

**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
January 21, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Committee Member	Attendance	1/2009 through 12/2009 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
June Page, Chair	P	1	0
Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Frank Anderson [6:08]	P	1	0
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	A	0	1
Allan Kozich	P	1	0
Patrick McTigue	P	1	0
Sam Monroe [until 6:35]	P	1	0
Frederick Nesbitt	P	1	0
Douglas Ruth	P	1	0

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

Staff

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director [6:08]
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
J. Opperlee, ProtoType Services recording clerk

Communications to the City Commission

None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Mr. Kirsch introduced new Committee members Sam Monroe and Frederick Nesbitt.

2. Approval of Minutes: November 2009

Motion made by Mr. Kozich, seconded by Mr. McTigue, to approve the Committee's November 2009 minutes as presented. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved.

3. Resolution No. 09-284

Mr. Snedaker explained the resolution extended the Committee until the end of 2011. The City Commission had passed this resolution in December.

4. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

Mr. Kozich nominated Ms. Page for Chair, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt.

Mr. Ruth nominated Mr. Jarrett for Chair, seconded by Mr. McTigue.

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Carbon arrived at 6:08.

Ms. Page was elected Chair with 6 votes; Mr. Jarrett received 2 votes.

Mr. Kirsch was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Committee members introduced themselves in turn.

5. Staff Liaison Report

For the benefit of the new Committee members, Mr. Carbon explained the various reports with which Committee members were provided, and described the locations of the new Fire Stations.

Station 29

Mr. Snedaker distributed progress photos of the Fire Station projects. Mr. Carbon said they had done the final walk-through on Station 29 and personnel should be in the building in one week.

Station 3

Mr. Carbon reported the Station 3 should be operational on April 1.

Station 49

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the Station should be operational on April 16. He noted that Stations 3 and 16 were ahead of schedule.

Mr. Carbon explained to the new members that in October 2008, they had gone to the City Commission with a financial overview of the program. He reported that savings on contingencies and inflation they had anticipated would total approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million on Stations 29, 3 and 49.

Mr. Carbon said there were no new change orders for Stations 29 and 3.

Mr. Snedaker stated the \$60,000 change order had been reduced to \$30,000 for electrical and sewer laterals. A \$40,000 change order for Station 49 would soon be presented to the City Commission.

Mr. Snedaker explained to Mr. Anderson that the demolition of the old Station 3 building was included in the base bid.

Station 46

Mr. Snedaker stated the design for Station 46 was approximately 20% complete. He informed the Committee that modifications must first be made to Mills Pond Park. The drawings for the Mills Pond Park modifications were 90% complete and he anticipated going out to bid in February. Once the athletic fields were moved, they could begin work on the Fire Station. The bid for the Station should go out in April or May.

Mr. Snedaker informed Mr. Anderson that they had submitted Stations 46 and 35 for grants, but had heard nothing yet. Mr. Anderson asked about LEED certification of the Stations, because the grant required the stations to be built to Silver standards. Mr. Snedaker said Station 46 was being designed to Silver Certification standards in anticipation of the grant.

Station 35

Mr. Snedaker reported plans were complete and would be submitted to the Building Department the following week. The plans still must be submitted to the Planning and

Zoning Board. They would meet the following week with the owner of the landscape strip to the rear of the property to resolve that issue.

Station 13

Mr. Snedaker said they were holding off on Stations 8, 13 and 54 pending the results of the feasibility study.

Mr. Carbon said the last time he spoke to the State, they were drafting the letter to send to Antioch College. He described the situation to new Committee members.

Station 8

No new activity.

6. Committee Report to the City Commission

None

7. Member Discussion Items

Feasibility Study

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the feasibility consultant would attend their February 18 meeting. He explained why the study had been undertaken to the new Committee members.

Mr. Monroe left the meeting at 6:35.

Other Items and Announcements

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that former Fire Chief Eddy had passed away recently.

Mr. Carbon explained the Station numbering system.

Mr. Anderson asked if the money saved from the finished stations would be able to be designated for Station 8 and Mr. Carbon said he would prefer that. There was currently \$1.4 million for Station 8. Ms. Page noted she had only identified a savings of approximately \$900,000.

Mr. Snedaker stated the Bond interest now totaled \$2.15 million. Mr. Carbon noted that some of this would go toward arbitrage.

Mr. McTigue asked about a discrepancy in the costs of Stations 46 and 13. Station 46 was 2,000 square feet smaller but was \$700,000 more expensive to build. Mr. Carbon clarified that according to his spreadsheet, Station 13 would cost the same as Station 46: \$3.1 million.

Mr. Carbon said he had also estimated an inflation rate of 4% for 2008 and 2009, but the 2009 inflation rate was only approximately 2%, which would significantly reduce the inflation for future years. He believed they would see "great prices" in the next six months.

The Committee wished to meet at Station 29 for their next meeting; Mr. Carbon agreed to confirm this with the City Clerk and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Carbon invited Committee members to email him questions they had for the feasibility consultant.

Mr. Ruth wanted to know the value of the equipment that was currently stored outside, exposed to the elements. Mr. Carbon said that Fleet staff had this information.

Mr. Anderson asked if the bidders for Station 35 had been pre-qualified. Mr. Carbon stated they were among the 47 contractors on the pre-qualified list.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next regular meeting: February 18, 2010

Attachments:

Resolution No. 09-284
Financial Reports
Minutes –November, 2009
Fire Station Monthly Reports