

HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES

6-28-05 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
CITY HALL – CHAMBERS
3500 Pan American Drive
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m., with the following members found to be

Present: Rolando Aedo (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)
Kay Hancock Apfel
Eileen Broton
Mariano Cruz
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Walter Harvey
David E. Marko
Gary Reshefsky
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)
Albena Sumner (arrived at 6:13 p.m. and left at 7:29 p.m.)

Absent:
Luis Cabrera
Ringo Cayard
Luis De Rosa
Jason Manowitz
Jami Reyes

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Joe Sanchez, District 3
Rafael O. Diaz, Deputy City Attorney
Assistant Fire Chief Tom Flores, Fire-Rescue
Mary Conway, CIP/Transportation Director
Danette Perez, CIP Department
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department
Alvaro Alonso, CIP Department
Ed Herald, CIP Department
Juan Ordonez, CIP Department
Ed Blanco, Parks & Recreation
Stephen Bogner, Conferences, Conventions & Public Facilities

Niurka Lorenzo, Economic Development
Madeline Valdes, Economic Development
Teri E. Thomas, City Clerk's Office
Marva Wiley, Model City Trust

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 24, 2005.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-58

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 24, 2005.

MOVED: R. Aedo
SECONDED: M. Cruz
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

HD/NIB MOTION 05-59

A MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 24, 2005.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky
SECONDED: M. Reyes
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

HD/NIB MOTION 05-60

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 24, 2005 WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS (to view additions see revised minutes of May 24, 2005 with underlined words added and struck out words deleted).

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: K. Apfel
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **FPL Easement for Underground Utilities Services at Jose Marti Park.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$5,000 (1.35 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$29,172)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI – Neighborhood Park Improvements
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Scope includes the cost of installation of a new pad mounted transformer at the newly completed Jose Marti Park-Recreational Building in order to provide electrical power to the building by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL).

HD/NIB MOTION 05-61

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE FPL EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SERVICES AT JOSE MARTI PARK.

MOVED: M. Reyes
SECONDED: M. Cruz
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

- **Emergency Dock Repairs at Miamarina Pier 5.**

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,000,000 (10 Million total Bond allocation)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI – Citywide Waterfront Improvements
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Scope includes the repairs to an 18 foot lateral concrete joist supporting the commercial dock, one of four per section of Pier 5 at MiaMarina which is deteriorating at an accelerated rate because of natural elements decaying the concrete.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-62

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE EMERGENCY DOCK REPAIRS AT MIAMARINA PIER 5.

MOVED: M. Reyes
SECONDED: M. Cruz
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

- Land Acquisition for Future NE Fire Station at 958 & 960 NE 79 St.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,095,000 (10 Million allocated, with 5.5 Million in 1st series. Estimated current balance is (\$969,800)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Fire Stations & Training Facility
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Land acquisition for future Northeast Fire Station, located at 958 AND 960 N.E. 79TH Street.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-63

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE LAND ACQUISITIONS FOR FUTURE NE FIRE STATION AT 958 & 960 NE 79 ST. AND FOR FUTURE NE FIRE STATION AT 990 NE 79 ST.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: M. Reyes
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

- Land Acquisition for Future NE Fire Station at 990 NE 79 St.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$935,200 (10 Million allocated, with 5.5 Million in 1st series. Estimated current balance is (\$2,064,800)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Fire Stations & Training Facility
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Land acquisition for future NorthEast Fire Station, located at 990 NE 79 Street

HD/NIB MOTION 05-63

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE LAND ACQUISITIONS FOR FUTURE NE FIRE STATION AT 958 & 960 NE 79 ST. AND FOR FUTURE NE FIRE STATION AT 990 NE 79 ST.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: M. Reyes
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

- Downtown Streets Infrastructure – Phase I.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$4,363,000 (10 Million allocated, estimated balance \$477,000)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Downtown Infrastructure Improvements
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The project consists of the milling and resurfacing of the existing road, replacement of broken sidewalk and broken curbing, the addition of ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, drainage inlet retrofitting for pollution control and addition of landscaping.

HD/NIB MOTION 05-64

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE DOWNTOWN STREETS INFRASTRUCTURE -- PHASE I.

MOVED: K. Apfel
SECONDED: M. Cruz
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

- SW 16th Terrace Road Reconstruction – Phase II.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,138,134 (5 Million allocated, estimated balance \$1,126,211)
SOURCE OF FUNDS: \$1,061,500 HDNIB-D4 Neighborhood Quality of Life Improvements and \$76,634 Highway Bonds-Interest
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The project consists of drainage improvements, roadway reconstruction and new curb and gutter. New sidewalk and/or sidewalk reconstruction along SW 16 Terrace between SW 29 Avenue and SW 32 Avenue. The project covers approximately 2030 linear feet (LF).

HD/NIB MOTION 05-65

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE SW 16th TERRACE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION -- PHASE II.

MOVED: M. Reyes
SECONDED: M. Cruz
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

UPDATES:

1. Cuban Memorial Linear Park & Calle Ocho from Domino Park to Cuban Memorial Boulevard.

Joe Sanchez reported that the Cuban Memorial Boulevard project is almost complete. He expressed that the project is being welcomed by area residents. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony October 9, 2005 for the project.

