

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE  
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  
October 15, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1/2009 through 12/2009 Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	9	0
Frank Anderson	P	5	1
Don Bastedo	P	8	1
Steve Kirsch	P	9	0
Allan Kozich	A	6	3
Patrick McTigue	P	8	1
June Page	P	9	0
Douglas Ruth	A	7	2

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

**Staff**

Chantal Botting, Battalion Chief  
Jeff Justinak, Fire Chief  
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director  
Mark Friedman, Construction Manager  
J. Opperee, ProtoType Services recording clerk

**Communications to the 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 6:06 p.m.

## **2. Approval of Minutes: September 2009**

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Page, to approve the Board's September 2009 minutes. In a voice vote, Board unanimously approved.

## **3. Staff Liaison Report**

### Station 3

Mr. Friedman stated the concrete shell and main entrance arches were complete; he distributed photos of stations for Board members to review. He explained that the slab had been poured, and conduits were installed in the apparatus bay. Mr. Friedman described work to be completed the following month.

Mr. Carbon reported they were still negotiating the \$20,000 change order.

### Station 29

Mr. Friedman said the site work was going well. The air conditioning had been tested, the ceiling grid was being finished, interior priming, painting and roof tile were complete, exterior painting was almost complete, overhead doors had been installed, side lighting was turned on and the transformer was being installed.

Chair Jarrett referred to the photo of Station 29 Mr. Friedman had passed out and asked about parking for the Fire Prevention Building [the Singer Building]. Mr. Friedman explained that parking for the Singer Building would remain in front; parking for firefighters would be behind the shopping center. Mr. Friedman described areas that would be fenced in on the property.

Chair Jarrett asked about change order 3; Mr. Friedman said this was in process with the City Commission. The largest ticket item on the change order was \$10,000 for the four-inch fire line. Chair Jarrett noted that item 2 was CO<sub>2</sub> detectors in the apparatus bay, and asked if they had included these in previous stations. Mr. Friedman did not believe so. Chair Jarrett noted that the NFPA had changed the Fire Alarm code to require CO<sub>2</sub> detectors in locations that had diesel or gasoline engines. Mr. Carbon said the Fire Department must decide this. Chief Justinak was unaware whether the Department would retrofit the stations. Chair Jarrett asked that someone look into this.

Mr. Friedman pointed out that the change order was still under 3% of total costs and he did not anticipate them exceeding 4%.

Mr. Carbon explained that item 2 referred to relocating the fire sprinkler supply line. Mr. Friedman explained the new location was much more costly than the original. He reminded the Board that all of the items' prices were the result of "hours and hours of negotiation" and staff had cut every number dramatically from the contractors' original requests.

#### Station 49

Mr. Friedman stated this site was progressing well. The second floor slab had been poured and the water mains had been installed by the City; the second floor electrical rough was complete. There were no new change orders at present.

Mr. Friedman confirmed the contractor was working Saturdays, with the exception of the Boat Show weekend. He anticipated this would be complete ahead of schedule.

Mr. Anderson asked if they could install a sign on the Marina side for the Boat Show advertising the City Fire Bond work being done. Mr. Friedman said the existing sign could be moved, or a duplicate sign made.

#### Station 35

Mr. Carbon stated the Planning and Zoning review had been tabled to November; they would not approve the plans until they had resolution of the landscape strip in the back of the property. Mr. Carbon said the owner would come in to the City for negotiations within the next few weeks.

Mr. Carbon explained the plans were complete, but they needed a letter from FDOT approving their plans because FDOT had a long-term plan to widen Commercial Boulevard by 10 feet.

Ms. Page stated the budgeted amount for Station 35 was creeping; it had increased \$200,000 since April. Mr. Carbon said he must reconcile this again.

Mr. Anderson asked if the CO<sub>2</sub> detectors had been included in the last change order. Mr. Carbon assumed they would be, since they were using the current State Building Code. Mr. Friedman stated they had used the same MEP engineers here as they had at Station 29 and 3.

#### Station 46

Mr. Carbon said they were working on the construction documents. They were putting together the plans to relocate the field and the restroom plumbing.

Mr. Friedman confirmed that the MEP and structural consultants had been approved.

Mr. McTigue wondered why Station 46 had 3 bays, 10,500 square feet and 10 bunks for \$4.6 million and Station 13 had 3 bays, 12,000 square feet [2 stories] and 12 bunks for \$3.9 million. Mr. Carbon said he needed to refer to the original analysis. He agreed to consult this and report back to the Board. He believed inflationary factors had contributed to the difference.

#### Station 13

Mr. Carbon had spoken with the State regarding Antioch College, and the State wanted a broken down estimate of the costs they could present to Antioch College.

#### Station 8

Mr. Carbon stated they were still seeking property for Station 8. Mr. McTigue said the budget was \$40 per square foot but he felt that property would cost \$80 to \$100 per square foot.

Mr. Carbon said Commissioner Rogers had asked him if they were still interested in dealing with the Hospital District. Chair Jarrett remarked they had wasted time on this the first time around.

#### **4. Committee Report to the City Commission**

None.

#### **5. Annual Advisory Reporting**

None

#### **6. Member discussion Items**

##### RFP Selection Committee

Mr. Carbon confirmed the proposals were due on 10/16/09. He stated meetings would start the following week, and Mr. Buffington had suggested Ms. Page be appointed to the Committee. Mr. Buffington had also asked Mr. Carbon and Chief Molenda to be on the RFP Committee.

Chief Botting said Chief Molenda was the Chief of Operations; this was why he had been requested. Ms. Page said she would like to be on the Committee.

By consensus, the Board agreed Ms. Page would be their representative on the RFP Selection Committee.

Since this Board would not discuss the selection, Chair Jarrett wondered if there would be a Sunshine Law conflict if a Board member wanted to discuss an element of the RFP with Ms. Page. Chair Jarrett thought the Selection Committee would have made its decision prior to the Fire Bond Board's next meeting. Mr. Friedman pointed out that Ms. Page was the Board's representative on the Review Committee.

The Board discussed whether they should individually provide input regarding the consultant selection. Chief Botting reminded the Board that they had provided input regarding the feasibility study, including the suggestion that one Board member, Ms. Page, serve on the Selection Committee.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that the Board would have more input after the consultant was selected and presented a first report draft.

Chair Jarrett confirmed that the Board would review the Selection Committee's report at their next meeting, and they could choose whether or not to endorse it. Mr. Carbon agreed to provide Board members with public information regarding the feasibility study.

Mr. Anderson requested an update on the Fire Chief vacancy at the Board's next meeting.

## **7. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**Next regular meeting: November 19, 2009**

### Attachments:

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