

HOMELAND DEFENSE/  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT  
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD  
MINUTES

1/27/04 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF MIAMI  
City Hall - Chambers  
3500 Pan American Dr.  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., with the following members found to be present:

Rolando Aedo  
Luis Cabrera  
Mariano Cruz  
Walter Harvey  
David E. Marko  
Suzanne Peters  
Gary Reshefsky  
Jami Reyes  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)

Absent:

Ringo Cayard  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Luis de Rosa  
Ronda Vangates  
Sonny Armbrister  
Steven Caseres

**Notes for the Record:**

*Board Member Cabrera entered the meeting at 6:36 p.m.*  
*Board Member Harvey entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.*  
*Board Member Marko left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*  
*Board Member Jami Reyes left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.*

I. **APPROVAL OF THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2003 MEETING AND THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2003 MEETING.**

HD/NIB MOTION 04-01

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 23, 2003 AND THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2003.

MOVED: M. CRUZ  
SECONDED: J. REYES  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;  
S. CASERES; R. CAYARD;  
R. FLANDERS; L. de ROSA;  
R. VANGATES

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

II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Little Haiti Park land acquisitions.

Parcel #79  
247 N.E. 59 Street

Total dollar amount: \$215,950

Source of funds: Homeland Defense--Little Haiti Park  
Land Acquisition & Development

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Madeline Valdes-Economic Development

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

This acquisition included the cost of surveying, appraisal and environmental work, title insurance and demolition. The acquisition price is \$189,750 representing \$23 per square foot. The property was appraised at \$22 per square foot.

The Audit Committee at its January 15, 2004 meeting recommended approval of acquisition of Parcel #79.

Parcel #68  
254 N.E. 59 Terrace

It is contemplated that the black box theater will be located on this property. Parcel #68 was recommended for approval at a previous Homeland meeting, but Commissioner Johnny Winton objected to it, recognizing that the price was a bit high. The City successfully renegotiated the purchase price from \$25 per square foot to \$23 per square foot.

Parcel #91  
6421 N.E. 2 Avenue

Total dollar amount: \$576,270

Source of funds: Homeland Defense - Little Haiti Park  
Land Acquisition & Development

Report by: Madeline Valdes - Economic Development

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

This amount includes purchase price for the property of \$538,225 plus costs for survey, title work and environmental. This site is being purchased at \$40 per square foot. The seller has required a deposit of \$50,000. The seller is ill and may possibly be undergoing surgery and chemotherapy. He wants to ensure that the City is seriously going to pursue the transaction. This does not increase the purchase price but is merely a deposit and is in line with what the market usually requires, which is ten percent of the purchase price.

At the December meeting of the board, the Department of Economic Development was requested to provide the board with information as to why Parcel #91 was a needed acquisition for the Little Haiti Park. In response to this request, Ms. Valdes presented the board with copy of the park plan. Parcel #91 is adjacent to the Keystone Trailer Park. The Keystone acquisition was recommended for approval by the board at a previous meeting. It is contemplated that Parcel #91 will be used for recreational activity such as a domino park and as an entryway into the remainder of the park.

Parcels 77, 78 and 79 are contemplated to be acquired for parking.

Parcels 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60 and 61 have already been acquired and are contemplated to be used for parking.

Approximately eight more parcels need to be acquired in order to complete the acquisition phase of the Little Haiti Park Project. However, groundbreaking may occur prior to acquisition phase being completed.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-02**

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITION #79 (247 N.E. 59<sup>TH</sup> STREET) AND THE LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITION #91 (6421 N.E. 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE); FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$215,950 OF HD/NIB (LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT) FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT WITH REGARD TO LAND ACQUISITION #79 AND THAT \$576,270 OF HD/NIB (LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT) FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT WITH REGARD TO LAND ACQUISITION #91.**

**MOVED: M. CRUZ**  
**SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY**  
**ABSENT: R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;**  
**J. REYES; L. de ROSA;**  
**R. VANGATES; S. ARMBRISTER;**  
**S. CASERES**

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

- Steel picket fence at Eaton Park.

Total dollar amount: \$15,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Parks  
Improvements and Acquisitions

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Ed Blanco-Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

\$15,000 is needed to install a new four-foot high picket fence. The community has requested to replace the existing chain link fence with a picket fence. Originally, Mr. Blanco appeared before the board requesting new playground equipment for this park but in response to the community's request a change in

scope has taken place, requesting that the fence be installed before the new playground equipment is acquired. The Audit Subcommittee has recommended approval with the condition that the Parks and Recreation Department comes before the board within 90 days with a plan for playground equipment.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-03**

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EATON PARK - STEEL PICKET FENCE PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$15,000 OF HD/NIB - NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS & ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.**

**MOVED: M. CRUZ**  
**SECONDED: R. AEDO**  
**ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;**  
**R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;**  
**J. REYES; L. de ROSA;**  
**R. VANGATES**

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

- New pool heaters at Hadley Park.

