

FIRE RESCUE BOND  
 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 City of Fort Lauderdale  
 100 North Andrews Avenue  
 Commission Chambers  
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
 June 15, 2006

Board Members	Meeting Attendance	Cumulative Attendance from 01/19/2006	
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	P-4	A-0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	P-3	A-1
Mary Graham	P	P-4	A-0
Allan A. Kozich	P	P-3	A-1
Patrick McTigue	P	P-4	A-0
Douglas Ruth	A	P-3	A-2
Guido Teichner	A	P-1	A-2
Don Bastedo	P	P-4	A-0
Norman W. Thabit	P	P-3	A-1

Staff

Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief  
 Albert Carbon, Director, Public Works Department  
 Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect  
 Mina Samadi, Engineering Design Manager  
 Fernando Blanco, Acting Airport Engineer

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the June 15, 2006 meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was achieved with seven committee members present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carbon advised that minutes from the last meeting would be ready at the next meeting's Agenda.

3. Staff Liaison Report

A. Activities over the past month

i. Station 53 Bid.

Mr. Carbon advised that the commission award was \$400,000 over the architect's estimate. The contractor was expected to begin in August. Mr. Jarrett asked where the extra \$400,000 would come from. Mr. Carbon explained this would be split between the fire bond and the airport capital funds. He added that the update of pre-qualified bidders was out and stated that more pre-qualified bidders were expected by September.

ii. Updated Schedule.

Station 29. Mr. Carbon advised staff was working on plans and spoke of commission action on Tuesday to hire the consultant to design the mechanical, electrical and plumbing firms. He added that Ms. Samadi was trying to arrange with neighborhood associations to schedule presentations for the public.

Station 13. Mr. Carbon advised that he and Ms. Samadi had met with the State Parks Department the previous month and would be setting up meetings for early July to determine whether to design that station within an existing property or expand out. He advised that the state had not yet responded but staff was pushing for a response by July 1. Mr. Jarrett asked if the local people were dragging their feet and whether pressure could be put on anyone.

Southeast Station. Mr. Carbon advised he had talked to the city attorney and learned that the swapping of property was within guidelines. He added that the real estate manager had contacted two possible properties but neither was interested therefore he would continue to contact others.

Station 49. Mr. Carbon advised that the scope of service for PGAL was expected the following week. He added that this item was tentatively scheduled for July 6 Commission Agenda.

To sum up, Mr. Carbon advised the city was finishing up plans for Station 29, awarding Station 47, starting construction on Station 53, working on Station 13 and 49 and gathering information from the City of Oakland Park about Station 35.

Mr. Jarrett asked whether Station 3 would be built where the existing station is. Mr. Snedaker stated this was correct and stated the plans were almost identical to Station 29.

iii. Temporary Station.

Mr. Carbon distributed a handout supplied by URS, detailing the modular structure and pricing provided Advanced Modular Structures, Inc. (AMS). He advised that this handout was one of four.

Ms. Shuler referred back to Station 53 and asked how the \$7.2 million cost compared with other costs. Mr. Carbon explained it was \$400,000 over and added the facility was 28,000 square feet. Mr. Bastedo asked if there was anything new on Station 54. Mr. Carbon responded no but advised that on June 20, Commission meeting this project would be re-awarded for roof repairs.

Mr. Thabit asked if the temporary station was adequate and when it would be put in place. Mr. Carbon advised that first it had to be determined when it would be needed. He advised that this handout was one of four that AMS would provide.

Mr. Kozich pointed out that the completion date on the unit referenced on page 2 was incorrect. Ms. Graham asked if the firm had DRC approval. Ms. Shuler asked whether this was also needed for Station 49. Mr. Carbon responded yes. He explained that staff had accelerated stations that had no restrictions on where they could be built including, 29, 3, 13, and Southeast Station with Station 46 being the next one in line. Mr. Jarrett asked about the timeframe for Station 46. Mr. Carbon advised that once staff received the scheduled from PGAL (for station 49) in July he would update the Committee. Mr. Thabit asked if there would be recommendation on the temporary station at the next meeting. Mr. Carbon hoped to have some type of recommendation about what to put in the specs to go out and purchase.

iv. Neighborhood Association Meetings

v. Financial Report

Mr. Carbon advised that he had attached the Financial Report to the minutes.

4. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Jarrett asked that Committee members decide whether to meet in August or take it as a vacation month. Ms. Graham was in favor of meeting in August and felt if the Committee wanted certain goals achieved by September, it would be worthwhile to meet.

Mr. Thabit made a motion that the Committee meets in August. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jarrett wanted to discuss policy regarding meeting during hurricane watches or warnings or post-hurricane states of emergency. Mr. Thabit felt the Committee should follow city commission directives. Mr. Carbon advised there would be no meeting held during a hurricane watch.

