

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING
 City of Fort Lauderdale
 100 North Andrews Avenue
 8th Floor Conference Room
 Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301
 September 17, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.**

Board Member	Attendance	1/2009 through 12/2009 Cumulative Attendance*	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	8	0
Frank Anderson	A	4	1
Don Bastedo	P	7	1
Steve Kirsch	P	8	0
Allan Kozich	P	6	2
Patrick McTigue	P	7	1
June Page	P	8	0
Douglas Ruth	P	7	1

*Note: the Committee did not meet in January due to lack of a quorum

There are currently eight appointed members to the Committee. Therefore, five members constitute a quorum.

Staff

Chantal Botting, Battalion Chief
 Frank Snedaker, City Architect
 Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
 J. Opperee, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

Communications To City Commission

None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Minutes: August 2009

Motion made by Mr. McTigue, seconded by Mr. Ruth, to approve the Board's August 2009 minutes. In a voice vote, Board unanimously approved.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Station 29

Mr. Carbon noted a correction to the Station 29 report: the estimate for the additional change order request was \$20,000.

Mr. Snedaker stated change orders to Station 29 so far totaled approximately 2%. They were negotiating another \$20,000 for additional items. He reported exterior work was progressing; the exterior had been painted but landscaping and other site work remained. Interior dry wall was complete and the ceiling grid should be installed within the next week. The project was on schedule and had no significant change orders.

Station 49

Mr. Snedaker stated the tie beams for the second floor would be poured the following week. The second floor should be complete in approximately three weeks. He explained that at the contractor's request, the City had approved work to be conducted on Saturdays. Mr. Carbon stated the contractor wanted to work on Saturdays to make up for the days they could not work during the Boat Show. Mr. Carbon said there were no additional change orders at this time.

Station 3

Mr. Carbon reported Station 3 was progressing well. They had begun some roughing in of the MEP. Mr. Snedaker said all the plumbing rough was in and they should pour the slabs in September. Mr. Snedaker explained that the additional \$17,000 was to underground all utilities from 28th Street.

Station 35

Mr. Snedaker reported the construction documents were approximately 95% complete; specs were approximately 70% complete. There was still an issue with the planting strip. The owner was out of town and would return in October, and Mr. Carbon said when he returned, he would meet with City staff to discuss his issues. Mr. Carbon said the zoning issue on the property related to whether they could segregate the land they needed for the drive entrance or if they needed to take the entire block. Planning and Zoning thought it better to take the entire block, but this meant they must deal with additional property owners, which were condos.

Ms. Snedaker said many people parked on this property, which was designated on the plat as a planting and landscaping buffer, but the land had not been dedicated as such on the deed. The City Attorney's opinion was that even though it was not dedicated on the deed, the City wanted the owners to waive the planning. He noted it had been de facto waived because of the parking usage.

Mr. Snedaker said they planned to submit this for building permit review next month but they were aware they could not get zoning sign-off. They hoped to have the project out to bid in November.

Station 46

Mr. Snedaker informed the Board that the City Commission had approved the contract with the consultant and staff had a meeting scheduled the following week. The designs had been approved by the Fire Department and the City Manager's office. He explained the design was similar to Station 3, but it had three bays and more bunk rooms.

Mr. Kozich asked the level of LEED certification they would achieve. Mr. Snedaker said they would probably achieve Silver, but if the building were just certified they would be happy. Chair Jarrett asked what components contributed to the Silver LEED certification. Mr. Snedaker explained this related to energy savings through selection of air conditioning equipment and fixtures; reduction of water use through the use of dual-flush toilets and recapture of landscaping irrigation; use of reflective materials for the roof and pavers. He remarked that the major costs of the certification were in documentation.

Mr. Carbon noted that a lot of the credits were for construction materials and debris and how they were disposed of, and if a contractor worked their materials right, they would get credits for materials that did not require disposal. Chair Jarrett asked what the cost was for additional items they had included specifically for LEED certification. Mr. Snedaker estimated perhaps \$150,000, less than 10%.

Mr. Snedaker said they had just received an estimate for a LEED certified building at FXE. The original estimates were \$2.5 million and the project had come in at \$1.53 million.

Mr. Snedaker informed Mr. Kirsch that the price for LED lights was astronomical and they did not pay for themselves quickly. Chair Jarrett stated he had priced a job recently with LED lights and the savings on the electric bill were phenomenal. The lamps also lasted 10 years as opposed to 18 months for an ordinary fluorescent. They

also saved the fluorescent debris in landfills. Mr. Snedaker remarked that LED provided a real savings in carbon footprint.

Stations 13 and 54

Mr. Snedaker reported Stations 13 and 54 were on hold.

4. Committee Report to the City Commission

None.

5. Member Discussion Items

Scope of Services Document

Mr. Carbon reported the City Commission had considered the Board's communication to them from the previous meeting. They did not like the idea of using General Fund money to pay for the feasibility study, but had decided they would wait to make this decision until they knew the cost of the study. Chair Jarrett noted the Commission had added the other facilities to the study. These had not been included in the Fire Bond, so they would not have a choice; they could not use Fire Bond funds.

Mr. Carbon reported the Commission had decided the feasibility study should be based on a 30-year population projection, as opposed to the Board's suggestion of 50 years. They had agreed to include stations 8, 13 and 54 and they wanted staff to continue seeking property for Station 8 and not wait for the results of the feasibility study.

Chair Jarrett noted that if the City purchased a 30,000 square foot property for Station 8 and the study showed they needed a larger station, they may need build a two-story Station. Mr. Carbon said they were seeking a piece of land that was a minimum of 30,000 square feet, with a cost of \$1.2 million. Mr. McTigue remarked that this was approximately \$40 per square foot and land was currently going for double that. Mr. Kirsch noted that this was a moot point because the study would be "long done" by the time the City found 30,000 square feet for \$1.2 million.

Mr. Carbon continued that the Commission had agreed the study should include future areas of annexation, and should consider any and all Fire Stations within the adjacent areas. They had also agreed the study should include the facilities the Board had recommended: housing of reserve apparatus; ocean rescue; support services/logistics; comprehensive training facility and the fire boat.

Mr. Carbon said these decisions were the consensus of the City Commission.

Mr. Kozich asked when they would know the cost for the consultant. Mr. Carbon said he hoped to get the study out to bid the following week, and advised Board members to send him any comments they had regarding the scope of services. He hoped to have responses by the Board's November meeting. Mr. Carbon said the selection of a Board member to be on the selection committee would be on their October agenda.

Mr. Kirsch asked if Mr. Carbon had looked into Ms. Page's question at the previous meeting regarding why \$1.4 million was listed in the financial report under Station 8 but it had been approximately \$470,000 in the annual report. Mr. Carbon guessed that this was because they were putting excess money into the station that was under funded. He agreed to check on this.

Mr. Ruth asked about selling the property in Sunrise Boulevard. Mr. Carbon stated the City was conducting an inventory of City-owned properties. Chair Jarrett said some Commissioners had remarked that they did not want to sell property now because it was a buyer's market.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next regular meeting: October 15, 2009

Attachments:

- Financial Report
- Minutes – August 20, 2009
- Fire Station Monthly Reports
- Program schedule
- Revised Scope of Services

[Minutes prepared by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]