

HOMELAND DEFENSE/  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT  
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD  
MINUTES

9-21-04 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF MIAMI  
Miami Riverside Center  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Main Conference Rm.  
444 S.W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

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The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m., with the following members found to be **present**:

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

**Absent**:

Ringo Cayard (entered meeting at 7:18 p.m.)  
Walter Harvey  
Jason Manowitz  
David E. Marko  
Jami Reyes  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)  
Eileen Marcial (staff was unable to notify Ms. Marcial of this meeting;  
therefore this absence is not officially included for the record.)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Rafael O. Diaz, Assistant City Attorney  
Mary H. Conway, CIP Director  
Jorge Cano, CIP Deputy Director  
Danette Perez, CIP Liaison  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department  
Juan Ordonez, CIP Department  
Keith Carswell, Economic Development Director  
Madeline Valdes, Economic Development Department  
Tom Flores, Fire-Rescue Department  
Robert Ruano, Grants Administration Director  
Ed Blanco, Parks and Recreation  
Sylvia Scheider, City Clerk's Office  
Mitchell Burnstein, Esq., Weiss & Sorrota

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2004.**

HD/NIB MOTION 04-74

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2004.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

**I. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Land Acquisition for Little Haiti Park Parcel #101.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,405,000 (\$20 Million in first Series, total \$25 Million; current estimated balance is \$13,207,068.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds - Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition & Development

Approved by Audit Committee: n/a

SCOPE OF PROJECT: The dollar amount requested of \$2,405,000 covers the land acquisition of \$2,350,000, cost of survey, appraisals, environmental reports, title Insurance & other closing cost associated with said acquisition.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-75

A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING OF LAND ACQUISITION FOR LITTLE HAITI PARK PARCEL #101, SUBJECT TO THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY BEING DEMOLISHED WITHIN TWO (2) YEARS.

MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

HD/NIB MOTION 04-76

A MOTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH EACH OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS TARGETED FOR EMINENT DOMAIN WITH A VIEW TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH.

MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY

SECONDED: L. De ROSA

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

**A. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Land Acquisition for Future Fire Station #14.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,408,000 + closing costs (which has 10 Million allocated, with 5.5 Million in 1<sup>st</sup> series. Today's approximate balance is (\$3,462,574) from 1<sup>st</sup> series allocation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Fire Stations & Training Facility

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Land acquisition for property located at 3188 SW 15 Terrace for a future Fire-Station #14

Madeline Valdes, Economic Development, stated this item was withdrawn by the administration.

- Application for the Pan American Seaplane Terminal Historical and Structural Rehabilitation Grant.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$745,000 (5 Million allocated, 2.75 Million in 1<sup>st</sup> series. Approximate balance is \$1,547,500 – Only \$395,000 is from HDNI Historic Preservation Initiatives).

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI bonds Historic Preservation Initiatives - \$395,000

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: The project has two inter-related elements to safeguard the structure from storm surge and wind damage. The first element is assessing damage to structural columns by removing their concrete casings to examine for corrosion, and to replace columns subject to failure. Structural engineers will develop solutions to storm-proof the basement. The second element adds to storm and wind protection of the structure by replacing the entrance building front with impact resistant glass doors and windows that meet 100-year storm code specifications.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-77

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND NEEDED REPAIRS TO DINNER KEY MARINA AND BUILDING FROM FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE PAN AMERICAN SEAPLANE TERMINAL HISTORICAL AND STRUCTURAL REHABILITATION GRANT AND CITY OF MIAMI MATCHING FUNDS.

MOVED: M. CRUZ

SECONDED: L. De ROSA

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

- Orange Bowl Structural Condition Assessment 2004

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$77,000 (16 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$11,514,890)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Homeland Defense /Orange Bowl Stadium Ramps/Improvements & Structural Repairs

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: The City of Miami approved Resolution No. 03-873, Bliss and Nyitray, Structural Consultant Engineers to prepare a report on the structural conditions of the Orange Bowl Stadium. The study was intended to develop a remedial work plan for the repairs of noted structural deficiencies and update maintenance recommendations as part of a major renovation that will extend stadium usage for a period of up to 30 more years.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-78

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE ORANGE BOWL STRUCTURAL CONDITION ASSESSMENT 2004.

