

# HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD Minutes

1-25-05 - 6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Chambers  
3500 Pan American Drive  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m., with the following members found to be

**present:** Rolando Aedo (left at 8 p.m.)  
Kay [Hancock](#) Apfel  
Eileen Broton  
Luis de Rosa  
Jason Manowitz  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)  
Gary Reshefsky (came in at 6:20 p.m.)  
David E. Marko (came in at 6:21 p.m.)  
Jami Reyes (came in at 6:26 p.m.)  
Luis Cabrera (came in at 6:30 p.m.)

**Absent:** Ringo Cayard  
Mariano Cruz (came in at 7:16 p.m.)  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Walter Harvey  
Albena Sumner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rafael O. Diaz, Assistant City Attorney  
Mary Conway, Director, CIP Department  
Jorge Cano, CIP Deputy Director  
Danette Perez, CIP Department  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department  
Ed Blanco, Parks and Recreation  
Juan Ordonez, CIP Department  
Andre Bryan, CIP Department  
Sandra Vega, CIP Department  
Sylvia Scheider, City Clerk's Office

Prior to having full quorum, the board convened unofficially to hear scheduled updates.

## **UPDATES:**

1. Flo Jo Monument at Curtis Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project was finished about six months ago and provided photographs.
2. New Playground Equipment at Curtis Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project was recently completed and provided photographs.

3. Site Furnishings at Curtis Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project was recently completed and provided photographs.
4. Replacement of Monument at Bay of Pigs Park. Ed Blanco reported that project is expected to be completed by next week.
5. Replat Project at Gibson Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project was terminated. Will pursue another process, not a replat.
6. Site Furnishings at Williams Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project was recently started and is about 20% complete. Will update the board in six months.
7. Site Furnishings at Jose Marti Park. Ed Blanco reported the vita course is not completed; it's about 90% done. Will come back with another update.
8. Water Playground at Juan Pablo Duarte Park. Ed Blanco reported that the permits were just obtained and the site is being prepared to begin construction. The playground is planned adjacent to the recreation building on the western side of the park.
9. Playground/Wooden Deck at Jose Marti Park. Ed Blanco provided a sample of the deck (wood composite) and reported that the project was basically completed.
10. Court Upgrades at Kinloch Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project is completed and provided photographs.
11. Court Upgrades at Hadley Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project is completed and provided photographs.
12. Building Improvements/Roof at Belafonte Tacolcy Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project is completed, but did not provide photographs because that involved struts and other parts of the roof.
13. Irrigation at Belafonte Tacolcy Park. Ed Blanco reported that this project is completed.

At 6:21 p.m., quorum was reached and the official meeting began.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2004.**

HD/NIB MOTION 05-1

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2004.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: K. APFEL

ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner, L. Cabrera, M. Cruz, J. Reyes

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

## II. NEW BUSINESS:

### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **Orange Bowl 2003 Structural Repairs – Third Amendment.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \_\$3,318,818 (16 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$8,196,072)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Homeland Defense /Orange Bowl Stadium Ramps/Improvements & Structural Repairs

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Removal and replacement of approximately 9,400 SF of concrete deck at the 36'-0" Elevation North and South concourse of the Stadium, including structural framing and security fencing. Removal and replacement of approximately 6,000 SF of the metal stand of the lower bowl of the stadium. Repair of 32 raker beams at the lower bowl of the stadium.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-2

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE ORANGE BOWL 2003 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS, THIRD AMENDMENT.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: L. DE ROSA

ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner, L. Cabrera,  
M. Cruz,

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Belafonte Tacolcy Park – Site Improvements (Footsteps of Freedom).**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \_\$33,200 (\$5,000,000 allocated, estimated current balance is \$2,318,655)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: District 5- Quality of life

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Scope consists of the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment to perform primarily the following: **Schematic Design:** Design an Artwalk (Footsteps of Freedom) with participation from the local area children. Design the landscaping of the green areas located in the north courtyard and along the back of sidewalk of 62 Street. Provide lighting suggestions to illuminate the existing and future murals at the Tacolcy Center. **Final Plans and Construction:** Pressure clean all pavers in the North Courtyard, Remove pavers and add sand to level surface. Install new and existing pavers to create a new pattern in the courtyard. Paint a few small areas of the exterior wall of the Henderson building to match surroundings areas. Install a new landscape lighting system, which new lighting fixtures will be placed in the planters.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-3

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE BELAFONTE TACOLCY PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (FOOTSTEPS OF FREEDOM).

