

**FIRE-RESCUE BOND  
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301  
May 17, 2007

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>2007 Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>
Don Bastedo	P	5	0
Mary Graham	P	5	0
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	5	0
Steve Kirsch	P	4	1
Allan Kozich	P	5	0
Patrick McTigue	P	4	1
Douglas Ruth	P	5	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	A	3	2
Norman Thabit	P	5	0

**Staff**

Albert Carbon, director, Public Works Department  
Mina Samadi, Engineering Design Manager  
Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect  
Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief  
Alexandra Woolweaver  
Jamie Opperlee, Recording Clerk

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Jarrett called the May 17, 2007 meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was achieved with eight Committee members present.

**2. Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2007**

**Motion** made by Member Graham, seconded by Member Bastedo, to approve the minutes of the April 19 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Staff Liaison Report**

Mr. Carbon invited comments on the financial report.

Member Thabit asked if, at 5.39%, they were making any more interest on the SBA than what was being paid on the bonds. Mr. Carbon said the bond interest was less than that, so that did have an arbitrage liability that would be paid out of any interest earnings. Member Thabit requested that Mr. Carbon ask the finance director what, if any, impact there was on interest earnings,

Station 47:

Member Graham said it appeared that the project was 25% complete. Mr. Carbon distributed copies of the construction schedule to the Committee. He stated they believed the project was actually 33% constructed, but they only had 25% financial obligations.

Member Graham referred to the superintendent's being relieved of his duties, and she noted that the superintendent was key to a job's continuity. She said the report did not indicate when he had left the project, or who the new person was. Mr. Snedaker stated he had been to the job site and spoken with the new superintendent, who arrived the day the previous superintendent had left.

Member Kozich asked what the delay was from the drain field dispute. Mr. Snedaker estimated it had been two weeks.

Station 53:

Mr. Carbon distributed the construction schedule.

Member Graham said this project was 46% complete. Mr. Carbon referred to the report, which stated URS estimated install construction was 45% completed; financially, the project was 40% completed.

Member Graham was surprised that the fuel tank installation disagreement was not yet resolved. Mr. Carbon did not know if this would ever be resolved. The City had said it was \$5,000 and West Construction continued to claim it was much more. As of now, they were installing the underground tanks; Mr. Carbon did not know if this would become a claim at the end of the project.

Member Graham noted other issues still unresolved: the AV system; security system and the second floor deck elevation.

Mr. Carbon reported that the AV system was unresolved; they had requested a bid from a security firm. Mr. Carbon said the second floor deck elevation issue had been corrected. Mr. Snedaker confirmed that the contractor had made the error regarding the second floor deck, but the error had been corrected prior to pouring.

Member Ruth asked if the situation regarding the 45-degree roof curbing was resolved. He asked if someone approved a shop drawing that was incorrect. Mr. Carbon agreed to look into this.

Mr. Carbon said September was the scheduled construction completion date. They had allowed 30 to 60 days for fixtures, furniture, etc.

Station 29:

Mr. Carbon reported that remediation was complete and the post-remediation plan had been approved by the County.

Chief Bacic reported that the training center remodeling was going well. They hoped to move everything over to the other side next week so the north side would be freed up from construction.

Chief Bacic said the only people left were the training battalion chief, the administrative aide, two lieutenants, and Carla and Freddie from Emergency Management.

Station 49:

Mr. Carbon reported that this had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Board, and said the public hearing for this was scheduled for the second June City Commission meeting. He said they were continuing to work with Broward County and FDOT on permitting. Ms. Samadi would schedule a meeting with the Jungle Queen to discuss construction activities and Mr. Carbon would attend the Central Beach Alliance general meeting next week. Mr. Carbon said he and Chief Bacic were still seeking temporary accommodations.

Chairman Jarrett asked if using the Swimming Hall of Fame would entail extensive remodeling. Mr. Carbon said this would cost approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000, compared to the \$250,000 to \$300,000 it would cost to set up a trailer.

Station 54:

Mr. Carbon reported that this too had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Board, and two public hearings would take place at City Commission meetings regarding the alley vacation.

Mr. Carbon said they were working on construction documents, working with Broward County and FDOT, and were considering the beach community center and storefronts within the area for the temporary accommodations.

Station 3:

Mr. Carbon stated the land use amendment was scheduled for the Broward County Planning Council on May 24; this would be the item's second hearing. They had also made the DRC submittal for the June meeting for plat and site plan approval. Mr. Carbon explained to Member Graham that the earliest this could be put on the Planning and Zoning Board agenda was August.

Mr. Carbon said they were proposing the same façade design as Station 54.

Station 46:

Mr. Carbon reported that the City Commission had approved the plan to go forward with the relocation of Fire Station to the Mills Pond Park. Chief Bacic said the Public Information Office was determining the date for the public hearing. Mr. Carbon asked Chief Bacic to make sure that the PIO sent the notices to all Committee members when they were sent to the homeowner associations.

Mr. Carbon said that the staff will begin work on the land use amendment, but they would not issue any contracts for survey or anything else until after the public hearing.

Station 8:

Mr. Carbon said he was setting up a meeting with staff to go over the proposal, which was being created by the real estate office.

Mr. Carbon confirmed for Chairman Jarrett that they were still proceeding with the plan to own the building and lease part of it to the hospital district. He said they had provided the real estate office with the information and they were figuring out the finances.

Member Graham wondered why the hospital district wanted to make this deal with the City. Mr. Carbon said the District wanted a new office building, but did not want the bond on their books. Member Graham asked if they also got the zoning change through the City. Mr. Carbon said they were working under the assumption that the entire block would be zoned hospital.

Station 35:

Mr. Carbon said they had looked at some sites, but they were all very expensive. They were also considering utilizing the existing site and going to three stories. They would still be short four to six parking spaces, so Mr. Carbon will be meeting with the pastor of an adjacent church to work out a conjunctive use of parking spaces.

Station 13:

Mr. Carbon stated they would only spend \$250,000 to expand the site. He said seawall improvements and a dock were being considered to allow Water Taxi to deliver people to the park.

Member Graham said the Marine Advisory Board was always interested in additional boats slips. She asked if there were slips on the site, or if they could be constructed. Mr. Carbon said this was a very narrow section of the Intracoastal and it would be very difficult to add true docks, but they might add some parallel extensions to the boardwalk.

#### **4. Member Discussion Items**

Member Graham distributed copies of a spreadsheet she had created depicting Station Hard and Soft Costs. She said it would be a work in progress. She invited Committee members to email Mr. Carbon with any suggestions.

Member Graham said they acknowledged that they would need to request additional money, and the Committee had agreed at their previous meeting that this was the best way to track costs, and help them present requests for additional funding to the City Commission.

**Motion** made by Member Graham, seconded by Member Ruth, for Member Graham to maintain the Hard and Soft Costs spreadsheet, which she would email to Mr. Carbon so it could be included in the Committee's package for their next meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Committee members questioned Mr. Carbon about some of the work duration times for tasks in the construction schedule. Chairman Jarrett explained that these were estimates. Mr. Carbon agreed to scan the schedule to post it to the web site with the approved minutes.

Chairman Jarrett said the City Commission had approved the pre-purchase of the accordion and overhead doors. He wondered why they had not included all the stations. Mr. Snedaker said the price would only be guaranteed for thirty-six months.

Chairman Jarrett asked what had been negotiated with FPL regarding the generator. Mr. Carbon said they were still pursuing this with FPL.

## **5. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next regular meeting: June 21, 2007