

**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
May 15, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Board Member	Attendance	1/2008 through 12/2008 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	5	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	4	1
Don Bastedo	P	5	0
Mary Graham	A	3	2
Steve Kirsch	P	5	0
Allan Kozich	P	5	0
Delores McKinley	P	4	0
Patrick McTigue	P	5	0
Douglas Ruth	P	5	0
Norman Thabit	P	5	0

Staff

Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department
Frank Snedaker, Chief City Architect
Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief
Mark Friedman, City Construction Manager
Eric Geen, URS
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 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: April 2008

Motion made by Member Thabit, seconded by Member Bastedo, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 2008 meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Station 47:

Mr. Carbon reported a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy had been issued for Station 47. Mechanical, electrical and structural inspections would soon be completed, and Mr. Carbon stated the Station would have its Certificate of Occupancy by the following day.

Mr. Carbon informed Chairman Jarrett that the street would be clear within the next month. Chief Bacic said they could not schedule the radio equipment installations for Stations 47 and 53 until they had the Certificate of Occupancy, The alerting equipment would be installed at both stations within 60 days of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Chief Bacic stated as soon as they worked out the moving in, they would discuss a grand opening event. He informed Member Shuler that they had installed a Honeywell security system, which provided all of the functions they desired and was half the cost of the other systems they had considered, allowing them to stay within budget. Chief Bacic explained that one key fob would allow access to all stations.

Station 53:

Mr. Carbon reported a Certificate of Occupancy had been issued for Station 53 and Mr. Friedman reported furniture was being moved in.

Chairman Jarrett asked that the Board visit Station 53. Mr. Carbon suggested they hold a meeting at station 53 or at FXE's conference room. He agreed to contact Clara Bennett, Airport Manager, to discuss this.

Station 29:

Mr. Carbon stated they had submitted plans to the Building Department and received comments back. They had also submitted plans to the County for storm water permitting, received comments back and resubmitted to the County. Mr. Carbon anticipated they would be out to bid by the end of May.

Station 49:

Mr. Carbon reported that on May 19 at 6 p.m. there would be a community meeting at the Swimming Hall of Fame. He anticipated construction documents would be complete by late June, be bid by August and be awarded in September.

Chair Jarrett asked for a new cost estimate from the architect and Mr. Carbon agreed to provide this.

Mr. Snedaker announced that the temporary Station would be on the June Planning and Zoning Board agenda.

Station 3:

Mr. Carbon stated the DRC review was in progress. Mr. Snedaker said it had been submitted to the County for platting. He anticipated the design would be complete by late June.

Station 46:

Mr. Carbon stated the relocation of Station 46 would be on the June Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Mr. Carbon explained to Chairman Jarrett that after Planning and Zoning, they must go to the City Commission, the County, and the State Planning Council.

Station 35:

Mr. Carbon informed the Board they had met with Pastor Dan, and sent a letter declaring their wish to begin negotiations regarding a land swap.

Station 54:

Mr. Carbon said they were working with adjacent property owners to possibly use some of their land for temporary facilities.

Station 13:

Mr. Carbon agreed to email the engineering report for Stations 54 and 13, which the Board had previously requested to Board members prior to their next meeting.

Station 8:

Chairman Jarrett asked if there was any news on land for Station 8. Mr. Carbon said they were still looking into the Brownies property. There was another piece of property near Southside School they were considering.

4. Member Discussion Items

Budget Report

Member Thabit noted that with the pending change orders, Station 47 would be over budget. He asked where the funds would come from to cover this. Mr. Carbon said he

was not sure, because he did not know the status of change order 6, but they would make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Friedman confirmed that change orders 1 through 6 on Station 47 had been approved, but final invoicing had not been submitted yet.

Mr. Carbon explained that Stations 47 and 53 did not have contingencies built in, but all future projects had a 6% contingency built into the budget.

Member McTigue asked what the \$103,000 expenditure was on Station 3. Mr. Carbon agreed to report back to the Board on this.

Ms. McKinley asked about Station 53. Mr. Carbon explained that the Airport had contributed 26.5% to that project, on top of the \$5.7 million.

Annual Report

Chairman Jarrett distributed a draft of the annual report he had created and the Board discussed and edited it.

Under Committee Findings, Bond Project Schedule, the Board agreed to leave the first sentence, and to indicate that the reason for the delay was the lack of plans for Station 13 and the lack of a site for Station 8.

Under Committee Findings, Fire Bond Audit, Member Thabit noted that the Committee had recommended a Feasibility Study, to which the City Commission was unreceptive. Member Thabit suggested the requirement for a feasibility study should be included in any future referendums. Member Shuler suggested stating the Committee had recommended a feasibility study in lieu of the Fire Bond audit. Under Committee Activities, Fire Bond Audit, Mr. McTigue suggested changing the word "audit" in the third sentence to "feasibility study" and Chairman Jarrett agreed.

Under Committee findings, Construction Contracting Methods, Member Ruth wanted to make it clear that the Committee was not recommending Design/Build. Member Thabit suggested changing the words "Fire Stations beyond that" to "other future Fire Stations."

Under Committee findings, Fire Station 46 Relocation, the Committee agreed to delete the last two sentences, and Member Shuler suggested adding this language at the end of the first sentence: "...consistent with the requirements of the Fire Bond referendum." Member Ruth suggested changing "...for functionality and practicality..." to "for *public safety*, functionality, and practicality..." Member McTigue suggested adding that the Committee had passed a unanimous motion strongly supporting the relocation of Station 46.

Under Committee Activities, Fire Station 46 Relocation, the Committee agreed to remove the last two lines.

Under Committee Findings, Property Acquisition for New Southeast fire Station, Member Thabit wanted to change the second sentence to "It now appears this station will not be built or operational within the 8-year timeframe."

Under Committee Findings, City's New Plan for the Bond Project, the Committee agreed to add the words "...as recommended by the Committee" to the last sentence.

Chairman Jarrett distributed copies of last year's recommendations and reminded the Committee that they had issued a memo prior to issuing their report last year stating their two items of importance: the purchase of land for the Southeast Station and the purchase of another temporary fire Station. Chairman Jarrett had noted items of importance this year: Station size; the feasibility study; insufficient money for the land for Station 8; insufficient funds for the rebuilding of Stations 13 and 54, and the 8-year schedule.

Chairman Jarrett stated their recommendations this year would include:

- Land for Station 8
- Feasibility study to determine proper size for remaining stations
- Using the land on Sunrise to make up the shortfall
- Additional funds needed for construction of Stations 13 and 54

The Committee agreed not to include Construction Costs and Construction Schedule in this year's recommendations.

Motion made by Member Thabit, seconded by Member Kozich, to submit the edited version of the report Chairman Jarrett had drafted, including a conclusion to be written by Chairman Jarrett and their recommendations, to the City Commission as the Committee's final report. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carbon advised Chairman Jarrett to send the edited report to him for distribution.

Mr. McTigue congratulated Mr. Snedaker for winning the Community Appearance Award for Special Project for Fire Station 47.

5. Adjournment

The Board's next meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2008.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at **7:48** p.m.

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Attachments:

Financial Report

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Fire Station Monthly Reports