HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND PROGRAM

OVERSIGHT BOARD (15 members)

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AUTHORITY: Code Section 2-1200, (Ordinance 12177), Code Sec. 2-881

PURPOSE: (1) To serve in an advisory capacity to the City Commission related to the monitoring of the resources derived

from the issuance of general obligation bonds, approved by the electorate on November 13, 2001, for homeland defense preparedness and neighborhood improvements and enhancements for projects other than those specifically identified by the City Administration and set forth in informational pamphlets and media releases distributed to the public prior to said election; (2) to identify projects related to historic preservation and improvements for public safety, parks and recreation, and quality of life issues (greenways, street paving drainage, sidewalks and lighting); (3) to recommend amount of funding to be dedicated for each improvement or project; (4) to monitor each project's status for efficient use of allocated funding; (5) to expedite the development of the following projects identified as priorities by the City Commission; (a) a state of the art training facility for City of Miami Police and Fire personnel; (b) the Little Haiti Park; and (c) City-wide road and

sidewalk repairs.

TERMS: One year or until the nominating Commissioner leaves office, whichever occurs first. Board to sunset December

31, 2011.

APPOINTED BY: Five members appointed by the Mayor; and ten members appointed by the City Commission, with each

Commissioner nominating two individuals.

QUALIFICATIONS: Section 2-884 of the Code applies. Shall either be permanent **residents** of the City of Miami or own real

property in the City, or work or maintain a business in the City, and shall have good reputations for integrity and community service. In addition, should have demonstrated an interest in the field, activity or sphere covered by the board. Each board shall include at least one member whose livelihood does not depend on the area regulated, administered or dealt with by the board. An **employee** of Miami-Dade County, Florida, or any

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municipality therein other than a City of Miami employee, shall not serve on or be appointed to any board of the City, unless the commission waives this restriction by a four-fifths affirmative vote of its membership and the employee is a resident of the City of Miami.

ATTENDANCE:

Code Section 2-886 applies: Any member shall be automatically removed if, in a given calendar year; (i) he/she is absent from 3 consecutive meetings; or, (ii) if he/she is absent from 4 of the board's meetings... members must attend at least 50% of all the board meetings held during a year. A member shall be deemed absent when he/she is not present at the meeting at least 75% of its duration. The provisions of this section may be waived by a 4/5ths vote of the members of the full City Commission.

OFFICERS:

The Mayor shall designate the chairperson of the board. The board shall select a vice-chairperson, secretary and other officers deemed necessary. No chairperson shall serve more than two years in office. The vice-chairperson shall serve as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. The parliamentary authority of the board shall be Robert's Rules of Order (current edition).

REGULAR REPORT:

Minutes of all board meetings shall be furnished to the Mayor, Commissioners and the City Manager.

CITY STAFF LIAISON:

The City Clerk shall keep minutes of meetings, maintain committee correspondence, post meeting notices (advertised public notice of meetings are not required), file reports and perform all other necessary support functions. The City Manager shall assign individuals from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, Fire-Rescue, Conferences, Conventions and Public Facilities, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development, Asset Management and the Neighborhood Enhancement Teams as may be necessary to advise the board on pending projects and provide administrative support. The City Attorney's Office shall provide legal counsel.

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