

**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
OCTOBER 27, 2011 - 6:00 PM**

Committee Member	Attendance	1/2011 through 12/2011 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
June Page, Chair	P	6	0
Steve Kirsch, Vice Chair	A	5	1
Frank Anderson	P	6	0
Nadine Hankerson	A	1	5
Thornie Jarrett	P	6	0
Allan Kozich [arrived 6:17]	P	3	3
Patrick McTigue	P	6	0
Frederick Nesbitt	P	6	0
Douglas Ruth	A	2	4

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

Staff

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Mark Friedman, Construction Manager
Chantal Botting, Battalion Chief
Albert Carbon, Public Works Director
Barbara Hartmann, ProtoType Services recording clerk

Communications to the City Commission

Motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Kozich, to state the Committee's support for the City's proposal to obtain additional land from Antioch College to build Fire Station 13 and possibly a future Ocean Rescue headquarters. 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: August 2011 Meeting

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

3. Staff Liaison Report

Station 35

Mr. Friedman distributed photos and said work was going very well. He anticipated completion by February or March 2012.

Station 46

Mr. Friedman stated the official ground breaking had been the previous day. Estimated completion for this Station was October 27, 2012. Mr. Anderson wondered why the lowest bidder had not been awarded the contract. Mr. Friedman stated this was an error in a report and explained the discrepancy.

Station 54

Mr. Carbon informed the Committee that the City Manager had made a presentation to the City Commission regarding the remaining three Fire Stations. Regarding Station 54, he had made a proposal about building the Station in the right-of-way, which the Commission supported. Mr. Carbon stated they now had a site plan. He said they planned to fit the new Station in the abandoned right-of-way and parking would be on the south side of the alley off of East Oakland Park Boulevard. This would be a drive-through Station, allowing access off of 32 Avenue and 32 Street. Mr. Carbon had sent notices to PNC Bank but they had not responded. Notices would also be sent to residents.

Station 8

The proposed site for Station 8 was Hardy Park, where Southside School was located. Mr. Carbon distributed a site plan and described the location for the Station. Two old buildings on site would need to be removed, and Mr. Carbon noted there were no land use or zoning restrictions on this part of the site. He said residents' reaction had been "not negative" and they wanted additional information.

Mr. Carbon said they since this was in the Regional Activity Center for the downtown,

land use could not be changed. For Hardy Park, they had intended to put a text note on the plans stating nothing could be built near the park, but this had never been transferred to the plans, so it did not show up in the land use plan or zoning maps. There had been action by the County Commission and City Commission indicating the note needed to be added to the plans. Mr. Carbon was researching what must be done to get the note removed and he was also seeking another property. He felt this was great idea that was not possible at this time.

Mr. Anderson asked if they would re-consider the bar site at 9th Street and Andrews. Mr. Carbon said this site would cost \$2.2 million and was too expensive. Chair Page noted they had not needed a temporary facility for Station 54 and asked if the savings could be put toward the purchase of land for Station 8. Mr. Carbon said he was considering smaller parcels that had right-of-way that could be used.

Mr. Jarrett said aside from the issue Mr. Carbon mentioned regarding using the Hardy Park site there were other problems. He noted this park was much smaller than Mills Pond Park. Also, the surrounding neighborhoods used Hardy Park. Added to this, they would encounter problems preservationists regarding removal of the two buildings.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Anderson said the proposal for Hardy Park was the most intriguing one for him. Chair Page stated she liked having Fire Stations in parks. Mr. Carbon named the communities in the area and said they were in communication with them all the time.

Station 13

Mr. Carbon reported the Commission wanted additional property for Ocean Rescue so he was pursuing this with the State. He said they would either try to get additional property or construct a three-story building. The Committee discussed the parking issue created by including Ocean Rescue. Mr. Carbon said the State had indicated they did not want to go back to Antioch College to request additional property for Fire Rescue on the site. The City had created a proposal to include Ocean rescue and offer the State an additional \$240,000 worth of improvements to the Park. Mr. Carbon explained that they planned to tuck the new Station under the bridge and they wanted the State to extend the site west to the Intracoastal for a boat dock. One option was to put a third floor on the Station to accommodate Ocean Rescue; the other was to take property east to connect to the existing property and put parking and a small building there.

Mr. Carbon hoped to present the new package to the State Parks Department by November 11. Chief Botting said the design would be the same as Station 35, unless they needed the third floor. Mr. Carbon agreed to send the Committee notice when the

package was sent to the State. He hoped by their January meeting they would have an answer from the State.

Chair Page stated if the package included a separate building for Ocean Rescue, they could still build the Fire Station now and build the Ocean Rescue building later on when additional funds were available.

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The Committee agreed that Fire Bond funding should not pay for the Ocean Rescue facility. Mr. Carbon said after they built Stations 13, 54 and 8, they could consider utilizing the remaining funds for the Ocean Rescue facility.

Other Discussion Items

Change Orders

Mr. Anderson asked that the list of change orders include additional detail regarding what they were for, not just the amounts. Mr. Carbon agreed to provide this. Mr. Friedman explained that one of the pending change orders for Station 35 entailed a credit for a generator substitution and extended warranty change.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet next in January 2012.

4. Committee Report to the City Commission

No discussion.

5. Communication to the City Commission

[Discussed earlier]

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6. Adjournment

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With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Attachments:

- Financial Report
- Minutes –August Regular Meeting
- Fire Station Monthly Reports

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