

HOMELAND DEFENSE/
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MINUTES

9/30/03 - 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF MIAMI
CITY HALL - CHAMBERS
3500 Pan American Drive

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m., with the following members present:

Rolando Aedo
Ringo Cayard
Mariano Cruz
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)
Walter Harvey (entered at 6:19 p.m.)
David E. Marko
Suzanne Peters
Gary Reshefsky
Luis de Rosa (entered at 6:34 p.m.)
Ronda Vangates (exited at 7:04 p.m.)

Absent:

Sonny Armbrister
Luis Cabrera
Steven Caceres
Jami Reyes
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 22, 2003.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-62

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2003.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES; L. de ROSA; W. HARVEY

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

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Little Haiti Park Land Acquisition – Keystone Trailer Park.

Presentation by Madeline Valdes, Department of Economic Development. This project was brought before the Audit Subcommittee prior to placing it on a City Commission agenda, but the Department was unable to bring it before the BOB, due to time constraints. As part of the purchase price, the owners of the trailer park will be demolishing all structures on the property and removing all tenants and trailers that exist on the site, leaving the land free and clear of any structures. Purchase price includes a Phase II and Phase III environmental study, survey and title work prior to closing on the site. Purchase and sale agreement allows for six months of due diligence. Closing could occur as soon as all tenants have been removed from the site. By statute, one year will be allowed for removal of all tenants.

The Audit Subcommittee recommended of approval of the project.

The Department will provide an update on this project by March 2004. \$3,040,000 of BOB funds have been budgeted for this project.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-63

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LITTLE HAITI PARK LAND ACQUISITION - KEYSTONE TRAILER PARK PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$2,840,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: D. MARKO
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES; L. de ROSA

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

- Land acquisition for future fire station at 749 NE 79 St.

Appearance by Fire-Rescue Chief Tom Flores.

The Department of Fire-Rescue is requesting that the BOB approve a \$500,000 allocation of Bond funds re this project. The appraisal for this project came out at \$400,000. The seller has agreed to demolish, cap the sewer line and remove all structures and debris and clear the site of encumbrances. The \$500,000 would cover the cost of acquiring land (\$480,000) along with the costs for surveying, environmental reports and title insurance (\$20,000).

The Audit Committee recommended approval of this project at its September 18, 2003 meeting.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-64

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB)OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LAND ACQUISITION AT 749 N.E. 79 STREET FOR FUTURE FIRE STATION PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$500,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Gusman Center for the Performing Arts Historic Renovation.

Appearances by Jenny Warren, Office of Historic Preservation; Richard Heisenbottle, Project Architect; Art Noriega, Miami Parking Authority; Michael Springs, Miami-Dade County and Mike Wharton, General Manager of the Gusman Center.

This project seeks \$500,000 from the Historic Preservation Initiatives. These funds will help with the completion of restoration currently underway. Scope of work includes: Paint and plaster restoration; completion of new theatrical rigging and lighting; completion of new communications system, new concession counters, new carpets; ADA accessibility improvements i.e. new railings and new seating; construction contingency; theater and acoustical consultants' fees and expenses.

By a vote of two/one, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of this project at its September 3, 2003 meeting, subject to a presentation at the 9/23/03 BOB meeting, explaining how the historic preservation bond money would be spent.

Board Member Reshefsky raised concern at the 9/3/03 Audit Subcommittee meeting that no plan had been provided re historic preservation dollars. A plan has since been provided which shows \$500,000 earmarked for Gusman in the Historic Preservation Initiative.

The Downtown Miami Partnership will be partnering with the theater re programming and resources.

This does not represent the final phase of the project. Approximately \$3,668,000 of work is pending re the project.

Chairman Flanders commended Michael Springs for his excellence at the County level in furthering the project.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-65

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB)OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE GUSMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS HISTORIC RENOVATIONS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$500,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: R. CAYARD
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Police Department EPIX Digital Imaging System.

This new state-of-the-art x-ray imaging system would replace the Police Department's Bomb Detail Division's current x-ray processing methods. This new system would be more cost effective, as it allows for reuse of imaging plates, scanning and downloading. It would also allow users to view x-ray images through special software.

