

**HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES**

**8/14/02, 6:00-8:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
MIAMI RIVERSIDE CENTER
444 SW 2 AVE., 10TH FLOOR
MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130**

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m., with the following members present:

Luis Cabrera
Milagros Loyal
Gary Reshefsky
Rolando Aedo
Sonny Armbrister
Marvin Dunn (entered at 6:27 p.m.)
Mariano Cruz
Robert Flanders (Chairman)
Jami Reyes (entered at 6:40 p.m.)
Louis De Rosa
Ringo Cayard

**Absent: Julie Grimes, David E. Marko, Manolo Reyes,
Eduardo Padron**

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JUNE 3, JUNE 26 AND JULY 11, 2002.

HD/NIB MOTION 02-15

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2002; JUNE 26, 2002; AND JULY 11, 2002 HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETINGS.

**MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: L. DE ROSA
ABSENT: J. Grimes; D. Marko; M. Reyes; E. Padron**

Note for the Record: Motion passed unanimously.

II. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. LAST DEPARTMENTAL REPORT BY FRANCISCO GARCIA, N.E.T. ADMINISTRATION AND FOLLOW UP REPORT BY MAJOR LONGUEIRA, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

- Presentation by Francisco Garcia, Office of NET Administration regarding projected capital improvement/relocation objectives for various NET service centers throughout the City.
- Concerns were voiced regarding how the NET Program figures into homeland defense. Assistant City Manager Frank Rollason reminded the Board that within the bond program, no money is identified as having been set aside for NET. However, any member of the City Commission may decide to use “quality of life” monies to assist the NET Program with capital improvement/relocation needs. Board Members Cabrera and Dunn were particularly concerned with when and how the Board would address issues more closely related to homeland defense. Mr. Garcia explained to the Board that although not typically associated with homeland defense, the NET program is an integral part of the emergency response system in the City, as it relates to communication with the public, providing vital information on where to go and what to do in the time of crisis. By doing so, the NET system provides a beneficial supporting role to the front line Departments of Fire and Police in the time of crisis.

- Continued presentation by Assistant Police Chief Noel Rojas.
- Chief Rojas presented the Board with a detailed description of training, training facilities, tools and equipment needed by the Police Department as regards disaster preparedness, including vehicle locators, mobile command post, investigative technology, bomb bunker improvements, bomb squad equipment and a police training facility. Estimated cost: \$2,676,800. As Police Department is a first-line responder to any disaster, Chief Rojas emphasized the importance of ensuring that the Department is provided with the tools and training necessary to handle a disaster as carefully and successfully as possible.
- Chief Rojas explained that the police training facility will not only be used for homeland defense purposes, but will also be used to provide better overall training of police officers. The Department prepared a preliminary concept paper regarding training and equipment and intends to joint venture with other departments. Police training is an immediate need as the City has had an unfortunate history of problems with community policing.
- Chairman Flanders informed Chief Rojas that the Board needs all the input it can get from the Police Department in order to assist the Board when making a case on behalf of the Police Department to the City Commission. Board Member Cabrera suggested that the Police Department should make up a wish list with absolutely everything the Department would need funding for as regards homeland defense.

B. PRESENTATION ON ETHICS BY ASST. CITY ATTORNEY RAFAEL O. DIAZ.

Item deferred.

C. DRAFT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CITY COMMISSION TO AMEND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETINGS.

Item deferred.

D. THE BOARD SHALL ELECT A VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY AND OTHER OFFICERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

Item deferred.

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. WEBSITE AND MEDIA CHANNEL 9 DISCUSSION.

- A motion was made by Chairman Flanders to direct City staff to make a proposal for a website for the Board. The motion was subsequently withdrawn.
- Manny Otero of the Information Technology Department offered to meet one-on-one with a member of the Board to discuss the establishment of a website. Board Member Reyes suggested that perhaps the Board should generate a newsletter to distribute to citizens who do not have internet access. Danette Perez informed the Board that Carlos McDonald, who is in charge of the City's cable TV had been invited to make a presentation to the Board. However, as Mr. McDonald did not appear at the meeting, perhaps a presentation could be made by Mr. McDonald at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

B. SCHEDULE FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS. (Dates and locations.)

- Per Chairman Flanders, the September meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 6 p.m. at the MRC, 10th Floor Main Conference Room. No other meetings were scheduled.

C. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT.

- Audit Committee Chairman Gary Reshefsky gave a presentation regarding proposed changes to the ordinance which created the Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bond Oversight Board.

HD/NIB MOTION 02-16

A MOTION TO ADOPT IN PRINCIPLE CERTAIN CHANGES TO ORDINANCE #12177, THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD; SAID CHANGES SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY MANAGER, THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

MOVED: L. CABRERA
SECONDED: M. LOYAL
ABSENT: J. Grimes, D. Marko, M. Reyes, E. Padron

Note for the Record: Motion passed unanimously

- Audit Committee Chairman Reshefsky provided the Board with a verbal summary of discussions the Committee had with City Manager Frank Rollason, as well as discussions the Committee had with Mayor Diaz concerning the Board's vision for the bond program. Chairman Flanders informed the Board that it was the Mayor's suggestion that the Audit Committee meet on a regular basis with him. The Mayor further expressed appreciation and support for the work that the Board is undertaking in assisting him with prioritizing the needs of the City as relates to homeland defense. Per Chairman Flanders' understanding, the Mayor views the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as a means of bringing all City departments together in a uniform fashion; that the Audit Committee would help develop policy within the City and that the CIP Office is being created to oversee all capital improvement projects within the City. Chairman Flanders congratulated the Audit Committee on the outstanding work they are doing on behalf of the Board. With regards to a master plan, there may not be a necessity to draft a new master plan. Since so many master plans have already been drafted, it might be prudent to piece together some of the existing master plans, rather than drafting an entirely new plan.

IV. **CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA.**

- Chairman Flanders established a Communications Committee, which he suggested that Board Members Jami Reyes, Luis Cabrera and Marvin Dunn should be appointed to.

HD/NIB MOTION 02-17

A MOTION TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD, APPOINTING JAMI REYES, LUIS CABRERA AND MARVIN DUNN AS MEMBERS.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: M. LOYAL
NAYS: M. DUNN
ABSENT: J. Grimes, D. Marko, M. Reyes, E. Padron

Note for the Record: With the exception of Board Member Dunn, all members present voted in favor of the motion.

HD/NIB MOTION 02-18

A MOTION TO APPOINT JAMI REYES AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD.

MOVED: G. RASHEFSKY
SECONDED: L. CABRERA
ABSENT: J. Grimes, D. Marko, M. Reyes, E. Padron

Note for the Record: Motion passed unanimously.

V. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS.**

No additional items.

HD/NIB MOTION 02-19

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: R. AEDO
SECONDED: L. CABRERA
ABSENT: J. Grimes, D. Marko, M. Reyes, E. Padron

Note for the record: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.