks behind.

3. Station 29

Mr. Carbon noted he had just received an update on the environmental remediation, and there had not been much progress on the Sunrise property. There has been discussion about operating out of the training facility and/or out of Wilton Manors Station 16. He noted that there are upgrades that need to be done before we can move in.

Mr. Jarrett inquired if the upgrades would include additional bunk facilities or the like.

Chief Bacic responded that this is an old building that needs to be upgraded and improvements the living conditions to meet the current codes. He added that there is plenty of bay space. The City of Wilton Manors is updating the building for our use. Once the upgrades are completed we could temporarily house Station 29 there.

4. Station 8

Mr. Carbon noted that with regard to Station 8 we are still looking at property acquisition. He spoke to Robert Lochrie about the hospital district, and has set up a meeting with him for sometime next week. He noted that the water tank has been removed.

5. Station 46

Mr. Carbon advised we are still looking at the relocation of the station and are moving forward with that. He added that so far it is positive at this point but needs to go through Commission action in March or April. Chief Bacic noted that the coverage areas for Station 46 and Station 8 overlap, and there is a good response time. Mr. Jarrett inquired if there will be any more annexed land west of Sistrunk Boulevard. Mr. Carbon did not know of any more annexations in the pipeline. Mr. Snedaker added that as of the year 2010 the whole county will be incorporated.

Mr. Carbon summarized the current status of the stations: there are complete plans for Stations 47, 53, and the next two stations being worked on are 29 and 46.

Ms. Graham inquired if one of these stations were going to be for the consultants that were ranked. Mr. Carbon answered that those will be the next set of stations. Ms. Graham asked if these stations will be done in-house. Mr. Snedaker answered that they are already at about 40% in the design stage, adding that Stations 46 and 29 are basically the same station. Mr. Carbon added that they are both satellite stations. Station 8 would be the first outsourced station.

6. Station 54

Mr. Carbon noted that prices will be in next week. He added that they own the property to the east. Ms. Bastedo inquired who owned the lot on the southern end of the alley. Mr. Snedaker believes the city owns that lot. He added that we will need two lots north and south of the alley. Mr. Jarrett asked if there was some discussion about the alley property being vacated. Mr. Snedaker felt we could vacate the alley and gain that property. Mr. Jarrett asked what the objection was to a 3-story station. Mr. Snedaker answered basically it was getting from top floor to ground, whereby a 2-story arrangement is easier. Mr. Jarrett asked how the union felt about that situation. Lieutenant Carter noted that there are a number of firemen that won't use the pole. A clamshell setup is a problem as it requires multiple poles.

7. CM Scope of Services

Mr. Carbon noted that he has attached a draft scope of CM's scope of services. Ms. Graham commented that it's full service. She inquired how the payment would be disseminated. Mr. Carbon noted that this is an example for station 29. We delete the scopes that are not prevalent to 47 and 53, all the preliminary work. Ms. Graham thought this was the prototype that Mr. Snedaker had developed to have a consistency between stations in case the personnel get moved around. Mr. Snedaker noted that this is a draft from the consultant that has been reviewed and some of it was stricken. It's been streamline and it's still in the process. Mr. Carbon noted it will be broken down by task and if the task is eliminated, the dollars are not used. Ms. Graham noted that the RFI has some redundancy with the job contractor's trailer staff on the job site. Mr. Carbon added that there are eyes and ears on the site. Ms. Graham asked for an updated, streamlined copy next month. Mr. Carbon added that this will probably be going to the Commission in February.

8. Updated Schedule

Mr. Carbon passed out a copy of the updated schedule. No further discussion was had.

B. Activities Scheduled for the next month – "Look Ahead"

Mr. Carbon advised we will have Stations 47 and 53 out to bid. In addition the CM contract will be ready to go to the City Commission. We got approved last night for the design firm, so the contract will be ready to go for the future stations. The Hospital District area will come to a resolution soon. Mr. Jarrett inquired what the feelings of the people doing the negotiations. Mr. Carbon said it was questionable, adding that they are not moving very fast and they have no projects scheduled. Remediation should be out to bid for Station 29. The cost of property for 54 should be in, and he anticipates starting the process for property on Station 13.

Mr. Bastedo inquired where we plan to house the temporary station for 54 when we build it. Mr. Carbon answered that we don't have a definite at this point and that we will need about the same amount of space as for a permanent station. Mr. Ruth inquired about the piece of property across the bridge that has been discussed. Mr. Carbon advised that talks have already gotten underway for that site. Mr. Bastedo inquired about the old Eckerd's site. Mr. Snedaker noted that we have studied the close areas, but nothing is definite at this point. He added that we need 15,000 square feet at a minimum. Mr. Carbon added that Operations is looking at how to stage the stations and the facilitation of the construction of the stations. Ms. Graham inquired about the time frame on that situation, adding that in order to accomplish a completed station as predicted it needs to be started now. She inquired if there was something in the RFP that allows more than one team to work on the future stations, have a rotating schedule. Mr. Carbon noted that only one firm, the low bidder, can be awarded the stations. According to the interpretation from the city attorney's office if we don't use the same firm, we would have to start the project again.

#### C. Member Discussion

Ms. Graham spoke of her proximity to a fire in her neighborhood. Even though she has seen all of the training videos and information, she noted it was nothing like being up close and personal to a fire. The closest fire station to her was out on a call, and another station responded. She was fearful and it made her appreciate the entire fire fighting system. It makes her study the sites for the new stations and their areas of coverage from a different point of view.

Mr. Bastedo inquired about Station 13. Mr. Carbon answered that we are working with the county and the state parks department to discuss what rights we have to be there and see what can be done to expand that facility. Mr. Jarrett asked who we got that property from. Mr. Snedaker noted that the state owns the property and the college would like to own the property. Hugh Taylor Birches' will deeded the property to the state to be used as a park. The state controls the property at this point, and we are dealing with the state. Mr. Jarrett inquired if the city parks department had an issue with giving up park land for a fire station. Mr. Carbon

answered that they did have a major issue. He added that our preliminary plans have mitigated their concerns, beyond losing the land.

Mr. Jarrett commented that it was his understanding that the plan was that when Station 29 was built, Station 13 would move there. He asked about the possibility of that still occurring. Chief Bacic noted that there have been recent discussions about what is best, who's going to move where, what resources are located where, what options make sense, how to better provide the service and get the stations going at the same time. Nothing has been set in stone at this time. All options are being weighed and considered carefully. Mr. Ruth if it was too expensive to have a roving team. Chief Bacic answered that it is hard on the equipment and keeping the firefighters in the cab is problematic.

Mr. Ruth inquired if there was any indication with what is wrong with Station 29. Mr. Snedaker answered that we are waiting for more information from the environmental consultant. They are doing additional testing. He added that we did sign a contract for phase I testing at Station 54. Mr. Ruth inquired if there was a metal tank at that location. Mr. Snedaker feels sure it is, as most of the older ones are.

#### B. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman Jarrett.

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