The Bomb Squad made a presentation to the Audit Subcommittee at its September 18, 2003 meeting and requested to have this equipment in place in time for the November 2003 FTAA Conference. The Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of the project.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-66

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EPIX DIGITAL IMAGING SYSTEM PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$22,899 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: S. PETERS
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Court Upgrades at Athalie Range, African Square, Henry Reeves, Shenandoah, Southside, Riverside, Henderson, Belafonte Tacolcy and Triangle Parks.

Presentation by Board Member Reshefsky and Ed Blanco of the Parks Department.

Mr. Blanco provided pictures and reviewed the present condition of each site, with an explanation of the scope of work.

At Athalie Range Park, three tennis courts are to be converted to two adult basketball courts and one mini basketball court. At African Square Park, approximately four and a half basketball courts are to be resurfaced. At Henry Reeves Park, two basketball courts are to be resurfaced. At Shenandoah Park, two basketball courts are to be resurfaced. At Southside Park, one basketball court is to be resurfaced. At Riverside Park, two basketball courts are to be resurfaced. At Henderson Park, three tennis courts and two basketball courts are to be resurfaced. At Belafonte Tacolcy Park, two tennis courts are to be converted to two basketball courts, and two basketball courts are to be resurfaced. Alonzo Mourning Charities has expressed interest in assisting with the scope of work re this project. Chairman Flanders suggested that Mr. Mourning should be recognized in some fashion on the BOB website for his participation in this project. At Triangle Park, one basketball court is to be resurfaced.

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of each of these projects.

Board Member Aedo voiced concern regarding City parks losing tennis courts to basketball courts, and suggested that more programming should be provided citywide to foster interest in tennis.

Chairman Flanders suggested that a master plan for parks which has an open and transparent public process, including charettes, would help determine the amount of interest in a particular sport at any given City park.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-67

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ATHALIE RANGE PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS AND ONE (1) MINI BASKETBALL COURT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$55,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: W. HARVEY
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-68

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN SQUARE PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF FOUR AND A HALF (4½) BASKETBALL COURT AREAS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$5,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-69

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD (HD/NIB) AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HENRY REEVES PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$9,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-70

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SHENANDOAH PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$23,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-71

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHSIDE PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF ONE (1) BASKETBALL COURT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$6,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-72

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE RIVERSIDE PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$9,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-73

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HENDERSON PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF THREE (3) TENNIS COURTS AND TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$30,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-74

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BELAFONTE TACOLCY PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE CONVERSION OF TWO (2) TENNIS COURTS TO TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS AND RESURFACING OF TWO (2) BASKETBALL COURTS; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$40,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-75

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRIANGLE PARK COURT UPGRADES PROJECT; SAID PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE RESURFACING OF ONE (1) BASKETBALL COURT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$5,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: L. de ROSA
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- **Fencing project at Sewell Park.**

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of this project. The project will go out for formal bid pending the Board's approval.

Board Member Marko voiced concern over making improvements to a park which has no park manager in place and no funding in place to maintain improvements.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-76

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SEWELL PARK STEEL PICKET FENCE PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$80,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING AN URGENT APPEAL TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER THE EXPENDITURE OF BOND FUNDS ON IMPROVING PARKS WHILE LOWERING THE BUDGET OF THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, RESULTING IN AN IPSO FACTO LOWERING OF FUNDING TO MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE SECURITY AT CITY PARKS.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- **Site furnishings and walkways at J. Pablo Duarte Park.**

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of both the site furnishings project and the walkways/ADA project for this park.

Site furnishings include: 8" cascade bench with center armrest; two 46" square tables; trash receptacles; tetherball and volley ball game standards.

The scope of work further includes installation of concrete walkway on top of existing asphalt walkways; installation of two (2) bypass driveways; forming and pouring of two (2) wheelchair ramps; installation of 28 linear feet of handrails on both ramps and installation of a new concrete slab at the rear of the park building. Completion of this scope of work

will render the park's walkways ADA compliant.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-77

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUAN PABLO DUARTE PARK SITE FURNISHINGS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$20,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: S. PETERS
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-78

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUAN PABLO DUARTE PARK WALKWAYS/ADA PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$55,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Playground and site furnishings at West End Park.