Ed Herald, CIP Department, reported that construction of project began in December '04. In January of '05, tree removal began, as part of the overall landscaping enhancements. Shortly thereafter, strong neighborhood concern was raised over the scope of the tree removal and the overall extent of it. The City, in consideration of the neighborhood's concern, halted all the landscaping work in order to reevaluate the overall landscaping design. During this period, the construction work continued while the redesign took place. The project scope included drainage improvements and new median, walkway, provisions for ADA accessibility, new curbing, along with milling and surfacing of the entire boulevard. In late March, the landscaping redesign was complete. Landscaping work recommenced in conjunction with the overall ongoing general construction. In May and June of 2005, the overall boulevard started taking shape with the general landscaping and enhancements. The other components of the work included brick pavers, which are being reconstructed at the north end of the job, near Southwest 8th Street. Planters, trash receptacles, and benches are being installed, with the milling surfacing starting at the south end of the job, near Coral Way. The final components of the project will include two privately funded monuments, one titled "Nosotros," us, and the other "Pedro Pan," both in tribute to Cuban-American history. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

2. Model City Revitalization Trust Replacement of HOME Investment Partnership Funds.

Marva Wiley, president/CEO, Model City Community Revitalization District Trust, reported that Community Development requested that the Trust repay \$1.8 million back to HUD in February 2003. The regulations state that the participating jurisdiction should have a reasonable expectation that construction will commence within 12 months of the commitment of the funds. As the 12-month mark approached, the request was made to swap the funds out because 12 months had passed and construction had not happened. Within the entire Model City Homeownership Zone Pilot Project, at the time the request was made, there had not been any construction started because the focus was on acquisitions. During the acquisition phase, the goal was to keep the costs pretty consistent because of the extensive time involved in closing on lots. If the Trust had begun building one house, costs on other properties still to be acquired would have increased, making the project more expensive. Currently, there have not been any houses sold; however, construction has started on ten (10) houses now that the acquisition phase has concluded.

3. Little Haiti Park Appraisal Services.

Madeline Valdes reported that \$11,500 was spent in appraisals, of which \$25,000 was requested. Parcel 92, on the recreational component, is still in litigation, and as such, the appraisals will need to continue to be updated, so the allocation of \$25,000 should be made available for future updates. Parcel 18 may possibly be swapped with an adjacent property owner to one of the City-owned properties in hopes that parking can be increased along the cultural component of the project.

4. Miami River Greenways Regulatory Guidelines – Professional Consulting Services.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the study for the Miami River Greenways was completed, and it's going to the Planning Advisory Board, and then to the City Commission in July. This plan will require developers to comply with certain design standards for the bay walk.

5. New Public Plaza & Roadway Improvements Adjacent to Mary Brickell Village.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project is projected to be completed in the fall, probably in November. The City is monitoring the public plaza's construction, and the developer has drawn down the money that was allocated for the project as the expenses come about.

6. Black Police Precinct & Museum Restoration.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the building has been completed gutted, and it's getting a roof permit, new water lines, and a phase of the project is expected to be complete in March 2006.

7. Gibson Park Improvements – Phase I.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the park is scheduled to open in January. The project was three months behind, but the park wasn't shut down during the three-month lag. Part of the park is currently open. The recreation building is closed, but the project is moving forward.

8. Bay of Pigs – Playground Equipment.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project was completed in April.

9. Jose Marti Park – New Water Playground.

Gary Reshefsky reported that construction will start in September, and it will be open the following summer.

10. Williams Park – Irrigation.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project had to be pushed to the second series because of funding issues.

11. Coral Gate Park – Irrigation.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project had to be pushed to the second series because of funding issues.

12. Southside Park – Irrigation.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project is ongoing, and that it is utilizing non-bond money.

13. Elizabeth Virrick Park Community Center & Gymnasium Repairs.

Gary Reshefsky reported that the project is currently in the permitting stage, and that the gymnasium is currently open, although it's incomplete.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

Chairman Flanders commended Mary Conway, CIP/Transportation Director, for her wonderful transition to working with the Board, and welcomed her on behalf of all members of the Board.

Chairman Flanders discussed his trip to Los Angeles, where he was able to meet a senior LAPD detective, who was able to help arrange for the Chairman to tour the Ed Davis Police Training Facility in Hollywood, California.

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Marva Wiley, president/CEO, Model City Community Revitalization District Trust, requested a correction to the Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bond Oversight Board minutes of March 25, 2003, to reflect that the transaction proposed by Model City Trust at said meeting was to swap out \$1.8 million of HOME Investment Partnership Program dollars with Homeland Defense dollars to fund land acquisition in the Model City Homeownership Zone Pilot Project, and not for construction of new homes, as reflected in the minutes of the March 25, 2003 meeting. The discussion with the Board resulted in the following motion:

HD/NIB MOTION 05-66

A MOTION TO APPROVE CERTAIN CORRECTIONS IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2003 (to view corrections see revised minutes of March 25, 2003 with underlined words added and struck out words deleted).

MOVED: D. Marko
SECONDED: M. Reyes
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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

HD/NIB MOTION 05-67

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: M. Cruz
SECONDED: M. Reyes
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, R. Cayard, L. De Rosa, J. Manowitz, J. Reyes

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