Total dollar amount: \$125,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park  
Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Ed Blanco - Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

The heaters are needed because the two pools at Hadley are open year-round. The park has an Olympic sized pool and a regular sized pool.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-04

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HADLEY PARK-NEW POOL HEATERS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$125,000 OF HD/NIB-NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS & ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: R. AEDO  
SECONDED: M. CRUZ  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;  
R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA;  
R. VANGATES

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

- Playground equipment at Curtis Park.

Total dollar amount: \$140,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park  
Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Ed Blanco - Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

This equipment is being bought off of a Miami-Dade County contract. Before and after pictures were provided by Ed Blanco. Parks and Recreation will address the board in six months with an update. The major portion of this expenditure is for a safety surface for the new playground.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-05**

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CURTIS PARK-NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$140,000 OF HD/NIB-NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS & ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.**

**MOVED: M. CRUZ  
SECONDED: W. HARVEY  
NAYS: L. CABRERA  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;  
R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES**

**Note for the Record: Motion passed by a vote of 7/1.**

Curtis Park Site Furnishings:

Total dollar amount: \$40,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park  
Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

Board Member Reshefsky ascribed his comments re the Curtis Park New Playground Equipment Project to this project. No additional comments were made.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-06**

**A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CURTIS PARK-SITE FURNISHINGS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$40,000 OF HD/NIB-NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.**

**MOVED: M. CRUZ  
SECONDED: W. HARVEY  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;  
R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES**

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

- Bathrooms building demolition at Sewell Park.

Total dollar amount: \$15,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park  
Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Board Member Aedo;  
Ed Blanco - Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

This project entails the demolition of the men's and women's restrooms at the park, including concrete sidewalks, removal of existing septic tank and backfill clean; demolition of covered pavilion, including slab and foundations; hauling of debris and re-sodding of the area once demolition has been completed. This is a situation where money is being spent in this park without a plan for what to do with the total amount of money in the park. The Audit Subcommittee felt that perhaps there would be plans to build a restroom later on in this park. The restroom is being demolished because of security problems in the park and problems with inappropriate activity taking place in the bathrooms during evening hours. The Audit Subcommittee suggested that maybe it would be a better idea to board up and block the bathrooms now and in the future, when conditions at the park are improved, the bathrooms could be re-opened, rather than spending money to totally rebuild and relocate the bathroom.

There was also a concern by the Audit Subcommittee that as a result of the demolition, no bathrooms would be located in the park. The suggestion was made that perhaps construction of a guardhouse with a bathroom attached would be right for this park. The question of availability of funding for such construction was raised.

Mr. Blanco informed the board that the Parks Department contacted Commissioner González' office via e-mail re this project where approval of moving forward with this project was indicated.

In terms of plans, the Parks Department met with the CIP Department. A standard guardhouse design is going to be implemented for this park. It is contemplated that the standard design may be modified, because the guardhouse as it is designed now has one restroom for the individual working in the guardhouse. The design would be modified to include restroom facilities for the public.



It is hoped that demolition of the existing bathrooms and gazebo and fencing of the area will help to curb the unsavory activity presently taking place at the park.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-07**

**A MOTION TO REJECT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SEWELL PARK-BUILDING DEMOLITION PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT THE BATHROOMS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN THE PARK BE BLOCKED UP, ALLOWING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT A GUARDHOUSE WITH A BATHROOM ATTACHED.**

**MOVED: D. MARKO**  
**SECONDED: L. CABRERA**  
**NAYS: M. CRUZ; M. REYES**  
**ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;**  
**R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;**  
**J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES**

**Note for the Record: The motion passed by a vote of 6/2.**

A question was raised by Board Member Reshefsky as to what would happen to the board's recommendation, since this item represents a \$15,000 expenditure and would not go before the City Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Diaz responded that it is the administration's prerogative to follow the board's recommendation or not to follow the board's recommendation.

Mr. Blanco assured the board that he would consult with Parks Director Santiago Corrada, advising him of the board's recommendation so that Mr. Corrada could consult with the members of the City Commission regarding the board's recommendation before any action is taken re this expenditure.

Board Member Reshefsky suggested that the ordinance governing this board should be amended to require that when any recommendation is made on an item of expenditure valued at less than \$45,000, such recommendation should be placed on a City Commission agenda for consideration by the City Commission. He requested that Assistant City Attorney Diaz draft such an amendment to the ordinance directing that this procedure be followed. Board Member Marko suggested that such amendment should contain language stating that any recommendation of denial of any expenditure made by this board should be placed on

a City Commission agenda for further consideration by the City Commission.

