

HOMELAND DEFENSE/ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AGENDA/MINUTES

3/25/03 - 6:30 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI, 10TH Floor
Miami Riverside Center
Main Conference Room
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m., with the following members present:

Rolando Aedo
Luis Cabrera
Mariano Cruz
Marvin Dunn
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Julie Grimes
Gary Reshefsky
Jami Reyes
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)
Luis de Rosa
Larry M. Spring

Absent: Sonny Armbrister; Ringo Cayard; Milagros Loyal; David E. Marko

Notes for the Record:

Board Member Mariano Cruz entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Board Member Jami Reyes entered the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Board Member Marvin Dunn entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2003.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-19

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2003.

MOVED: L. SPRING
SECONDED: M. REYES
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT BY GARY RESHEFSKY.

- Preservation Development Initiative Grant.

Sarah Eaton of the Historic and Environmental Preservation Board (HEP) appeared before the Board. HEP is requesting approximately \$57,500 of Bond funds to come out of the historic preservation portion of the Bond. This pledge of funds will lead to approximately \$97,000 in technical assistance and up to \$1.7 million in capital dollars.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-26

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$57,500 TO THE HISTORIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION BOARD; SAID FUNDS TO USED TO FURTHER INTEGRATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI.

MOTION: M. REYES
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

- Parks Master Plan.

The Parks Master Plan went before the City's Parks Advisory Board and was in the Bond Oversight Bond Offering. A million dollars was identified in the bond for this item. A consultant has been hired to do the Master Plan for a cost of \$535,000. The Audit Committee recommended approval of this expenditure. The only question the Audit Committee had was: What will the City be doing with the remainder of the money earmarked for this expenditure (\$465,000). Danette Perez informed the Board that the remaining \$465,000 would go into unallocated funds. Chairman Flanders indicated that this is the first master plan in the history of the City's Parks Department and it is the blueprint for the next hundred years for Parks.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-20

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE PARKS MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: R. FLANDERS
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

- Site Furnishings for Domino Park/Maximo Gomez

The cost is \$23,000 to replace and improve the tables and chairs in the park. The Audit Committee had a question regarding the cost of chairs, approximately \$11,700 (\$195 per chair), which seemed excessive. Ed Blanco of the Parks Department provided the Board with backup material on the chairs, which are permanent steel/metal fixed chairs. The Board was satisfied with the explanation Mr. Blanco provided as to the reason why the chairs were so expensive.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-21

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE PROCUREMENT OF SITE FURNISHINGS FOR THE DOMINO PARK/MAXIMO GOMEZ PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: L. CABRERA
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

- Parks Department Blanket Authority for Emergency Items Only in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Ed Blanco of the Parks Department explained to the Board the necessity of having the authority to handle emergency repairs throughout the City's Parks System, so that said repairs could be completed in an expedient manner. The Parks Department would report directly to the Board regarding all such emergency repairs. Cost for such repairs would not exceed \$20,000. The Audit Committee felt that the \$20,000 figure was a reasonable amount, and in terms of defining what an emergency is, it should be consistent with City policy. Board Member Grimes inquired as to how many emergencies would be allowed, to which Board Member Aedo replied that each time Parks comes before the Board with an after-the-fact emergency repair, a recap would be provided of funds allocated for such emergency repair. Such report would be made within an established time period after the emergency so that the Board would be aware of how often such emergency repairs occur. Assistant City Attorney Ralph Diaz reminded the Board it has no authority to determine how much money will be expended for any purpose. The Board only operates in an advisory capacity and final decisions rest with the City Manager. Chairman Flanders requested of the City Attorney to work with the Audit Committee in order that the Committee and Board work within the original spirit of the purpose/creation of this Board.

- Fern Isle Cleanup and Renovation.

