

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

City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
8th Floor Conference Room
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301
November 1, 2007

| Board Member | Attendance | 1/2007 – 12/2007 Cumulative Attendance | |
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| | | P | A |
| Don Bastedo | P | 10 | 0 |
| Mary Graham | P | 10 | 0 |
| Thornie Jarrett, Chair | P | 10 | 0 |
| Steve Kirsch | P | 9 | 1 |
| Allan Kozich | P | 10 | 0 |
| Delores McKinley | P | 1 | 0 |
| Patrick McTigue | P | 8 | 2 |
| Douglas Ruth | P | 10 | 0 |
| Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair | P | 8 | 2 |
| Norman Thabit | P | 9 | 1 |

Staff

Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department
Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect
Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief
Alexandra Woolweaver, City Auditor's Office
Jim Hamill, Audit Manager
Eric Geen, URS Program Director
John Herbst, City Auditor
Liz Rivera, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

Guests

Sherman Whitmore, Gibson Partners
John Kelapire, Sharpton Brunson & Co.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2007

Chairman Jarrett noticed that the minutes did not indicate that the Board intended to ask the City Commission not to perform the audit.

Motion made by Member Graham, seconded by Member Thabit, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting as amended. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Stations 47 and 88/53:

Mr. Carbon reported that they were close to the end of construction on stations 47 and 88/53. Station 47 was scheduled for substantial completion on January 18, 2008, with a Certificate of Occupancy scheduled for January 21, 2008. Station 88/53 was scheduled for substantial completion on January 3, 2008, with a Certificate of Occupancy scheduled for January 3, 2008. URS had alerted Mr. Carbon that this might be extended another 30 days due to some electrical issues.

Chairman Jarrett asked of the security/alert systems would delay station openings. Chief Bacic informed the Board that the contractor was on site and had installed most of the HID readers. He did not believe this would be a problem. Chief Bacic said the alerting system was another issue; this was in the hands of the radio shop undergoing modifications. He did not foresee a delay with this item either.

Member Graham wondered how the schedule impacts included in the URS report for station 88/53 could not affect the completion date. Mr. Carbon stated the Fire Department's request that 50 and 20amp be provided overhead at each of the doors was made "late in the game." Chief Bacic explained that the new Hazmat truck had a 50-amp connection, and this had not been planned for.

Mr. Eric Geen, URS Program Director, said they had worked with QED on this, and they believed they could put the additional outlet within the installed conduit. QED was currently evaluating this to ensure the panel power requirements did not exceed the design limits.

Mr. Geen described the additional electrical scope changes to Member Graham: relocation of A/V outlets in training room and relocation of transformers to another electrical room.

Mr. Carbon confirmed for Member Graham that the challenges described for station 47 were the same electrical changes described for station 88/53.

Mr. Carbon provided a status report on each of the stations:

Station 29:

- ❖ in architectural re-design; sub-consultant task orders scheduled for the November 20 City Commission meeting
- ❖ Temporary facility needs fire/sprinkler service completed for C.O.
- ❖ Additional public meeting must be scheduled for December 2007 or January 2008
- ❖ Initial site and elevation plans sent to planning staff for DRC and planning and zoning approval [approval should be administrative due to reduced size of the facility]

Station 49:

- ❖ In redesign; negotiated cost with PGAL to \$197,000
- ❖ Temporary facility [on paved surface at Alexander Park] out to bid, to be received by November 16
- ❖ Additional public meeting must be scheduled for December 2007 or January 2008
- ❖ Initial site and elevation plans sent to planning staff for DRC and planning and zoning approval [approval should be administrative due to reduced size of the facility]

Station 3:

- ❖ Sub-consultant task orders scheduled for November 20 meeting
- ❖ Additional public meeting must be scheduled for December 2007 or January 2008
- ❖ Received initial DRC comments; must proceed through full DRC and planning and zoning
- ❖ Land use amendment formalities will be addressed in December 2007 or January 2008

Mr. Carbon informed Member Graham that the sub-consultant task orders were lump sum, not hourly; they were now negotiating these to be less than contract amounts the Commission had already approved.

Station 46:

- ❖ Going to Mills Pond Park
- ❖ Public meetings held
- ❖ 12-month estimate for land-use amendment
- ❖ Survey was most immediate need
- ❖ Planning schedule in place

Member Shuler asked if the land-use amendment process could be expedited. Mr. Carbon explained they were working to expedite this, but it this must proceed through

five levels of government. He described the process to Member Shuler and stated this would take until November 2008 to complete.

