

**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 17, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

Committee Member	Attendance	1/2011 through 12/2011 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
June Page, Chair	P	2	0
Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair	P	2	0
Frank Anderson	P	2	0
Nadine Hankerson	A	1	1
Thornie Jarrett	P	2	0
Allan Kozich	A	1	1
Patrick McTigue	P	2	0
Frederick Nesbitt	P	2	0
Douglas Ruth [6:07]	P	1	1

There are currently nine appointed members to the Committee. Therefore, attendance of five members constitutes a quorum.

Staff

Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Chantal Botting, Battalion Chief
Mark Friedman, Construction Manager
J. Opperlee, ProtoType Services recording clerk

Communications to the City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Kirsch, seconded by Mr. Ruth:

The Fire Rescue Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions of Don Bastedo, who passed away recently, for his years of service on this Committee. His efforts were always directed toward producing the best project for the Firefighters and citizens of Fort Lauderdale. The Fire Rescue Committee would like the City Commission to formally acknowledge Mr. Bastedo's contribution to our Committee, other City boards and committees, and the City, for his tireless efforts toward making this City a better place of all of its citizens. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Page called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: January 2011 Meeting

Motion made by Mr. McTigue, seconded by Mr. Kirsch, to approve the minutes of the Committee's January 2011 meeting. In a voice vote, the Committee unanimously approved.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Station 35

Mr. Snedaker informed the Committee that the contract had been awarded and the notice to proceed was issued and work would begin the following week. They were negotiating to perform some paving work on the church site.

Station 46

Mr. Snedaker said the bids were due the first week in April.

Station 13

Mr. Snedaker reported they were crafting an explanation to the State why they needed more land than they had originally requested. He said they had shown the Beach Rescue Facility on the request and Mr. Carbon wanted to request additional land extending to the Intracoastal to use this as a staging area for fire boats.

Station 54

Mr. Snedaker stated they were looking for property; the potential deal did not appear to be viable. They were seeking property for a temporary station in order to build on the existing site or property to swap. Mr. Snedaker explained that the bank was not moving forward with any sale. They were selling off their larger properties first and this was not one of them.

Station 8

Mr. Snedaker announced they were looking for property.

4. Member Discussion Items

Mr. Anderson expected updated information from Mr. Carbon indicating that funds had been allocated to build Station 8; the report the Committee had did not show that. Mr. Snedaker agreed to ask Mr. Carbon about this.

Chair Page said staff had informed the Budget Advisory Board that five surplus properties per month would be put on the Commission's agenda.

Chair Page asked the mostly likely scenario for Station 54, and Mr. Snedaker thought it would be a temporary facility. He thought it would take six months to get the project out to bid once they were sure of the site because they did not have drawings yet.

Mr. Anderson asked if the Commission was ready to move forward with the Swimming Hall of Fame project. Mr. Snedaker could not say. Chief Botting stated she had not heard anything either, and the Fire Department had just signed a lease agreement to occupy the space where the beach CRA headquarters had been.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Committee had not received any formal feedback regarding their suggestions to the Commission.

Regarding the sale of surplus property, Chair Page stated the Economic Development Department had not put much land out for sale yet. Mr. Nesbitt said the City was starting with the smallest pieces of property.

Chair Page asked Chief Botting how many firefighters were needed to staff Station 8. Chief Botting said for one engine and one rescue, minimum staffing was five and they were building for seven. Chair Page said there must be room in the Fire Department's budget to add five people. Chief Botting stated this had been discussed. Mr. Nesbitt recalled the consultant report discussed moving people out of another Station into Station 8 so there would be no labor costs. Chief Botting said when Chief Eddy had presented to the Committee and/or the Commission, there was a preference to have additional firefighters for those areas and not to deplete personnel from Station 2.

Chair Page asked Mr. Snedaker to remind Mr. Carbon that the Committee had still not received the final version of the consultant's report.

5. Committee Communication to the City Commission

Mr. Jarrett informed the Committee that Don Bastedo had recently passed away and he and Mr. Kirsch had drafted a communication for the Committee to send to the City Commission.

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6. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next regular meeting: May 19, 2011

Attachments:

Financial Report
Minutes –January 2011 Regular Meeting
Fire Station Monthly Reports

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