

**FINAL  
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  
August 18, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1/2011 through 12/2011 Cumulative Attendance</b>	
		<b>P</b>	<b>A</b>
June Page, Chair	P	5	0
Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Frank Anderson	P	5	0
Nadine Hankerson	A	1	4
Thornie Jarrett	P	5	0
Allan Kozich	A	2	3
Patrick McTigue	P	5	0
Frederick Nesbitt	P	5	0
Douglas Ruth	P	2	3

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**

None.

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Page called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **2. Approval of Minutes: July 2011 Meeting**

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

## **3. Staff Liaison Report**

### Station 35

Mr. Carbon said they were making progress at Station 35.

### Station 46

Mr. Snedaker stated the Notice to Proceed would be on September 12.

### Station 54

Mr. Carbon had received a response from the PNC Bank representative confirming he had all of the information he needed and stating he was "on it."

Mr. Carbon explained that the Fire Station project made the waterfront property more valuable because parking could be located across 32 Street instead of along the waterfront.

### Station 13

Mr. Carbon had sent a request for the status but had received no information yet.

### Station 8

Mr. Carbon said they were assessing the bar property as well as properties off of Southwest 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

No discussion.

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

Mr. Carbon reported that the Committee's recommendations from the previous month were on the Commission's agenda. He suggested the Committee ask the Commission to invite them to attend a future Commission meeting to avoid waiting for the items to be heard. He said the budget did not have the \$700,000 transfer from the Fire Bond funds to the General Fund calculated in; Chair Page thought it would be included in the next version of the budget.

Mr. Jarrett asked how much money had already been spent on engineering fees that had been outsourced and would be outsourced in the future and Mr. Carbon agreed to

provide the Committee this information.

Mr. Jarrett said Commissioner Rodstrom was not just against the transfer, she was “not too happy about a lot of these that are going on.” He thought if other Commissioners agreed with her, the transfer would not happen. Chair Page said Commissioner Roberts thought the charge would be \$500,000, which he would not oppose. Mr. Anderson said Commissioner Rogers thought this was the wrong thing to do.

Mr. Nesbitt stated the City Manager had indicated at the Budget Advisory Board meeting that if funds remained after the stations were built, they could be used to contribute to the purchase of a new fire boat. Mr. Carbon felt if they could get the remaining stations underway in the next 12 months, they would have plenty of money. Mr. Nesbitt stated if there was money left over after the stations were built, the Committee would not object to using some of the funds to cover fees; taking the money out now was a whole different issue.

Mr. Jarrett noted that residents had voted to dedicate the funds for construction of fire stations, not to balance the City’s budget one year. He added that this would amount to borrowing money for 20 years that would provide something tangible for only one year.

Mr. Jarrett stressed that Commissioners received much more pressure from staff than from Fire Bond Committee members.

Mr. Anderson said he did not agree with the City retroactively taking money from the bond fund to cover City services that had already been provided by City staff. He said this could possibly cause a shortfall for the stations that remained to be built.

Mr. Carbon advised Committee members not to attend the August 23 Commission meeting; they should wait until September 7 to attend if the Commission did not agree with the Committee’s recommendation.

The Committee agreed to meet again in October.

## **6. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Attachments:

Financial Report  
Minutes –July Regular Meeting  
Fire Station Monthly Reports

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