CIP Director Jorge Cano recommended that this kind of issue should be addressed in the Bond Oversight Guidelines which CIP is very close to finalizing a draft of to submit to the board for consideration.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-10**

**A MOTION BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD (THE BOARD) REQUESTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE BOARD, INCLUDING LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THAT WHENEVER ANY REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE OF HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD FUNDS IS DENIED BY THE BOARD, SUCH REQUEST SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA OF THE NEXT CITY COMMISSION MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUCH DENIAL IN ORDER THAT THE REQUEST MAY BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COMMISSION.**

**MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY**  
**SECONDED: D. MARKO**  
**ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;**  
**R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;**  
**J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES**

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

- Replacement of monument at Bay of Pigs Park.

Total dollar amount: \$5,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park  
Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Ed Blanco - Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

This project is located at a park formerly known as Flagler Terrace Park located in the Flagami area of the City. The sign dedicating the Bay of Pigs event was stolen. The District Commissioner has suggested that rather than replacing the sign, which could be stolen again, it would be better to replace it with a concrete monument.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-08

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF PIGS-REPLACEMENT OF MONUMENT PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$5,000 OF HD/NIB-NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: D. MARKO  
SECONDED: W. HARVEY  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;  
R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES

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

- Landscaping and reinforcing foam flooring for aerobic room for new community building at Jose Marti Park.

Total dollar amount: \$50,000

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions

Report by: Ed Blanco - Parks & Recreation

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: January 15, 2004

A dedication ceremony for this building will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend the dedication ceremony. This expenditure represents landscaping improvements which were not part of the original contract, as well as flooring for the aerobic dance room. The community center is scheduled to open in February 2004.

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOSE MARTI PARK NEW COMMUNITY ROOM BUILDING-LANDSCAPING & REINFORCING FOAM FLOORING FOR AEROBIC ROOM PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$50,000 OF HD/NIB-NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOTION: D. MARKO  
SECONDED: R. AEDO  
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; S. CASERES;  
R. CAYARD; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA; R. VANGATES

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

### III. UPDATES:

- Dinner Key Marina Fuel Dock.

Total dollar amount: \$538,580.

Source of funds: \$269,290 from Strategic Initiative;  
\$269,290 from Homeland Defense/  
Citywide Waterfront Improvements

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Alejandra Argudin - Conferences,  
Conventions, Public Facilities

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: June 19, 2003.

This is a revenue-generating project. Dinner Key Marina does not presently have a permanent fueling system. In addition to the 592 slips at Dinner Key Marina, there are an estimated 1,500 vessels in and around the marina that would use the fueling services.

Phase I, which is the design portion of the project has been completed. All permitting has been received except two -- the Army Corps of Engineers permit and DERM permit, and that CIP is in the process of putting together the bid packages for the construction portion, which is Phase II. It is anticipated that within approximately three weeks, the bid package should be going out, and by April 2004, an update will be provided to the board and it is anticipated that construction would have commenced and all permits would be in place by that time.

- Little Haiti Park Environmental & Title Services for Real Property at 6150 NE 4 Avenue, 299 & 303 NE 59 Terrace.

Total dollar amount: \$10,200

Source of funds: Homeland Defense--Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition

Report by: Board Member Reshefsky;  
Madeline Valdes and Craig Clevenger-  
Economic Development

These three parcels were conveyed by Miami-Dade County for the Little Haiti Park, but the City is responsible for doing environmental/title work for the parcels. Title was accepted by the City in December 2003. Economic Development is now moving forward with fencing the site and removing the underground tanks that exist on the site today. As soon as an estimate has been determined of what that would cost, it will be reported to the board. The sites are now owned by the City. If any hazardous condition is found on the sites, the City would be responsible for cleanup of same. Economic Development will also be reporting back to the board re cleanup of titles re these properties. These properties were taken by the County from people who did not pay their taxes, so there are title issues on the sites. Cost of clearing these titles has not yet been determined.

- Little Haiti Park Appraisal Services for Property at 6311-29 NE 2 Avenue.

Total dollar amount: \$7,750

Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition & Development

Report by: Madeline Valdes - Economic Development

Date approved by the Audit Subcommittee: July 15, 2003

Date approved by the Board: July 22, 2003

An appraisal has been obtained for Parcel #92 (6311 N.E. 2 Avenue). Negotiations are currently underway with the property owner. The property owner seeks to relocate to a similar type property as Parcel #92. Economic Development has been assisting him in identifying a similar type property. Comparable properties to this site range anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million. As a result, Economic Development has

not yet been able to reach an agreement with the property owner. Economic Development can address the board in six months with an update re this site.

