

**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
December 6, 2007

Board Member	Attendance	1/2007 – 12/2007 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	11	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	9	2
Don Bastedo	P	11	0
Mary Graham	P	11	0
Steve Kirsch	P	10	1
Allan Kozich	A	10	1
Delores McKinley	P	2	0
Patrick McTigue	P	9	2
Douglas Ruth	P	11	0
Norman Thabit	P	10	1

Staff

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

Guests

Sherman Whitmore, Gibson Partners
Sadler James
David Carter, Vice President, Fort Lauderdale Professional Firefighters

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2007

Motion made by Member Thabit, seconded by Member Graham, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2007 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Stations 47 and 88/53:

Member Graham asked Mr. Carbon if the stations would be completed in January as he had projected. Mr. Carbon reported that currently, station 47 had change order extensions through February 20, but was still projected to complete at the end of January, and he was confident it would be completed by then.

Station 53 also had change order extensions through February 20, but they were on liquidated damages now. Mr. Carbon intended to meet with the contractor and Mr. Geen to discuss the remaining extension requests. Mr. Carbon reported some of the IT work had already begun at the stations as well.

Station 49:

Mr. Carbon stated they had met with PGAL on Monday to go over their preliminary plans, and instructed them to submit their plans by the end of the year. They would set up additional public meetings at the beginning of the year for stations 49, 29 and 3, and he hoped they would return to DRC and Planning and Zoning for stations 49 and 29 by the end of the year.

Mr. Carbon stated they had canceled the bid for the temporary station. Mr. Snedaker was working on the site plan for the Alexander Park site.

Station 46:

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that station 46 was going through land-use amendment. They were obtaining surveys to begin the process now. He believed they were scheduled to have all the planning procedures completed by November 2008.

Station 35:

Mr. Carbon stated they had met on November 7 with the church pastor and received positive feedback. The church had hired a professional developer to go over the site plans, and they were anxious to work with the City.

Station 8:

Mr. Carbon said the real state office had three new properties to consider. The Broward Hospital District was also still interested, and the hospital board was going to determine their level of interest.

Stations 13 and 54

Mr. Carbon stated the preliminary structural reviews were complete, and it would be very expensive, as they had anticipated. They were continuing with the mechanical and electrical reviews to determine if it was feasible to renovate the facilities. He would present this information to the Board at the January meeting.

Mr. Carbon reported they were continuing with the fire bond review. Mr. Herbst had met with Mr. Carbon's staff and URS to go over program management and internal finances, and his associate was reviewing the existing bond structure. Mr. Herbst hoped to complete the review by mid-January.

4. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Sherman Whitmore, Gibson Partners, said he had not yet seen the new design for fire station 49 that the City had promised to share with him. Mr. Carbon explained that Mr. Snedaker and URS representatives had met with PGAL on Monday for the initial review of the revised plans, and some changes had been suggested prior to proceeding with the detailed design. Mr. Snedaker believed they would have these by next week, and Mr. Carbon promised to share these with Mr. Whitmore.

Mr. Sadler James, Central Beach Alliance Board Director, requested a presentation be made to the Central Beach Alliance regarding station 49 because of the substantial changes that were taking place.

Member Thabit asked about the bidding schedule for stations 49, 29 and 3. Mr. Carbon said they should be bidding in January and awarding in April for 29 and 49; station 3 would lag a couple of months behind this. Member Graham felt that handling three stations at the same time was a large task. Mr. Carbon explained to her that the consultants for stations 29 and 3 were exactly the same.

Member McTigue asked about the tile deficiencies at Station 53. Mr. Geen explained the kitchen floor had been replaced twice, and the restrooms had been replaced as well due to the quality of the tile. This had been done at no cost to the City. Member Graham asked him how the work could be almost completed and then a decision be made to replace it. Mr. Geen stated they had two project managers permanently on site: one was at 53 and one was at 47. Quality issues were pointed out to the superintendent on the site, who determined how to rectify the situation with the

subcontractors. Mr. Geen said he personally inspected the sites more than once per week, and staff took photographs on a daily basis. Deficiencies were documented with the photographs accompanying the daily site logs when they were reported. Mr. Geen explained to Member Ruth that they preferred working with the subcontractors to address deficiencies rather than stopping work.

Member Thabit asked if any of the bond program funds with the SBA were impaired. He asked the auditors to investigate this and advise the Board. Mr. Carbon had spoken with the finance director, who informed him that as of the previous week, the City had no money in SBA.

Chairman Jarrett asked how soon they would have a working set of plans for station 3 or 29. Mr. Carbon believed they would have an architectural set by the Board's next meeting in January.

Member Shuler asked Mr. Carbon the status of the electrical/mechanical analysis on stations 13 and 54. Mr. Carbon said these would be available to the Board in January. His engineer believed there would be extensive mechanical/electrical issues at both stations. He informed Member Graham they would have some preliminary numbers and expectations, as well as recommendations for how to move forward in January.

Member Thabit asked if there was a possibility that the design of the three stations could change. Mr. Carbon replied that based on the analysis performed by the fire chief, these stations were set.

5. Adjournment

The Board's next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2008.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attachments:

Financial Report

Minutes – November 1, 2007

Construction Monthly Reports