

**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  
May 19, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

| <b>Committee Member</b>  | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>1/2011 through 12/2011<br/>Cumulative Attendance</b> |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|
|                          |                   | <b>P</b>  | <b>A</b> |
| June Page, Chair         | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Frank Anderson           | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Nadine Hankerson         | A                 | 1   | 2        |
| Thornie Jarrett          | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Allan Kozich             | A                 | 1   | 2        |
| Patrick McTigue          | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Frederick Nesbitt        | P                 | 3   | 0        |
| Douglas Ruth             | A                 | 1   | 2        |

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  
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director  
A. Lebofsky, ProtoType Services recording clerk

**Communications to the City Commission**

**Motion** made by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Kirsch, to recommend the City use funding sources other than the Fire Bond Funds to purchase land as discussed (3201 NE 33rd Avenue, controlled by PNC Bank) for Station 54 while continuing to operate Station 54 at its current location. Upon completion of construction, the property is to be sold and the proceeds used to reimburse the funding source. 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 6:02 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes: March 2011 Meeting**

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

**3. Staff Liaison Report**

Station 35

Mr. Carbon stated underground and off-site work had begun. Mr. Snedaker said they were awaiting a construction fence permit.

Station 46

Mr. Carbon announced the Commission had awarded the \$2.3 million contract on Tuesday evening. He distributed updated cost information to Committee members regarding the size of the facility and noted that equipment costs had decreased from \$365,000 to \$250,000. Construction costs had decreased also.

Station 8

Mr. Carbon said he had increased the property value for Station 8 from \$1.2 million to \$1.6 million on the spreadsheet. He said the remaining five Stations, with inflation and contingencies, were projected to cost \$39,370,000. This would leave \$600,000 they could re-program, if the Committee wished.

Mr. Anderson said in January, the reworking of the budget allocated \$5.318 million to Station 8. Property costs were \$2 million, contingency and inflation fees were \$260,000. Mr. Carbon agreed to revise his numbers. Chair Page clarified that the \$600,000 savings they had realized in the bid for Station 46 should go toward acquisition of property for Station 8, and the remainder should go toward program contingencies for Station 8.

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. McTigue, to have Mr. Carbon's report reflect the numbers Mr. Anderson had stated. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

The Committee returned to discussion of Station 8 later in the meeting, and Mr. Carbon said the cheapest property he had found was priced at \$10 million.

Chair Page asked Mr. Carbon about re-opening his discussions with Broward General. Chief Botting said she had just sent an email touching base, but had not received a reply.

### Station 13

Mr. Carbon said he and Mr. Snedaker had sent the State several exhibits in the past month. The State now had everything they needed and was ready to go to Antioch College. Mr. Carbon reminded the Committee that the City wanted to obtain enough property to locate Ocean Rescue on the property. The State wanted to bring the fence line all the way to the Intracoastal to provide access to the water. Mr. Carbon explained they would install two fences to prevent people from accessing the park. He was unsure when a dock would be installed. Mr. Carbon said they had laid out the facility with the Station and a building footprint for Ocean Rescue.

Chief Botting asked if it would be feasible to make this a three-bay, one-story station for cost savings, which was preferred for operational purposes. Mr. Carbon said they would look at this, but he wondered if they could orient the building to accommodate this.

Chair Page asked Mr. Carbon when he would get a clear answer regarding how much property they would be getting from Antioch College. Mr. Carbon replied that Paul Rice, their contact at the State, had a meeting with his director the following week. Mr. Carbon anticipated a response from the State in early June.

### Station 54

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the property they were trying to acquire was still in foreclosure and they had not had success in contacting PNC Bank, the owner. Mr. Nesbitt had spoken with the Mayor, who had connections with PNC Bank and agreed to contact them to see what could be done to get the property out of foreclosure.

#### **4. Member Discussion Items**

Mr. Nesbitt suggested the Committee skip their June, July and August meetings. Mr. Anderson asked for a monthly update when the Committee did not meet and Mr. Carbon agreed to provide these. Mr. Anderson suggested the Board meet in August. The Committee agreed to meet next on August 18.

#### **5. Committee Communication to the City Commission**

If the Mayor was successful getting PNC Bank to offer the prospective Station 54 property for sale, Mr. Carbon asked if the Committee would support buying the property out of the General Fund, building the Station and then putting the current Station 54 property up for sale after the new Station was completed and then reimbursing the General Fund.

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#### **6. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

**Next regular meeting: August 18, 2011**

#### Attachments:

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

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