

HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES

5-24-05 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
CITY HALL – CHAMBERS
3500 Pan American Drive
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m., with the following members found to be

Present: Rolando Aedo
Kay Hancock Apfel
Eileen Broton
Luis Cabrera (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Mariano Cruz
Luis de Rosa (left at 6:47 p.m.)
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Jason Manowitz
Gary Reshefsky

Absent: Ringo Cayard
Walter Harvey
David E. Marko
Jami Reyes
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)
Albena Sumner

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Tomas Regalado, District 4
Rafael O. Diaz, Deputy City Attorney
Alicia Cuervo Schreiber, Chief of Operations
Mary Conway, CIP/Transportation Director
Danette Perez, CIP Department
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department
Alvaro Alonso, CIP Department
Kevin Brown, CIP Department
Dianne Johnson, CIP Department
Cary Sanchez-Rea, CIP Department
Major Hector Mirabile, Police Department
Commander Steven Caceres, Police Department

Madeline Valdes, Economic Development
Teri E. Thomas, City Clerk's Office
Jonah Pruitt III, Miami Museum of Science

I. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005.**

HD/NIB MOTION 05-56

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2005.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: L. Cabrera
ABSENT: R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes,
A. Sumner

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

II. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Initial Grant to Miami Museum of Science for Development of a Science Museum Facility in Bicentennial Park.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: <u>\$700,000 (\$3,500,000 allocated; estimated current balance is \$2,8 Million)</u>
SOURCE OF FUNDS: <u>HDNI Bonds – Museum of Science</u>
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>For the planning, development and project management activities relating to the construction of Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium to be located at he City's Bicentennial Park, hereinafter referred to as Project..</u>

HD/NIB MOTION 05-50

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE INITIAL GRANT TO MIAMI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SCIENCE MUSEUM FACILITY IN BICENTENNIAL PARK.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: L. De Rosa
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes,
A. Sumner

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

- **Little Haiti Park Land Acquisitions – Parcels 67, 75 & 76.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,966,000 (\$20 Million in first Series, total \$25 Million; current estimated balance is \$11,241,068.
 SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds - Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition & Development
 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The dollar amount requested of \$1,966,000 to cover cost of Land Acquisition for parcel #67, 75, 76.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-51

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITIONS -- PARCELS 67, 75 & 76.

MOVED: L. De Rosa
 SECONDED: K. Apfel
 ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

- **South Miami Avenue Project – Design Services.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$295,229 (3,000,000 1st Series allocation; estimated current balance \$1,890,263)
 SOURCE OF FUNDS: **HDNI-Dist 2-Quality of Life Improvements and Local Option Gas Tax**
 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Task includes pre-design services and testing, design services. Activities include design survey, geotechnical exploration, validation of roundabout study, typical section package, pavement design, early development of preliminary roundabout geometrics coordinated with the City, County and Park Place Development.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-52

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE SOUTH MIAMI AVENUE PROJECT -- DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: M. Cruz
 SECONDED: L. Cabrera
 ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

- **Model City Infrastructure – MLK Boulevard Project.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,000,000(\$6 Million allocated per 5/10/05 HDNI report, estimated balance of \$1,027,385)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: **HDNI- Model City Infrastructure Improvements**
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Scope includes milling and resurfacing, re-striping, replacement of substandard street signs, reconstruction of broken curbs and sidewalks with ADA ramps for NW 62nd Street from NW 37 Avenue to NW 5 Place, NW 12th Avenue to NW 5 Place will be further enhanced by implementing elements of the streetscape portion of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Master Plan. Elements include landscaping, hardscape, decorative lighting, pavers and specialty items that convey the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-53

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE MODEL CITY INFRASTRUCTURE -- MLK BOULEVARD PROJECT.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: K. Apfel
ABSENT: R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

- **Curb Replacement Project for District 4.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$300,000 (\$5,000,000 allocated; estimated current balance is \$3,748,025)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds – District 4 Quality of Life
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Curb replacement at various City Streets in District 4.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-49

A MOTION TO APPROVE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR DISTRICT 4.

