

**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  
March 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1/2008 through 12/2008 Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	3	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Don Bastedo	P	3	0
Mary Graham	P	3	0
Steve Kirsch	P	3	0
Allan Kozich	P	3	0
Delores McKinley	P	2	0
Patrick McTigue	P	3	0
Douglas Ruth	P	3	0
Norman Thabit	P	3	0

**Staff**

Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department  
Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect  
Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief  
Mark Friedman, City Construction Manager  
J. Opperlee, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

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

Chairman Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2008**

Member McKinley noted a typographical error on page 3.

**Motion** made by Member Kozich, seconded by Member Kirsch, to approve the minutes of the Board's February 21, 2008 meeting as amended. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jarrett informed the Board that Lieutenant Carter's brother had passed away recently. The Board agreed to send a condolence card to Lieutenant Carter.

### **3. Staff Liaison Report**

#### Station 47:

Mr. Snedaker announced that WaterWorks had committed to repaving 10<sup>th</sup> Street that day. Once this was finished, the contractor could complete the sidewalk and driveway entrance and the project would be finished. Mr. Snedaker said they had basically taken care of the punch list and were scheduling the final inspections. Mr. Carbon anticipated the Certificate of Occupancy by April 15, and the Station opening by June 1.

Chairman Jarrett knew Board members would like to see this Station, and Mr. Carbon suggested they hold their April 17 meeting there. He agreed to coordinate this with the City Clerk's office.

#### Station 53:

Mr. Friedman announced Station 53 had a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and he anticipated the Certificate of Occupancy by the next week. He reported all inspections were completed except for the final mechanical. Once that was complete, they would have the Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Friedman said there was a tentative final walk-through date of March 26 to go through the punch list. He informed the Board that there was a new superintendent on site to expedite the work.

Mr. Carbon said he had requested URS provide individual summaries for each Station from now on. Member Shuler asked that they still be provided with the combined report charting all of the stations' progress.

Member Graham asked about the City Manager's Review line item on the report. Mr. Carbon explained this was a review of the Public Relations packages prior to the public participation meetings.

Mr. Snedaker stated they were soliciting for the updated list of contractor qualifications, and this was due on March 25.

#### Station 49:

Mr. Snedaker reported authorization was given to begin the construction drawings. Member Graham asked if they were on schedule to be ready in June. Mr. Carbon said they were now scheduled for the first week in July.

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Mr. Snedaker informed the Board that the City Commission had approved the purchase of a two-unit double-wide modular for Temporary 49. It had been used by the City of Deerfield Beach for five years as a temporary station. The temporary units would be located across the street from the Swimming Hall of Fame in the parking lot. Mr. Snedaker said the units had cost \$56,000.

Station 29:

Mr. Snedaker stated the plans were in for surface water management permit; they could not submit the application for the building permit until this was received. He anticipated it would take one to two weeks for the plans to go to the Building Department.

Station 3:

After some negotiation with Broward County, Mr. Snedaker said the site plan had been adjusted to comply with their requirements for the driveway. The public meeting was scheduled for April 3. They were moving forward with the construction drawings.

Mr. Carbon explained that the issue with Broward County Transportation was that the curb cut had been too close to the intersection, so they had moved it farther south.

Member Graham confirmed with Mr. Carbon that the bid period for Stations 3 and 49 were scheduled at the same time.

Station 46:

Mr. Carbon reported the review by the Planning and Zoning Board had been postponed until their May meeting. He said they would get resolution of the title issue soon. The Parks and Recreation Board had made a presentation to the Council of Civic Associations on March 18. The Parks Board Vice Chair had presented his opposition to locating the Station in Mills Pond Park. Mr. Carbon felt the comments from the Civic Association members were fairly equal in favor and opposed to locating the Station in Mills Pond Park.

Stations 13 and 54

Mr. Carbon said he was drafting a memo to Assistant City Manager Kathleen Gunn explaining that it would be cost prohibitive to renovate, and recommending they be rebuilt. Mr. Carbon said the Board would be receiving this memo when he sent it to the City Commission.

**Station 35:**

Mr. Snedaker had spoken with Pastor Dan and his project manager, who anticipated an overall Master plan would be completed the following week. The legal department believed they could get permission to access 51<sup>st</sup> Street through a platted planning area. It was a matter of negotiating with the landowner to get the rights to put in an access easement.

o Fire Presentation on Response Time – Chief Bacic

Chief Bacic gave a presentation on response time, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record. Chief Bacic explained this was the same presentation made to the City Commission on May 15, 2007.

**Station 46**

Chief Bacic explained to Member Graham that if the Station were built in Mills Pond Park, he anticipated it would be able to satisfy the coverage needs in that area. If there were future growth through annexation, they would consider building a new Station to cover those areas.

Member Thabit thought the Parks Board had agreed to locate the Station in Mills Pond Park. Mr. Carbon informed the Board that the Parks Board motion to recommend going forward with the Station at Mills Pond Park had failed in a 3 – 6 vote. There had been questions regarding the use of the existing Station property; it was currently deed restricted for fire services, and the City would get the deed restriction lifted. Future use of the property was currently unknown. Mr. Carbon said the Station at Mills Pond Park was continuing to move forward. He believed if they had the deed restriction lifted, it would be approved.

The Board discussed the possibility of additional future coverage needs in the northwest area due to annexation, and Member Graham remarked that the infrastructure was in place to keep 46 at its current location and they were deviating from the original bond program when they relocated Stations. She believed the aim had been to build new stations to replace antiquated ones, not to satisfy annexation coverage issues. If it was determined in the future that another Station was needed in the northwest, this could be done, but not with this bond money. Member Graham noted that at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, some of the Board members had asked why other property in the area had not been considered. Mr. Snedaker said five other properties had been considered; three were not for sale and the other two were well over the price the City wanted to pay.

Member Graham advised they must have a "Plan B" because there were many other approvals they would need in order to locate the Station at Mills Pond Park. Member Shuler felt they should go ahead with the Mills Pond Park plans, since City staff and the Fire Department had determined this would be the best site. Member Graham felt park land conservation would present an obstacle to building Station 46 at Mills Pond Park. Chairman Jarrett agreed that the fact that they were using parks land was the main issue.

Member Graham said the older structures were more vulnerable than the newer ones, and she wanted the bond issue to take care of the older Stations. This was why she had suggested leaving Station 46 where it was, and finding other funding to build another Station in the northwest area.

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

Chairman Jarrett asked about the Sunrise property. Mr. Carbon explained that the City was conducting a City-owned land study that would include the Sunrise property.

Member Thabit asked about the available grant funding he had inquired about last month. Mr. Carbon said Mary Ann Slough and Erin Mohres were pursuing this, but had nothing to report yet.

#### **Audit Report**

Member Graham had spoken with John Herbst after their last meeting, and he informed her April 1 was the earliest the audit would be provided to the City Commission. Member Thabit asked that this item be added to the Board's agenda.

#### **Grant Funds**

Member Thabit asked that this item to be added to the Board's agenda. He believed federal funds must be available.

#### **Annual Report**

Chairman Jarrett said they could not set a schedule for their annual report until the audit was complete. Member Thabit asked that this item be added to the Board agenda.

### **Public Meetings**

Chairman Jarrett asked that Ms. Burrini send Board members email notice of public meetings regarding the Fire Stations. Mr. Carbon said he had alerted the Public Information Office to notify Board members of these meetings.

Mr. Carbon anticipated firm numbers for Station 46 should be available in May or June.

### **5. Adjournment**

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

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at **7:29** p.m.

#### Attachments:

Financial Report

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Fire Station Monthly Reports

Fire Station Program Schedule