

**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 16, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.

Board Member	Attendance	1/2008 through 12/2008 Cumulative Attendance	
		P	A
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	8	0
Dianne Shuler, Vice Chair	P	6	2
Don Bastedo	P	8	0
Mary Graham	A	5	3
Steve Kirsch	P	8	0
Allan Kozich	A	7	1
Delores McKinley	P	6	1
Patrick McTigue	P	8	0
Douglas Ruth	P	8	0
Norman Thabit	P	8	0

Staff

Robert Bacic, Battalion Chief
Mark Friedman, City Construction Manager
Eric Geen, URS
Frank Snedaker, City Architect
Albert Carbon, Director Public Works Department
J. Opperee, ProtoType Services Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jarrett called the meeting of the Fire-Rescue Bond Blue Ribbon Committee to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: September 2008

Mr. Kirsch wanted the September minutes to reflect that Mr. Carbon had spoken with Jack Seiler regarding Station 13.

Motion made by Mr. Thabit, seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve the minutes of the Board's September 2008 meeting as amended. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

3. The City Clerk & City Auditor will speak on the Charter Amendment appearing on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Ms. Jonda Joseph, City Clerk, explained the Charter Amendment that was meant to clarify that the City Auditor and City Clerk appointed and supervised their own employees. She noted that this was already the practice in the City, but the amendment would clear up the Charter language.

4. Staff Liaison Report

Construction

Station 29

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that there had been a few delays on Station 29 resulting from FPL crews' being called to Texas after Hurricane Ike. He stated the utilities relocation would take approximately four weeks.

Design

Station 49

Mr. Carbon stated setup of the temporary facility had begun this week and the site was currently being cleared. Mr. Snedaker explained that the trailer would be moved on site on November 5, and he estimated the temporary Fire Station would be operational by the first of the year. Mr. Carbon said the permanent station was in permit review now; comments had been received from all divisions and should be returned by October 25. Mr. Snedaker said they hoped to award the contract at the second City Commission meeting in December. Mr. Carbon thought the construction would start by the end of January.

Mr. Sherman Whitmore said he had spoken with the attorney handling the Palazzo lawsuit for the City, and there had been no response from the plaintiffs, so it had reverted back eight or nine months ago. The attorney had agreed to provide Mr. Whitmore with an update. Mr. Whitmore said he also understood that Colonial Development may have sold their interest in The W, so they might have no more major financial interest in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Whitmore reminded the Board that the lawsuit was supposedly the reason the City Attorney could not give his approval to move the Fire Station to the site suggested by Mr. Whitmore over a year ago. Mr. Whitmore said regardless of what became of the

old Station 49 site, it would still be less expensive to build the three-bay station where he proposed it than to build the two-bay station on the existing site.

Chair Jarrett clarified for Board members that Mr. Whitmore had offered to build the new Station at a different site that could accommodate a larger Station.

Mr. Kirsch asked if there had been discussion regarding Mr. Whitmore's proposal. Mr. Carbon stated there had been, but it was some time ago.

Mr. Whitmore stated that on the Las Olas site, he was willing to pay for the fire station to be built there provided he could then use the old site as part of a hotel complex. Mr. Whitmore said the existing site should not be used for a Fire Station because it was the entrance to the beach.

Chair Jarrett acknowledged that Mayor Naugle was present.

Mr. Thabit asked Mr. Carbon if he would consider relocating the station if the lawsuit was resolved satisfactorily. Mr. Carbon stated this would result in a delay of 18 to 24 months because of the required geo-technical testing, redesign and permitting. He said he would move forward with the existing plan until he was given different direction.

Station 3

Mr. Carbon reported Station 3 had been submitted for building permit. He said the bid would be advertised at the end of November, with the award at the second City Commission meeting in January.

Public Meetings

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that there had been no public meetings for the past month.

Preliminary Design

Station 35

Mr. Carbon stated negotiations were ongoing with the church to build the new station on church property and to swap land with the church. He agreed to provide the Board with the costs to demolish the buildings on the proposed new site and the old fire station, as well as rent the church wanted for the time the station occupied both sites at the same time. Mr. Carbon hoped this would go before the City Commission by the end of the

year. He noted that the church board wanted to go forward with the project, and had given that direction to Pastor Dan.

Station 46

Mr. Carbon informed the Board that the monthly update had the incorrect date for the Broward County Planning Council; the correct date was March 9.

Station 13

Mr. Carbon explained that staff had given their final proposal to State and local people. This proposal included the provision to waive the storm water fees for Birch State Park; to underground utilities into Birch State Park; to conduct a water quality study to determine the effects of storm water runoff on the lake surrounding the "finger streets" near Birch State Park. Staff had sent an email on Tuesday and hoped to receive a response by November 1.

Mr. Carbon stated the Bond Funds would cover the underground utilities; the storm water runoff study would come out of storm water funding.

Representative Seiler said this issue could be a win-win for the City and the State, and offered to intervene on behalf of the City. He asked Mr. Carbon to email him to inform him whom staff was dealing with on the State level. Mr. Carbon agreed to provide this information the following day. Mr. Carbon said he had been at fault for not following up with Representative Seiler after the last meeting he had attended.

Station 54

Mr. Carbon stated land negotiations were still in progress and the Real Estate Office was obtaining appraisals on both properties. Mr. Carbon remarked that if land negotiations worked out with the State regarding the Park, with Opus regarding Station 54 and with the church regarding Station 35, they would not need any more temporary stations.

Station 8

Mr. Carbon said Station 8 was hold until the other stations were built.

4. Member Discussion Items

Financial Report

Mr. Carbon drew the Board's attention to the revised financial report and explained that he had simplified it so the first page indicated total spent from all funding sources; the second page detailed bond funds only; the third page detailed other funding sources only.

Stations 47 and 53

Mr. Carbon reported they had not yet received a final request for payment, so he could not provide a final cost per square foot. On Station 53, the final cost was approximately \$300 per square foot.

Other Discussion Items

The Board discussed scheduling of their November and December meetings and determined they did not need to meet in November.

Motion made by Mr. Thabit, seconded by Ms. Shuler, to forego the Board's November meeting. Upon voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Bacic announced he would be replaced as the Board's Liaison by Division Chief Eric Polligrudo.

5. Adjournment

Next regular meeting: December 18, 2008

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Attachments:

Financial Report
Minutes – September 18, 2008
Fire Station Monthly Reports
Program schedule

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