Station 8:

- ❖ Properties on the corner of 11th Street and Andrews Avenue were being considered

Station 35:

- ❖ Meeting scheduled for November 7 with church pastor to discuss utilizing "Old 35" as temporary facility

Station 13:

- ❖ Electrical/mechanical review should be completed November 16
- ❖ Estimates for removal of roof structure and construction of additional support columns at stations 13 and 35

Station 54:

- ❖ Electrical/mechanical review should be completed by the end of the year.

Chairman Jarrett asked Mr. Carbon for the Chart showing existing/proposed station square footage. Mr. Carbon said he would email this the following day.

Chief Bacic informed Chairman Jarrett that Battalion 13 still housed station 13; Battalion 35 might be relocated to the airport. Chief Bacic stated the station 13 renovation would include some addition to make this a battalion-compatible station. Mr. Carbon said they were evaluating this.

4. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Carbon reported that the audit kickoff had been the previous day. He distributed several handouts, including the master schedule for the 10 stations.

Member Graham said stations 46 and 8 had the lengthiest review process. Mr. Carbon said this was because the other stations were located on existing sites, so they did not anticipate much County review. He explained that by August 2008, they should complete the initial land use and County planning, and they should know that the project would go through. Mr. Carbon described the schedule he distributed to Member Graham.

New Station Scenarios

Mr. Carbon drew the Board's attention to the scenarios he had created and described the differences in the individual items, and the resulting differences in costs. Mr.

Carbon stated Public Works was recommending scenario 7, which would bring the project in at budget.

Member Shuler asked if there were plans to conduct a study to determine if buildings were structurally sound, as suggested by Member Kozich at the last meeting. Mr. Carbon explained that an in-house structural engineer had performed an initial analysis, and staff was conducting mechanical and electrical systems analyses now. They hoped to complete the analysis on station 13 by November 16 and on station 54 by the end of November.

Mr. Carbon summarized what would be done at station 49 at Bahia Mar under scenario 7. He and URS had negotiated the costs with PGAL for the re-design down to \$197,000. Mr. Carbon said they were considering stacking the residential, and PGAL had made other suggestions to save costs. URS estimated design completion by February 2008. Mr. Carbon informed Chairman Jarrett that they would not use the original footprint for the building and the new design would eliminate the need for several variances. The station would be reduced from three bays to two, and from three-story to two, with the footprint reduced.

Member Ruth asked how much equipment would lose its storage space, and if the Public Works budget could afford a storage facility. Mr. Carbon said this would be included in the Public works facilities plan at 1400 Broward Boulevard.

Chairman Jarrett asked if the revised floor plans had been analyzed and approved by Fire Department staff, and they agreed the revisions would accommodate the City's needs. Chief Bacic said the fire Chief and staff had approved the changes, and felt they would meet their needs.

Mr. Carbon explained that at the October City Commission conference, he had been directed to move forward with building 5 new stations, and evaluating the renovation of two stations. This was outlined in scenario 7.

Member Thabit asked when the final decision would be made to renovate or rebuild. Mr. Carbon stated the final mechanical/electrical evaluation would be complete on November 16, so they would know by the Board's December meeting. Member Thabit wanted to wait until this information was available to hold the Board's next meeting.

Mr. Carbon confirmed for Chairman Jarrett that he must evaluate the engineering reports from a cost standpoint.

Next Meeting Date

Board members discussed when they should schedule their next meeting.

Motion made by Member Thabit, seconded by Member Shuler, to hold their next meeting on December 13, 2007. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jarrett commended staff for creating the scenario that would allow them to meet their budget and to fill the needs of the City. Member Shuler agreed.

Mr. Sherman Whitmore agreed that Mr. Carbon had done a great job creating the scenarios. He asked to see the new design preliminary elevations and setbacks. Chairman Jarrett invited Mr. Whitmore to attend the December meeting to see these. Mr. Carbon stated the new design would be reviewed by the Planning Department. Member Thabit commented on the Fire Bond Audit requesting the committee forward a recommendation to the City Commission that the City Commission not award the audit contract.

5. Adjournment

The Board's next meeting was scheduled for December 13.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Attachments:

Financial Report

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Construction Monthly Reports