

HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES

7-25-06 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
CITY HALL CHAMBERS
3500 Pan American Drive
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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

Present: Kay Hancock Apfel
Eileen Broton
Mariano Cruz
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Walter Harvey
David Kubiliun
Laurinus Pierre

Absent: Rolando Aedo
Elaine Black
Luis Cabrera
Luis De Rosa
David E. Marko
Gary Reshefsky
Jami Reyes
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)

ALSO PRESENT: Rafael O. Diaz, Deputy City Attorney
Kirk Menendez, Assistant City Attorney
Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department
Danette Perez, CIP Department
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department
Cesar Gonzalez, CIP Department
Jose Ortega, CIP Department
Lionel Zapata, CIP Department
Marcel Douge, CIP Department
Teri E. Thomas, City Clerk's Office

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MAY 23, 2006 AND JUNE 27, 2006.

NOT TAKEN UP DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

- Dr. Laurinus Pierre nominated by Mayor Diaz

Chairman Robert A. Flanders welcome Laurinus Pierre, nominated by Mayor Manuel A. Diaz, as a new member of the Board, replacing Ringo Cayard. Chairman Flanders thank Ringo Cayard for his attendance and contributions to the Board since its inception.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- Additional Increase in Contract for Enhancements to NW 14th Street Improvements Project.

NOT TAKEN UP DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM.

Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department, stated that the item is a change order of the contract in the amount of \$388,000 to add additional landscape improvements along Northwest 26th Street, as requested by Commissioner González. The item will be brought back in September.

- Gary Fabrikant addresses the Board to respond to the June 27, 2006 questions regarding Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives, Roberto Clemente Park and Jose Marti Gymnasium items.

Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department, stated that the Department made a commitment to be more proactive in bringing information to the Board. One commitment made at the last meeting was to provide the landscape materials used on the Coral Way landscaping project, and that has already been forwarded to the board members.

During the presentation by one of the police officers on the Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives, a comment was made that there was approximately \$2 million that had not been appropriated at this point. Actually, the full dollars available in Homeland Defense series one, which is \$3.5 million, had been appropriated. There's actually only 66 cents that has not been appropriated. There's \$3.1 million that has been earmarked in purchase orders to date. There's approximately about \$152,000 in one project concerning the bomb squad that has not moved forward because of issues with the building, but that money is still dedicated to resolving that issue. The remaining balance that the police officer was talking about is actually \$2 million in second series homeland defense bonds.

The next item is an item brought forward to the Board concerning the project on Roberto Clemente Park, which was undergoing construction. The Department reported at the last meeting that some issues were found that may impact the project. The Department has received a preliminary report from the consultant. The facility had been closed for two years. Once the project started, the Department found that the building had significant damage, due to termite infestation. The building is being tented to address that issue. However, the Department is still looking at issues with the consultant of whether or not the 50 percent of construction rule has been hit. That rule

stipulates that if we hit 50 percent of the cost of replacement of the facility, we then have to do any renovations up to the current code. We are waiting for a report back on that factor. If we do hit the 50 percent threshold, we are estimating the increased cost for renovation could be about \$500,000. We will have a more definitive answer for you and report back to you when we reconvene in September.

It was reported that the water play area was taken out of the Jose Marti Gymnasium project due to the cost overruns on the facility. The Department has not yet received the final guaranteed maximum price from the consultant, which we hope to receive this month. The Department is not expecting that until September. It will be brought back at that time to let the Board know if there is a shortage in the project. The Department does anticipate a shortfall, as a result of the construction conditions in South Florida, with the cost of material and the shortage of subcontractors and laborers.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATES:

1. Kinloch Storm Sewer Improvements – Design Services

Cesar Gonzalez, CIP Department, reported that the design of the project will address all of the flooding problems resulting from storms in the area bounded by 42nd Avenue and 47th Avenue, between Northwest 7th Street and Southwest 8th Street. The design is 30 percent complete. Complete designs plans are expected in November 2006.