The Fern Isle Park has been a dumping ground for the City for many years for construction debris. It is an approximately eight-acre park. The City has been cited by DERM for illegal dumping. The City is no longer dumping at this site and is now proceeding to clean up the park. Cost of cleanup and consulting services associated with it is approximately \$580,000. \$9,000,000 was identified in the Bond offering for Fern Isle Park, but none was identified in the first series, so monies for this cleanup will come from the unallocated pool of dollars. The estimated cost for this activity is less than the \$1.9 million dollars originally indicated by staff. The Audit Committee requested assurances that the park would no longer be used as a dumping ground once the cleanup was accomplished and that the park would be secured to prevent neighbors from illegally dumping at the park and that it would be used for normal park activities. The cleanup activities will take about 17 weeks to complete. The Committee requested of Juan Ordonez (CIP Dept.) to report to the Board in six months with a report on this project. The price of \$580,000 is contingent on none of the waste found at the site being toxic. Mr. Ordonez confirmed that if hazardous waste is discovered at the site, the cost of the cleanup may increase, and once cleanup is completed, the park will be secured. CIP Director Jorge Cano informed the Board that the Public Works Department is working with the CIP Department in identifying sources of funding other than Bond funds for this project. He further informed the Board that Commissioner Angel González is interested in developing the site as a water theme park. Chairman Flanders informed the Board that this park was suggested as a site for the City's Mounted Police Patrol, because it is so centrally located.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-22

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE FERN ISLE CLEANUP AND RENOVATION PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. REYES
NAYS: L. CABRERA
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

Note for the Record: Motion passed by a vote of 10 to 1.

- Model City Revitalization Trust Hadley Park Office Renovations.
- Model City Revitalization Trust Replacement of HOME Investment Partnership Funds.

Presentation by Marva Wiley, Interim Director of the Model City Trust. The Model City Community Revitalization District is requesting funds for ~~rehabilitation of existing homes within the District and for construction of new homes~~ land acquisition within the District. The City will offer second and third mortgages to homeowners to assist with repairing homes and bringing them up to City Code. A third of the monies earmarked for the District will be reserved for subsidized housing. \$74,800 is being requested from the Hadley Park portion of Bond funds to be used to create office space for the Trust.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-23

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF \$1.8 MILLION OF BOND FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, SAID FUNDS HAVING BEEN USED FOR ACQUISITION PURPOSES IN FISCAL YEAR 2002.

MOVED: M. DUNN
SECONDED: M. REYES
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-24

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE OF A \$74,800 APPROPRIATION OF BOND FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CREATING OFFICE SPACE FOR THE MODEL CITY REVITALIZATION TRUST AT THE MILLER J. DAWKINS OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN HADLEY PARK

MOVED: M. DUNN
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA.

Board Member Larry Spring informed the Board that Commissioner Teele has an item on the March 27, 2003 agenda related to Homeland Defense Bond fund expenditures, including expenditures re Little Haiti Park, the Orange Bowl Initiative, Quality of Life, Neighborhood Improvement acquisitions, Margaret Pace Park and Calle Ocho improvements.

Board Member Grimes addressed the Board regarding her concern about the problem of homelessness within the City. Karen Gibbon of Commissioner Teele's office informed the Board that Commissioner Teele has had discussions with Mayor Diaz regarding this issue. Board Member Grimes reminded the Board of the duty to represent the entire community, including the homeless.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-27

A MOTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM WITHIN THE CITY; MEMBERS OF SAID COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE JULIE GRIMES AS CHAIRPERSON; MARVIN DUNN AND LARRY SPRING.

MOVED: L. CABRERA
SECONDED: L. de ROSA
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

Alejandra Argudin of the Department of Conferences, Conventions and Public Facilities appeared before the Board concerning an emergency request for funding (approximately \$538,000) of the Dinner Key Mooring Anchorage Field Project. The Department is applying for a FIND Grant (approximately \$484,000) for this project, and will be addressing the Commission at the March 25, 2003 Commission meeting regarding this project.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-25

A MOTION TO RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DINNER KEY MOORING ANCHORAGE FIELD PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. REYES
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-28

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: M. REYES
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; R. CAYARD; M. LOYAL;
D. MARKO

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

*Please note time change from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.