

**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
March 18, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Committee Member	Attendance	1/2009 through 12/2009 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
June Page, Chair	P	3	0
Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Frank Anderson [6:18]	A	2	1
Nadine Hankerson	P	1	0
Thornie Jarrett	P	2	1
Allan Kozich	P	3	0
Patrick McTigue	P	3	0
Sam Monroe	P	3	0
Frederick Nesbitt	P	3	0
Douglas Ruth	P	2	1

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

Staff

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Mark Friedman, Construction Manager
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Chantal Botting, Battalion Chief [6:08]
J. Opperlee, ProtoType Services recording clerk

Guests

None

Communications to the City Commission

By unanimous consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend that the City Commission consider holding onto the Sunrise Boulevard property (originally acquired for Fire Station purposes) for a possible land swap or sale, and using the proceeds for a new southeast station.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Chair Page introduced new Committee member Nadine Hankerson. Committee members introduced themselves in turn.

2. Approval of Minutes: February 2010

Motion made by Mr. Kozich, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to approve the Committee's February 2010 minutes. In a voice vote, Committee unanimously approved.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Station 3

Mr. Carbon reported Station 3 should be operational in approximately one month. He stated once the Station was open, the old station would be demolished by the contractor. He noted that change orders for this Station were low.

Chief Botting arrived at 6:08.

Station 8

Mr. Carbon stated this Station was currently under review by the feasibility consultant. He had asked the City's real estate department to investigate the vacant property at the corner of Southeast 3rd Avenue and Southeast 8th Street. Chair Page asked if the lot on Sunrise Boulevard on which they had originally planned to locate Station 29 was up for sale as part of the City's surplus property. If it were sold, she asked if the money would go back into the Fire Bond Fund. Mr. Carbon did not believe any properties were up for sale yet; the properties would be presented to the Property and Right-of-Way Committee for review and come back to the City Commission for disposition.

Mr. Carbon believed that the property Chair Page had mentioned would be up for sale and it would be up to the City Commission what to do with the money. He noted that the original purchased had been made with General Fund money, not Fire Bond money. Mr. Carbon had suggested holding onto the Sunrise property for a possible land swap in the southeast.

Station 13

Mr. Carbon explained this Station was located in Birch State Park on Sunrise and was also under review by the feasibility consultant. He said the current Station would remain operational while they built the new one. Mr. Carbon said they were seeking additional property behind the Sunrise property so they had enough land on which to build the new Station.

Mr. Carbon said they had been on two conference calls with the consultants in the past month regarding the size of the stations, uses of the different rooms, training facilities and Fire Rescue. They were trying to schedule a conference call the following week for the operational side and CAD review. The schedule called for a draft report from the consultant in April, which would be presented to the Committee before going to the City Commission.

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the State had not sent documents to Antioch College for approval, as he had been told. He said the State had never informed Antioch College that they had widened Sunrise Boulevard.

At 6:18 Mr. Anderson arrived.

Station 29

Chair Botting reported Station 29 was complete, operational and “fantastic.” On Monday, 3/22 at 11:30, there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the first Station completed with Fire Bond funds.

Mr. Friedman confirmed there was still \$25,000 in outstanding change orders to close out at the Station.

Mr. Friedman distributed current photos of Stations 3 and 49 to Committee members.

Station 35

Mr. Carbon said they had successfully negotiated a deal to swap property with the Shepherd of the Coast church so the City could operate the existing Station for 15 – 18 months while a new Station was built on church property. Demolition would begin on the new Station site during spring break and would take approximately one week.

Mr. Carbon said plans had been submitted to the Building Department and he hoped the project would go out to bid in April. They had also successfully negotiated for the adjacent strip of land that would provide access to 51st Street.

Mr. Carbon said Station 35 had to go back to Planning and Zoning for a parking reduction in April.

Station 46

Mr. Carbon said this new Station would be located at the south end of Mills Pond Park. They were moving forward with relocating the soccer fields and building a maintenance facility. He hoped the plans for this would be out to bid in April and construction would begin in July. Mr. Carbon informed Chair Page that they were using CDGB funds to pay for moving the soccer fields and constructing the maintenance building. Once this was complete, the Station project would be put out to bid in June and awarded in August.

Station 49

Mr. Carbon said this Station would open in April. The \$20,000 change order was for miscellaneous items, according to Mr. Friedman.

Station 54

Mr. Carbon reported they were still seeking property for the Station. He said a developer was interested in building a Publix on the property on which the existing Station was located, and he owned property across 33rd Street. The City was interested in a possible land swap involving these two properties.

4. Committee Report to the City Commission

By unanimous consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend that the City Commission consider holding onto the Sunrise Boulevard property (originally acquired for Fire Station purposes) for a possible land swap or sale, and using the proceeds for a new southeast station.

5. Member Discussion Items

Other Items and Announcements

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the construction manager for the last three Fire Stations would continue on the job for the next two Stations, with the option to continue with the other three.

Mr. Ruth asked about the grants for which they had applied. Mr. Carbon said they had not received any grant money.

Chair Page asked when the consultant would bring information to the Committee. Mr. Carbon said the report would not be ready before the Committee's April meeting. Chair Page wondered if the Committee should hold their April meeting later in the month. Mr. Carbon advised the Committee to keep their April 15 date and when he had more information he would communicate with the Committee if a later date would be advantageous.

Mr. Snedaker informed the Committee that approximately 52 contractors had been pre-qualified.

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Next regular meeting: April 15, 2010

Attachments:

Resolution No. 09-284
Financial Reports
Minutes – February 2010
Fire Station Monthly Reports

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