MOVED: L. De ROSA

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

- Site Furnishings at Kinloch Park.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$90,000 (\$800,000 allocated; estimated current balance is \$700,000)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds – Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Furnish, Deliver & Install Play Equipment, Surfacing, Concrete and Site Furnishings as follows: Little Tikes station fitness center, 2 bay Maxplay swing w/2 belt seats, pedestal mount grill. Icon Shelter 20'X30' + freight. Ultracoat 15' bleachers, bike rack D-sided, single ped. Table Vinyl, surface mount-ped table, inground benches, surface mount benches + freight. Installation of little Tikes equip, Icon Shelter, Ultracoat Equip. Excavate & grade, furnish & install curbs, concrete slab, play ground sand & pip rubber surface.

#### HD/NIB MOTION 04-79

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND SITE FURNISHINGS AT KINLOCH PARK.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: A. SUMNER

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

- Site Furnishings at Juan Pablo Duarte Park.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$50,000 (\$800,000 allocated; estimated current balance is \$351,194)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds – Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT:

Furnish all labor, materials & equipments for the following: Existing asphalt overlay-apprx 20,000 sq ft, paint 88 lines, 45 bumpers and installation of 20 new bumpers. New 6" base+1" Asphalt topping type S-3,apprx 3150 Sq Ft provide, install and paint 10 new bumpers, paint 12 lines. New site lighting, provide and install 30'tall concrete poles with 400watts high pressure, install new circuit poles, new junction pull boxes and new timer.

#### HD/NIB MOTION 04-80

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND SITE FURNISHINGS AT JUAN PABLO DUARTE PARK.

MOVED: M. CRUZ

SECONDED: A. SUMNER

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

- Site Furnishings/Lighting at Jose Marti Park.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$160,650 (1.35 million allocated; estimated current balance is \$216,033)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HDNI Bonds - Neighborhood Park Improvements & Acquisitions-\$116,000 & Little Havana Residential Park Renovations Impact Fees-\$44,650

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Project consists of the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the replacement of eight metal poles and concrete pole bases with forty decorative fixtures. 16 fixtures in existing metal poles.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-81

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND SITE FURNISHINGS/LIGHTING AT JOSE MARTI PARK.

MOVED: L. De ROSA

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

- N.W.14<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Project.

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,443,156 (only \$600,000 is from District 1 Neighborhood Quality of Life Improvements)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: District 1 Neighborhood Quality Of Life Improvements/Citywide Street Improvements FY'2001-2005/ Citywide Transportation & Transit

Approved by Audit Committee: 8/26/04

SCOPE OF PROJECT: The proposed work consists of the milling and resurfacing of NW 14<sup>th</sup> Street from NW 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The project will also add pedestrian ramps for ADA compliance, installation of turf blocks and sod on the parkway area and drainage improvements.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-82

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND N.W. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: L. De ROSA

ABSENT: R. Cayard, W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

Note for the Record: Chairman Flanders directed the administration to post photographs of this project on the City's web page.

**UPDATES:**

1. **Fire-Rescue Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives**

Tom Flores, Assistant Fire Chief, stated that all proposals to purchase land had failed. Not much progress made on equipment either. Federal funds had been used for some equipment. Request for proposals were issued for equipment, which should be reviewed mid October.

2. **Land Acquisition for Future Fire Station at 749 NE 79 Street.**

Madeline Valdes, Economic Development, stated the \$500,000 proposal to purchase a church fell through prior to closing. Some of said funds (\$5,978) were spent in due diligence. The balance is now available to go back into homeland defense fire account. The administration is no longer pursuing this location, but is continuing to seek other sites in the area.

3. **Land Acquisition for Little Haiti Park Parcels 72 & 74.**

4. **Land Acquisition for Little Haiti Park Parcel 73.**

5. **Land Acquisition for Little Haiti Park Parcel 78**

Madeline Valdes, Economic Development stated:

Parcel 72 & 74 the City is not purchasing because the property owner did not sign the agreement.