2. Model City Infrastructure – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that the project is 50 percent complete in construction. All of the sidewalks have been replaced between 8th and 12th Avenues. All of the underground electrical work has been completed between 8th and 12th Avenues. Most of the bases for the light poles should be installed within the next two weeks. One hundred percent of the landscaping for the project has been completed. Milling and resurfacing is expected to be begin two months from now. The project should be completed in about two and a half months from now.

3. Downtown Streets Infrastructure – Phase I

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that 100 percent of all of the roadway items in this project have been completed and accepted. Currently, the only thing that is going on is cleaning of existing draining structures within the project boundaries. Part of the scope of this project is to line some of the existing storm drains to restore their ability to carry the runoff rain, and that work is ongoing right now. As it relates to all of the ADA enhancements and roadway items, 100 percent of them have been completed. The lining will take about another two months.

4. Buena Vista Heights – Phase I

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that 100 percent of the drainage improvements have been installed. This project is progressing very well. Major construction should be complete in three to four months. Fifty percent of the construction work as already been completed.

5. Morningside Park Recreation Building Improvements

Marcel Douge, CIP Department, reported that the project is in the dry run permitting process. It is 95 percent completion. The permitting process should be completed by September, and after that, bidding and construction will begin.

6. Lummus Park Recreation Addition & Renovation

Marcel Douge, CIP Department, reported that the project is in the dry run permitting process. The process is 95 percent complete, and it is expected to be completed by September 2006.

In response to a question from Mariano Cruz concerning the stables, Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department, stated that the stables are currently under construction. There have been some issues with the contractor's performance, and the Department is working very closely with them. The construction was originally anticipated to be complete by August, but now construction will probably be complete in October.

7. Williams Park Improvements

Marcel Douge, CIP Department, reported that the project is in the dry run permitting project. The process is approximately 95 percent complete, and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of August or early September 2006.

8. SW 16 Terrace Road Reconstruction – Phase II

Jose Ortega, CIP Department, reported that the estimated cost of the project is \$1.259 million. The improvements to the road are installation of curb and gutter, drainage, sidewalk, and new asphalt. The project is at the punched list stage. The project is 95 percent completed, and completion is anticipated for mid-August.

9. Virrick Park Library Addition

Jose Ortega, CIP Department, reported that there had been some issues with FP&L removing light poles, but that has been resolved. The project is 10 percent complete. The project is anticipated to be complete in early March 2007.

10. Virrick Park Pool Building Renovation

Jose Ortega, CIP Department, reported that the project will not begin until the summer program has completed. The project is the remodeling of the existing pool building, including demolition of the plumbing in the bathrooms and making it ADA compliant. Construction is scheduled to begin early October, and the project is anticipated to be completed in April 2007.

11. Gibson Park Improvements – Phase II

Jose Ortega, CIP Department, reported that the purchase order is being finalized with the contractor. The scope of work includes installation of a 375 square foot food preparation building and 1,100 square foot multipurpose building. Construction is slated to begin after the summer program is completed, and the project is expected to be completed in June or July of 2007.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

Chairman Flanders stated that the Board would miss Joe Arriola as the City Manager of the City of Miami. He believes that Mr. Arriola redefined government in Miami and he thanked Joe Arriola, on the Board's behalf, for his contributions over the last four years. Chairman Flanders welcome Pedro Hernandez as the new City Manager of the City of Miami.

Chairman Flanders congratulated Mary Conway in her role as Chief of Operations.

Chairman Flanders thanked Elaine Black for serving on the Board. She is president/CEO of the Model City Community Revitalization District Trust and that represented a conflict of interest, so she has resigned from the Board.

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Eileen Broton asked for a status report on the Brentwood Village project, and if the Department had spoken with Commissioner Spence-Jones concerning the project.

Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department, stated that, to the best of his knowledge, the Department has not gotten back with Commissioner Spence-Jones, but the item will be addressed with her tomorrow at a meeting to discuss all of her projects. The Brentwood Village project will be brought up at that meeting and the outcome will be discussed with the Board in September.

Please note the Board will recess in August. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2006.