MOVED: J. Manowitz
SECONDED: L. Cabrera
ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

- **Beacom Boulevard Neighborhood Gateway – Design Services.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$94,614 (Allocated \$1.6 Mill 1st Series, estimated balance of \$1,505,386)
 SOURCE OF FUNDS: **HDNI- Neighborhood Gateways Improvements**
 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: To design a welcoming gateway for the entrance to the Little Havana Neighborhood on SW 8 St (Calle Ocho) at Beacom Blvd. This gateway will be over a state-owned roadway, so will involve coordination with FDOT in addition to the regular City departments.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-54

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE BEACOM BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: M. Cruz
 SECONDED: R. Aedo
 ABSENT: R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

- **Morningside Park Recreation Building Improvements – Design Services.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ 67,916 (Allocated \$1.35 Million, estimated balance of \$1,282,084)
 SOURCE OF FUNDS: **HDNI- Neighborhood Park Improvements**
 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Renovate the existing Recreation Building to upgrade bathrooms to ADA compliance, add air conditioning to the main double story space in the building and enclose and enlarge the porch area in the building to become an activity/aerobics room. Add a new parking lot to relieve the on-street parking in the front of the building.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-55

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE MORNINGSIDE PARK RECREATION BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: L. Cabrera
 SECONDED: M. Cruz
 ABSENT: R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, A. Sumner

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

UPDATES:

1. Ballet Gamonet at the Alfred I. Dupont Building.

Rolando Aedo reported that Ballet Gamonet is anticipating moving forward on the project and has asked the Board for its continued support. There is not a lot of progress on the project yet, but there appears to be some recent momentum.

Dianne Johnson, CIP Department, reported that Ballet Gamonet has not secured a site, and that they would like to relocate in downtown Miami. Ballet Gamonet merged with Maximum Dance Company. Ballet Gamonet is expected to report back to the CIP Department within 60 days with a revised proposal for the site they will use.

2. Coral View Project – The Aston.

Dianne Johnson, CIP Department, reported that the developer, Willy Bermello, did not have direct knowledge of the cause of the interruption of work on the project, but he has assigned a project manager to the project, and he has assured the Department that the project will be completed by the first week of June.

Mary Conway, Director, CIP, reported that the CIP Department is also sending inspectors to the site once or twice a week to monitor the project's progress.

3. Orange Bowl Stadium – Replacement of Field & Maintenance Equipment.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Orange Bowl Stadium -- Replacement of Field & Maintenance Equipment project has been completed.

4. Bryan Park – Interior Improvements.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Bryan Park -- Interior Improvements project has been completed.

5. Jose Marti Park – New Playground Equipment & Wooden Deck.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Jose Marti Park -- New Playground Equipment & Wooden Deck project has been completed.

6. Hadley Park – New Tennis Court Wind Screens.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Hadley Park -- New Tennis Court Wind Screens project has been completed.

7. Triangle Park – New Playground Equipment.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Triangle Park -- New Playground Equipment project has been completed.

8. Williams Park – New Playground Equipment.

Rolando Aedo reported that the Williams Park -- New Playground Equipment project has been completed.

9. Fire-Rescue Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives.

Chairman Robert Flanders reported that 100 percent of the funds allocated by the Board have been spent.

10. Police Mobile Command Unit.

~~No update given~~ Gary Reshefsky reported that the item was approved by the City Commission on June 9, and it's waiting for PO (purchase order) to be issued.

11. Police Bomb Squad Bunker Improvements.

~~No update given~~ Gary Reshefsky reported that the project is ongoing.

12. Police Sky Watch Observation Tower.

~~No update given~~ Gary Reshefsky reported that the item was approved by the City Commission, purchase and delivered, and it came in under budget.

13. Police Security Gates – South Substation.

~~No update given~~ Gary Reshefsky reported that the project is ongoing, and it is to be completed at the end of July.

14. Police Training Facility – Presentation.

Commander Steven Caceres, Police Department, reported that a design for the facility should be completed within 18 months, but fundraising will begin immediately for the facility. The project is currently at the competitive design stage.

Cary Sanchez-Rea, CIP Department, reported that preparations are being made to begin a design competition for the police training facility, and the aim is to attain a national focus. Qualification materials are currently being prepared, as well as the design criteria. Programming has been developed alongside the Police Department, and the preliminary concept has already been generated. The preliminary selection should occur around late fall, and those individuals will be invited back to make their presentations, and then designers will be selected.

Mary Conway, Director, CIP, reported that the CIP Department has a target date of another three weeks to have a draft of a Request for Qualifications to go out on the street, which will go out nationally. There will be a two-tiered selection process. The Department will short-list three to four firms, or teams of firms, to make presentations, and make a final selection of one firm. That process is expected to be fully completed within a six-month period. A fee will be negotiated once that process is complete, and then it will come back before the Board for approval and authorization, as well as going before the City Commission.

Gary Reshefsky requested that Commander Steven Caceres and Major Hector Mirabile come back to the Board within 90 days with an update.

15. Little Haiti Park Project - Progress Report.

No update given.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

HD/NIB MOTION 05-57

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: M. CRUZ

SECONDED: R. Aedo

ABSENT: R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, W. Harvey, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes,
A. Sumner

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.