- **Fire-Rescue Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives.**

Total dollar amount: \$5,500,000

Source of funds: Fire Rescue Homeland Defense  
Preparedness Initiative

Report by: Chief Maurice Kemp - Fire-Rescue

Date approved by the board: October 22, 2002

To date, the Fire Department has purchased or has out to bid equipment totaling \$529,086. Chief Kemp reviewed the itemized list of equipment that has been purchased and equipment pending purchase with the board. An update will be provided to the board in six months.

- **Bicentennial Park Improvements Phase I & II Tank Removal.**

Total dollar amount: \$90,000

Source of funds: Bicentennial Park Improvements

Report by: Craig Clevenger - Economic Development

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: July 15, 2003

Date approved by the board: July 22, 2003

Date approved by the Commission: October 29, 2003

The work has been completed. \$67,942 have been spent with remaining balance of slightly over \$22,000. Two improperly bounded underground tanks were found, pulled and the area was cleaned. There was residual petroleum found in the area just in front of the park. The City is currently negotiating with FDOT to try to convey that property to FDOT, and if the negotiation is successful, FDOT will take charge of the cleanup. The Department requested to hold the remaining unspent funds for approximately six additional months to determine if the negotiations with FDOT are successful or if the Department will be responsible for the cleanup. There is a June deadline required by Dade County DERM to have a site assessment report

provided to the County. If FDOT does not take charge of the property before the deadline, the City will be responsible for the cleanup. If the dollars are not used for the cleanup, they will go back into the CIP account.

- **Bicentennial Park Improvements Seawall/Shoreline Stabilization Project.**

Total dollar amount:       \$ 42,764-Phase I/schematic design and grant application;  
                                      \$378,407-Consulting services

Source of funds:                Bicentennial Park Improvements

Report by:                       Sandra Vega - CIP

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee:        July 15, 2003  
Date approved by the board:                    July 27, 2003  
Date approved by the City Commission:        March 27, 2003

Design and construction documents have been passed and all permitting is in place. The City got the grant application for FIND and currently is in the bidding and negotiation phase. An executive summary is scheduled for February 2, 2004, which will include a bid analysis, and drafting of a recommendation either to accept or reject the lowest bid received in December 2003.

A further update will be provided to the board in June 2004.

- **Greenway Adjacent to Miami Circle – Miami River Comm.**

Total dollar amount:        \$125,000

Source of funds:               \$25,000 Greenways Improvements  
                                      \$100,000 Dept. of Env. Protection

Report by:                      Brett Bibeau-Miami River Commission

Date approved by board:                        October 22, 2002  
Date approved by City Commission:            November 19, 2002

The project has not progressed as expected partly due to the fact there is a new director in the State Office of Historical Resources. Also, the project cannot progress until the seawall is repaired. The lack of progress is not at the City level.

- Baywalk Improvements at One Miami Site.

Total dollar amount: \$4,200,000  
Source of funds: Downtown Infrastructure Improvements  
Report by: Diane Johnson, CIP  
Date approved by the board: December 10, 2002  
Date approved by the City Commission: December 12, 2002

This is not really a bay walk project. It is a river walk project. This river walk will include works of art, a plaza of light, a waterfall and various other features that were part of the original design presentation. The river walk will be one of the last portions of this project to be done. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2005

- Greenway Segment at Neo Lofts.

Total dollar amount: \$250,000  
Source of funds: Homeland Defense/Greenways  
Report by: Diane Johnson, CIP  
Date approved by the Audit Subcommittee: July 22, 2003  
Date approved by the board: July 22, 2003

Construction plans have been completed to the 90% phase and are presently being reviewed by City staff including Public Works, Office of Transportation and CIP. It is expected that approved plans will be submitted to the developer within a week.

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

**V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

CIP Director Jorge Cano addressed the board re contracting for surveying services associated with parks so that the wheels of progress would not be delayed. The board also approved utilization of parks master plan funding to fund Phase I of the City's ADA transition plan. Staff is at the point of negotiating with the consultant who will conduct the survey. This survey will cover approximately 100



parks. Mr. Cano suggested that the City should not wait for all park surveys to be completed before commencing with removing barriers. It is expected that there will be many low cost type barrier removals at the parks for the disabled and as accessibility surveys at parks, shortly thereafter, work orders valued under \$15,000 should be initiated. Vice Chairman Reyes suggested that Mr. Cano make a presentation before the Audit Subcommittee regarding this matter. The Audit Subcommittee will then bring the matter to the board.

**HD/NIB MOTION 04-11**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING**

**MOVED:** R. AEDO  
**SECONDED:** L. CABRERA  
**ABSENT:** S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD;  
STEVEN CASERES; R. FLANDERS;  
J. REYES; L. de ROSA;  
R. VANGATES; D. MARKO

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

**There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**