Parcel 73 the City is not purchasing because the property owner did not sign the agreement.

Parcel 78 was purchased, closed and conducting demolition, which should be completed this week.

Mr. Reshefsky requested Ms. Valdes to provide the board with photographs.

6. **Little Haiti Park Survey of Alleyway near 59 St. N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

Madeline Valdes, Economic Development, stated that a survey had been procured for area behind the Caribbean Marketplace, pursuant to the board's request, to establish no encroachments on the site.

7. **Demolition and Construction of Parking Lot at 1501 S.W. 9 St.**

Juan Ordonez, Capital Improvement Projects, reported a unity of title is required for this project. Mary Conway, Director of CIP, reported city is considering different options, will be costing project and will come back with a recommendation.

8. Orange Bowl Stadium 2003 Structural Repairs
9. Increase in Contract – O. B. Stadium 2003 Structural Repairs.

Juan Ordonez, Capital Improvement Projects, reported work is moving ahead.

10. Lemon City Park Grant.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project should have finished long ago, but there have been delays and now is scheduled to be completed in November.

11. Site Furnishings at Juan Pablo Duarte Park.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project was 95 percent completed and should be finished in a week or so.

12. Walkways at Juan Pablo Duarte Park.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is also 95 percent completed and should be finished in a couple of weeks.

13. Playground and Site Furnishings at West End Park.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is about 75 percent complete. Inspectors were reviewing work today and project ought to be finished by the end of the month.

14. Playground Shade at Athalie Range Park.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is on hold because the city is seeking a new contractor. The contractor who was originally awarded this project is too busy to handle this project in a timely manner.

15. Playground at West Buena Vista Park.

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is 95 percent complete; missing only the benches, which have been delivered. This should be finished in a couple of weeks. Board member Aedo again requested that photographs of all completed projects be included in the City's web page.



HD/NIB MOTION 04-83

A MOTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DRAFT A FLYER TO BE MAILED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, SIMILAR TO ONE DONE BY MIAMI-DADE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, TO INFORM RESIDENTS OF THE STATUS AND INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ONGOING PROJECTS FUNDED FROM HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND.

MOVED: R. AEDO

SECONDED: M. CRUZ

ABSENT: W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes and E. Marcial

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

**16. Shade Structure at Moore Park**

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this shade structure has been delivered and should be installed in October.

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

- Jorge Cano, Deputy Director of CIP, proposed to the board that it approve unallocated homeland defense funds to expedite work orders to consulting engineers and architects to jump start approximately 15 projects which are ready to begin. Ms. Conway, Director of CIP, stated that these contracts can be executed by piggybacking on established contracts. All of the items have been identified and properly bid. Ms. Conway requested to be authorized to execute contracts for construction projects already approved by the City Commission. The HD/NIB directed that CIP's request to authorize the ability to piggyback on other government contracts will be presented to the Audit Committee and brought back for approval by HD/NIB.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-84

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CIP ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO APPROVE UNALLOCATED HOMELAND DEFENSE BOND FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED A MAXIMUM OF 15 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST, TO ISSUE WORK ORDERS TO CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS TO EXPEDITE PLANS PRODUCTIONS, AS DISCUSSED DURING TODAY'S MEETING, SUBJECT TO PROVIDING MONTHLY STATUS REPORT TO THE HD/NIB BOARD ON THIS MATTER.

MOVED: R. AEDO  
SECONDED: L. De ROSA  
ABSENT: W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, E. Marcial and A. Sumner  
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

**IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- Board member Reshefsky stated that Commissioner Winton has started soccer in Bicentennial Park on weekends, which is open to the public.
- Board member L. Cabrera expressed concern on the following:
  1. If there is a terrorist attack in Miami, there is no equipment purchased to address chemical spill or other catastrophic possibilities;
  2. An area in the City is in need of its own fire station;
  3. Need for a status report on proposed police training facility;
  4. Need to be aware and careful with construction costs in Little Haiti.

HD/NIB MOTION 04-85

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: G. RESHEFSKY  
SECONDED: K. APFEL  
ABSENT: W. Harvey; J. Manowitz, D. Marko, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, E. Marcial and A. Sumner  
Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.