Mr. Jarrett explained that another report from the Committee would be due to the city commission soon. He referred to an outline he had prepared based on the Committee's last report. Mr. Carbon distributed these handouts. He requested that each Committee member work out areas they thought were important areas and fill in blank spaces provided. He asked for positive statements in the Committee Activities section. Ms. Graham referred to a memorandum she had prepared outlining three key issues she felt should be addressed. Mr. Carbon distributed copies. Ms. Graham felt that if Mr. Jarrett sent each member an email, each person could make addition, which he could later edit. She suggested completing this by the last week of June so the commission could receive it by July 18. Mr. Thabit agreed with addressing the three issues outlined on Ms. Graham's memo. Ms. Graham also spoke of the importance of locating a site for the southeast station. Mr. Jarrett pointed out that once the site was located, the funds would still be needed to pay for it. He asked whether anything was done regarding the Sunrise location. Mr. Carbon stated no but added that he had obtained an opinion from the city attorney's office that the city could trade that site for fire station property. Mr. McTigue felt this would be an ideal way to use the property. He asked for a list of the six properties being considered.

Ms. Shuler asked if a one-week turnaround for the report was realistic since the Committee's previous nine recommendations had not all been addressed. Mr. Jarrett felt every item was addressed to some degree. Mr. Carbon advised that staff had taken action on all items. Mr. Thabit felt the Committee should limit its recommendations, as the three items Ms. Graham had addressed were critical at this time. Mr. Thabit further suggested preparing an Executive Summary, which would cover the critical issues on the first page, along with a more detailed report on the status of the entire fire bond project attached. Mr. Jarrett asked if this type of procedure was followed at the city. Mr. Carbon responded yes. Ms. Graham voiced her concern that the committee was slipping off and felt a sense of urgency was needed to expedite this report for the Commission. Mr. Carbon felt the sense of urgency to get the project done was there, but the sense of urgency to let the commission know that work was progressing was not. He advised that the commission received frequent updates on the progress of the bond effort.

Mr. Jarrett asked other members for their input. Mr. McTigue was concerned about the southeast station and was in favor of preparing a brief synopsis report. Mr. Bastedo was concerned about the temporary facility. He wanted to see other members' input before providing his comments. Mr. Thabit suggested issuing an Interim Report containing an Executive Summary, which could be followed by a more detailed annual report. Mr. Kozich was not sure both reports could be accurately completed in a timely fashion. He felt the three items presented on Ms. Graham's memorandum simply needed more detail added. Ms. Graham voiced her concern about pushing the report to a later time in the year when external events might be a more pressing concern for the commissioners. She did not feel her suggested timeframe of one week was unrealistic for a simple 1-2 page document. Ms. Shuler was concerned about whether the committee could turn around a report within one week with accuracy and agreement. She felt the southeast station situation was to some degree beyond the members' control and she was not sure that much more could be accomplished by expediting the committee's report.

Mr. Carbon advised that the commissioners did actually read the reports provided to them as he often received comments and questions on them. The Committee held further general discussion about the type of report it wished to submit and the appropriate timeframe. Ms. Shuler asked Mr. Carbon if one week would provide him with enough time to forward the committee's report on to the commission. Mr. Carbon stated he would not take it as a hindrance or benefit whether the Committee prepared the report. Mr. Jarrett stated he was less comfortable with submitting an Interim Report as he made it a point to personally contact and discuss these items with his own commissioner. He felt personal contact made more of an impact sometimes than something in writing.

Mr. Thabit made a motion that the Committee submits an Interim Report addressing the following two issues: 1) the southeast station land purchase, and 2) the purchase of a temporary station. Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

Mr. Thabit amended the motion to add a comment that the Committee would issue a full report at a later date. By show of hands, with Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Bastedo and Mr. Kozich opposed, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 4-3)

The committee discussed the mechanics of presenting the report.

Mr. Thabit made a motion to have Ms. Graham draft the report and forward it to Mr. Carbon with her comments; Mr. Carbon should then distribute the report to the rest of the Committee for comments; the committee members' comments would go back to Mr. Carbon then to Ms. Graham who would sign off on the report; the final report would then be forwarded to the city commission in July.

Ms. Graham was comfortable with Mr. Jarrett completing the final review of the report.

Ms. Graham seconded the motion. In a voice vote, with Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Bastedo and Mr. Kozich opposed, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 4-3). The opposing vote was to only submit an annual report foregoing the interim report.

Mr. Carbon assured the Committee members that the fire bond was at the top of his priority list.

5. Adjournment. Next Regular Meeting: July 20, 2006

Mr. Kozich made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McTigue seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion passed 7-0)

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.