

HOMELAND DEFENSE/  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT  
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD  
MINUTES

6-22-04 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF MIAMI  
CITY HALL - CHAMBERS  
3500 Pan American Drive  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m., with the following members found to be **present**:

Rolando Aedo  
Kay Apfel  
Luis Cabrera (left at 7:33 p.m.)  
Mariano Cruz  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Gary Reshefsky  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)  
Albena Sumner

**Absent:**

Ringo Cayard (*came in at 7:34 p.m.*)  
Luis de Rosa  
Walter Harvey  
Jason Manowitz  
David E. Marko  
Jami Reyes  
Ronda Vangates

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Assistant City Attorney  
Jorge Cano, CIP Director  
Alicia Cuervo Schreiber, Chief of Operations  
Juan Ordonez, Professional Engineer III, CIP  
Maria Lopez, Project Manager, CIP  
Ernest Burkeen, Parks Director  
Keith Carswell, Director, Economic Development Department  
Ed Blanco, Parks and Recreation  
Danette Perez, CIP Liaison  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Community Relations & Communications  
Specialist  
Fernando Paiva, CIP Project Manager  
Sylvia Scheider, City Clerk's Office

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2004.**

HD/NIB MOTION 04-53

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 25, 2004.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: R. AEDO

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D.

MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

**II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, ERNEST BURKEEN.**

Chairman Flanders introduced Ernest Burkeen.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ **Little Haiti Park Project - Breakdown of construction and architectural cost of each component.**

Alicia Cuervo Schreiber and Fernando Paiva provided a status report. The board members received a copy of the cost breakdown. \$25 million was allocated for this project. Ms. Schreiber stated that she tasked her staff to come in under budget to compensate for cost of concrete and steel, which costs continues to rise. Staff has been assigned to do value engineering of costs for each component. Currently staff is in the negotiation process for this project. The park component will go out for bid. The recreational component is estimated at \$5 million. The theater component is expected to be a more expensive part of the project. The Caribbean Marketplace is expected to be less costly.

➤ **Coral View Project "The Aston" – Discussion regarding the parking for this project and for future high rise developments citywide.**

Mark Spanioli provided a status report. The developer and their consultant was directed to revisit the design. Plans now include parking along the swale areas, where stone pavers are to be installed where grass is now. It was noted that Commissioner Regalado agreed with the board's recommendation

to preserve parking spaces. Ms. Sumner stated that she would personally visit the site (S.W. 22 Terrace between 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenues).

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- **Second Increase in Contract for Orange Bowl Stadium Structural Repairs 2003.**

Total dollar amount: \$400,000 (16 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$11,591,890)

Source of Funds: Homeland Defense /Orange Bowl Stadium Ramps/Improvements  
Report by: Juan Ordonez

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 6/14/04

Scope of project: To take remedial action to repair and replace some structural elements that are showing signs of overstress and need to be replaced to preserve the life, health and safety of the public.

#### HD/NIB MOTION 04-54

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE ORANGE BOWL STADIUM STRUCTURAL REPAIRS 2003 PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

- **Grand Avenue Improvements.**

Total dollar amount: \$4,500,000 (3,000,000 allocated from Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bonds)

Source of Funds: H.D. Grand Avenue Improvements, Miami-Dade Road Impact Fee, People's Transportation Plan & Miami-Dade Secondary Gas Tax\_

Report by: Maria Lopez

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 06/14/04

Scope of project: The project consist of reconstruction and improvements of the roadway including a new storm drainage system, medians, new lighting, benches, landscape & signage along Grand Avenue between S.W. 37 Avenue and Matilda Street

HD/NIB MOTION 04-55

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE GRAND AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: L. CABRERA

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

- **I-395 Beautification/Landscaping.**

Total dollar amount: \$14,507.50 (3,000,000 1st Series allocation; estimated current balance \$2,585,492.50)

Source of Funds: Quality of Life District 2 /Neighborhood Gateways Improvements

Report by: Jorge Cano

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 06/14/04

Scope of project: Beautification landscaping project under and around the east bound I-395 ramps that lead to Biscayne Boulevard.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-56

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE I-395 BEAUTIFICATION /LANDSCAPING PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

- **Lummus Landing.**

Total dollar amount: \$50,000 (\$1.7 million 1<sup>st</sup> series allocation; estimated current balance is \$815,674) \$1.44 million total Lummus Landing project cost.

Source of Funds: Homeland Defense /Citywide Waterfront Improvements & Riverside Riverfront Redevelopment

Report by: Jorge Cano

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: 06/14/04

Scope of project: Design, permitting and construction of a riverwalk, docks, marina slips, seawall reconstruction, dredging and riverbank stabilization.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-57

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND LUMMUS LANDING PROJECT.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

- **Little Haiti Park Land Acquisitions.**

Total dollar amount: \$200,000 (\$20 Million in first Series, total \$25 Million; current estimated balance is \$15,632,068.

Source of Funds: HDNI Bonds - Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition & Development

Report by: Keith Carswell

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: N/A

Scope of project: To retain special counsel for legal services concerning the acquisition of real property through purchase or condemnation for development of the Little Haiti Park Project.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-58

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITIONS PROJECT.

MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY

SECONDED: M. REYES

NOES: L. CABRERA

ABSENT: R. CAYARD, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

**UPDATES:**

**1. Site Furnishings at Jose Marti Park.**

Presentation made by Ed Blanco, Parks Department. Project has been completed.

**2. Tennis Courts Renovations at Moore Park.**

Presentation made by Ed Blanco, Parks Department. Project has been completed.

**3. Flo Jo Monument at Curtis Park.**

Presentation made by Ed Blanco, Parks Department. Project is 90% completed.

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

Mr. Peter Ehrlich listed his complaints regarding the process being carried out by the City of Miami in the development of the Little Haiti Park: architect fee too high, not much community involvement in the last few months, no feedback, hidden process, eviction and eminent domain will be necessary.

Mr. Cano responded that the resource center and the library were being excluded because the funds are not lined up. Ms. Schreiber reminded Mr. Ehrlich that the Black Box Theater may be more costly, each contract will be negotiated. When the process began for land acquisition, some of the property owners hired eminent domain attorneys before they were contacted by the City staff. Mr. Carswell stated that the properties conveyed by the County had underground tanks, which had to be removed. A public meeting will be scheduled, primarily geared toward the businesses in the area with Commissioner Teele to talk about the development, how we can work in partnership to deal with some of the misinformation that may get out to the public.

**VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

Gibson Park Replat Project

Total dollar amount: \$57,500 (\$1,050,000 Million Allocated; Estimated balance \$963,950)

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

Report by: Ed Blanco

Date approved by Audit Subcommittee: N/A

Scope of project: Replatting the land is required in order to initiate and complete future improvements to the park and to revise and record new subdivisions of the property.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-59

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GIBSON PARK REPLAT PROJECT.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

NOES: G. RESHEFSKY

ABSENT: L. CABRERA, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 04-60

A MOTION STIPULATING THAT THE HD/NIB BOARD WILL NOT MEET DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2004.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: R. AEDO

ABSENT: L. CABRERA, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 04-61

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S HD/NIB MEETING.

MOVED: M. REYES

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: L. CABRERA, L. DE ROSA, W. HARVEY; J. MANOWITZ, D. MARKO, J. REYES, R. VANGATES

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