MOVED: L. DE ROSA

SECONDED: J. REYES

ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner, M. Cruz,

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Shenandoah Park Improvements - Phase I.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \_\$181,150 (\$1,35 Million allocated; estimated current balance is \$968,850)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions\_

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: \_ Phase I scope is as follows: Site Work (parking lot), tennis court fencing, drainage installation, and installation of bollards of work

Jorge Cano reported that the scope of work of the Shenandoah Park changed due to the community changing its mind about wanting a daycare center. The City had already spent \$73,000 for a consultant for the daycare center.

Direction to the Administration by Manolo Reyes to develop a method to obtain the community's input to proposed projects prior to expenses being incurred on the proposals. Jason Manowitz stated that the area homeowners association is not aware of the proposals for Shenandoah Park and requested to see the master plan for both Shenandoah Park and Bryan Park and find out if the information on the daycare center could be used still.

A motion was made by David Marko, seconded by Luis De Rosa, to table the Shenandoah Park Improvements Phase I, only proceeding with the drainage portion of said project. The **motion failed** by the following vote:

AYES: D. Marko, L. Cabrera, J. Manowitz

NOES: R. Aedo, K. Apfel, M. Cruz, L. De Rosa, G. Reshefsky, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, E. Broton

#### HD/NIB MOTION 05-4

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE SHENANDOAH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE I, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ATTEND THE SHENANDOAH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO EXPLAIN THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT; FURTHER DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO COME BACK BEFORE THE HOMELAND DEFENSE BOARD WITH A REPORT ON THIS MATTER, INCLUDING RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH THE COMMUNITY; AND FURTHER STIPULATING THAT AN APPROVAL BE OBTAINED FROM THE

COMMISSIONER REGALADO'S OFFICE WHO IS A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COMMUNITY.

MOVED: L. DE ROSA  
SECONDED: R. AEDO  
NOES: D. MARKO, L. CABRERA, J. MANOWITZ  
ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner  
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

Direction to the Administration by Gary Reshefsky to include a tracking sheet for all projects.

- **Bicentennial Park Shoreline Stabilization Phase II (construction).**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$3,372,619 (additional funding will be swap into account)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Bicentennial Park Improvements

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The project consist of the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the shoreline stabilization of approximately 700 LF of failing seawall. The project includes site preparation, demolition, backfill, riprap placement, filler aggregate lime rock fill, steel sheet piling, relocation and Manatee protection.

- **Bicentennial Park Shoreline Stabilization Phase III (design).**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$296,000 (additional funding will be swapped into account)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Bicentennial Park Improvements

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Scope is including the cost of the design phase only.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-5

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND (1) THE BICENTENNIAL PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION PHASE II (CONSTRUCTION) PROJECT AND (2) THE BICENTENNIAL PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION PHASE III (DESIGN) PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ  
SECONDED: L. CABRERA  
ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner, M. Cruz,  
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Williams Park Site Furnishings.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \_\$92,000 (\$1.35 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$961,000.)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: \_ HDNI Bonds - Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions and Safe Neighborhood Park Bond

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Project scope includes: One (1) 24'x55' Shelter (for seating), One(1) 14'x14' Shelter (for grills), 5,200 square feet of brick pavers, two(2) Texas Grills, Twelve (12) 72' Concrete Picnic Tables, Four(4) 82' Concrete Wheelchair Picnic Tables, Eight(8) 24' Square concrete receptacles

HD/NIB MOTION 05-6

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE WILLIAMS PARK SITE FURNISHINGS PROJECT.

MOVED: E. BROTON

SECONDED: D. MARKO

ABSENT: R. Cayard, R. Flanders, W. Harvey, A. Sumner, M. Cruz,  
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

- **Progress Report on Contract Negotiations for Grapeland Park, Little Haiti Park, Little Haiti Park Cultural Campus and Jose Marti Park Gymnasium.**

Mary Conway gave a detailed status report and stated that it is not expected to have any further increases. Negotiations continue, as well as audits. Will come back before the board with more specific information and will bring consultants to answer board questions. In an effort to deliver capital projects as quickly and cost effective as possible, the City piggy backed on a City of Miami Beach contract and other governmental contracts which were competitively bid. Expediency is of major importance with the City's ability to bond for future capital projects. No one person was to blame in leading to emergency situation; multiple people representing different departments were involved.

**III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:**

- Project Analysis Form Overview – Jorge Cano.

**IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**