

# HOMELAND DEFENSE/ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD MINUTES

6-26-07 -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 6:18 p.m., with the following members found to be

**Present:** Rolando Aedo  
Eileen Broton  
Mariano Cruz  
Ramon De La Cabada  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Charisse L. Grant  
Camen Matos  
Jami Reyes  
Hattie Willis

**Absent:** Luis Cabrera  
Ricardo Lambert  
Laurinus Pierre  
Gary Reshefsky  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)  
Jose Solares

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rafael O. Diaz, Deputy City Attorney  
Orlando Toledo, City Manager's Office  
Ola O. Aluko, CIP Department  
Danette Perez, CIP Department  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department  
Nancy Mckee, Museum of Science  
Gillian Thomas, Museum of Science  
Scott Lewis, Museum of Science  
Becky Matkov, Dade Heritage Trust  
Teri E. Thomas, City Clerk's Office

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MARCH 19, 2007, MARCH 30, 2007 & APRIL 10, 2007.

HD/NIB MOTION 07-12

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2007.

MOVED: R. Aedo  
SECONDED: R. De La Cabada  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

HD/NIB MOTION 07-13

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2007.

MOVED: M. Cruz  
SECONDED: H. Willis  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

HD/NIB MOTION 07-14

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2007.

MOVED: R. Aedo  
SECONDED: R. De La Cabada  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Ricardo Lambert nominated by Commissioner Regalado
- Carmen Matos nominated by Mayor Diaz
- Charisse L. Grant nominated by Mayor Diaz

Chairman Flanders introduced and welcomed Carmen Matos and Charisse L. Grant to the board, both nominated by Mayor Manuel A. Diaz. Chairman Flanders also thanked Luis De Rosa for his dedicated service to the board since the board's inception.

**NEW ITEMS:**

- Additional Grant to the Miami Science Museum to Support the Development of a Science Museum Facility in Bicentennial Park

<p><b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b> <u>ADDITIONAL GRANT TO THE MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SCIENCE MUSEUM FACILITY IN BICENTENNIAL PARK</u></p> <p>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: <u>\$2,000,000</u></p> <p>SOURCE OF FUNDS: <u>Miami Science Museum</u></p> <p>ACCOUNT CODE(S): <u>CIP # 333143</u></p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>To support further activities related to the development of a Science Museum in Bicentennial Park.</u></p>
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HD/NIB MOTION 07-15

A MOTION TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL GRANT TO THE MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SCIENCE MUSEUM FACILITY IN BICENTENNIAL PARK.

MOVED: J. Reyes  
SECONDED: M. Cruz  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

➤ Buena Vista East Historic District Streetscape Improvements

<p><b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b> <u><a href="#">BUENA VISTA EAST HISTORIC DISTRICT-STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS</a></u> <b>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT:</b> <u>\$1,845,368 (\$1,562,354 Homeland Defense Neighborhood Improvements Series)</u> <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> <u>HDNIB Design District/FEC Corridor/District 5 Quality of Life Improvements</u> <b>ACCOUNT CODE(S):</b> <u>CIP # 341157 &amp; 311715</u> <b>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b> <u>Scope involves milling &amp; resurfacing, partial reconstruction, installation of raised curbs, sidewalks widening, addition of median island, storm drainage &amp; pavement markings at specific areas based on need. (Continuation of Scope Attached)</u></p>
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HD/NIB MOTION 07-16

A MOTION TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL GRANT TO THE BUENA VISTA EAST HISTORIC DISTRICT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS.

MOVED: M. Cruz  
SECONDED: R. Aedo  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

➤ Additional Funding for the Miami High Bungalow

<p><b>NAME OF PROJECT:</b> <u><a href="#">ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI HIGH BUNGALOW</a></u> <b>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT:</b> <u>\$55,000</u> <b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> <u>Neighborhood Parks and Acquisition</u> <b>ACCOUNT CODE(S):</b> <u>CIP # 341419</u> <b>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:</b> <u>Scope involves the restoration and stabilization of the one story wood frame Old Miami School Bungalow as a City owned Park office and Community Resource center.</u></p>
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HD/NIB MOTION 07-17

A MOTION TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL GRANT TO THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE MIAMI HIGH BUNGALOW.

MOVED: R. De La Cabada  
SECONDED: M. Cruz  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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

## **UPDATE:**

### ❖ Miami River Greenway Regulatory Guidelines – Professional Consulting Services

Orlando Toledo, City Manager's Office, stated that the study has been completed. In addition, there are 11 projects that are in the process; 5 of them have been completed; 3 are presently actively; 1 is at Historic Preservation, which should be seen in July; and then 5 currently do not have funding, and they will be addressed with next year's budget. Every developer that comes to the river now to work will be given the standards and they will have to follow those standards. The Planning Department has a Class II process that requires projects on the water to come through the Class II process. Those will be conditions that will be placed as part of the Class II, the same as if it's a Major Use Special Permit, there will be conditions that are placed as part of the development order. When the project is completed, Code Enforcement then visits the site to ensure that the standards were followed that were presented as part of the project plans. The CO will not be issued if the plans were not adhered to. They may have a TCO, but the final CO cannot be issued until all the requirements are met.

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

- Statement regarding arrest of 11 CIP employees

Chairman Flanders read the following statement into the record:

This is the appropriate time to address last week's well-publicized events that took place in Miami's Capital Improvement Projects Department. As you know, 11 City employees were arrested, and if the charges that were filed by the State Attorney's Office against them prove correct, then these unscrupulous public servants conspired over time to fraudulently use their workday and the City's resources for personal gain, with the taxpayers picking up the tab. It is understandable that we are appalled to learn of such an organized scheme that has reportedly cost Miami's much-needed Capital Improvements Program untold millions in stolen time and in construction delays, but despite the outrageous behavior of these people, this episode becomes a positive one for Miami as we recognize the honor, the integrity, and courage displayed by Mayor Diaz, City Manager Pete Hernandez, and Chief of Operations Mary Conway in their oversight and dogged pursuit of the illegal activities, and by their speaking out publicly and unequivocally that it really is no longer business as usual in Miami. Public servants have an obligation to what is best - what is in the best interest of the people they serve; in this case, the taxpayers and residents of the City of Miami. The arrests send a clear message that, when you betray that trust, you will be caught, you will face prosecution, and you most likely will go to jail. Mayor Diaz has stated that he has a zero tolerance for fraud within the City. If the allegations of the premeditated corruption are proven correct, then his Administration will be remembered by history as the one who cleaned up Miami. Corruption in government has been around since the foundation of Rome. It is kept in check with consistent internal audit controls and good management oversight. This board can do no less than to commend the current Administration for its diligence and to encourage more of the same.

**IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

HD/NIB MOTION 07-18

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: M. Cruz

SECONDED: J. Reyes

L. Cabrera, R. Lambert, L. Pierre, G. Reshefsky, M. Reyes, J. Solares

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