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of this project.

Scope of work includes installation of two (2) sports dugouts; bleachers; tables; bike racks and turf.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-79

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF WEST END PARK PLAYGROUND/SITE FURNISHINGS PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$160,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Playground equipment at African Square, Eaton and Henry Reeves Parks.

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of these three projects.

The scope of work for African Square and Eaton Parks include installation of new playground equipment. The scope of work for Henry Reeves Park includes installation of new playground equipment; completion of volleyball court; supplying of 10-station vita course; removal of existing concrete walks and installation of site furnishings.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-80

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE EATON PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$50,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-81

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN SQUARE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$13,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

HD/NIB MOTION 03-82

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HENRY REEVES PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$80,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: M. CRUZ
SECONDED: W. HARVEY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Scoreboard at Hadley Park.

At its September 18, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of this project. The project will go out for formal bid pending the Board's approval.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-83

A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HADLEY PARK SCOREBOARD PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$20,000 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

- Hurricane shutters at the Overtown Youth Center at Gibson Park.

This project involves reimbursement of approximately \$28,550 to the Overtown Youth Center (OYC). The OYC procured a bid for this project on its own.

The Audit Subcommittee requests: (1) That the City should investigate as to who the contractor is and whether there is any other relationship between the contractor and the staff of the OYC or its board members. The concern here is the possible appearance of impropriety should it be revealed that someone at OYC is connected with the contractor. (2) The City should further investigate and determine whether the price quoted and contracted for (\$28,550) is comparable to what other companies would have quoted. (3) Request should be made of the City Manager to provide a memorandum attesting to and stating that the cost (\$28,550) is a justified cost.

At its September 23, 2003 meeting, the Audit Subcommittee recommended against this project.

Ed Blanco of the Parks and Recreation Department explained to the Board that the OYC has a couple of buildings that were donated by the Margolis/Mourning Charities. Technically, the buildings are on Gibson Park property, and are owned by the City, but not maintained by the City. The OYC maintains the buildings, which represents a savings to the City. The OYC wanted hurricane shutters for the buildings in order to protect them. The City Manager has made a commitment to assist the OYC with this project by reimbursing the OYC for the cost.

CIP Director Jorge Cano explained that Chief Architect Allen Poms researched the shutters and determined that the pricing was reasonable for the type of installation involved. Mr. Cano encouraged the Board to recommend approval of this project.

Board Member Marko commented that he felt the awarding of the contract re this project lacked the formality required to give the public the comfort that its money is being spent ethically and wisely.

HD/NIB MOTION 03-84

A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND (HD/NIB) OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE GIBSON PARK HURRICANE SHUTTERS AT THE OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER (OYC) PROJECT; FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT \$28,550 OF HD/NIB FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THIS PROJECT; FURTHER REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OYC AFFIRM THAT NO OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD DERIVED ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFIT BY AWARDING THE CONTRACT REGARDING THIS PROJECT AND THAT THE CONTRACT WAS NEGOTIATED AT AN ARM'S DISTANCE.

MOVED: L. de ROSA
SECONDED: M. CRUZ
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER; L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES; J. REYES;
M. REYES

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

SIX MONTH UPDATES:

1. Lemon City Park Grant.

The City Commission approved this project at its September 11, 2003 meeting. The Audit Subcommittee recommended approval of this project at its September 18, 2003 meeting. A matching grant in the amount of \$92,345 was awarded to this project. Funds came from Homeland dollar improvements for the park and Commissioner Teele's quality of life improvement funds. An update on this project will be provided to the Board within six months.

2. Site furnishings at Domino/Maximo Gomez Park.

This project has been completed and photos were presented to the Board. Photos will also be placed on the Board's website.

3. Preservation Development Initiative Grant.

This project has not yet been completed. Sarah Eaton of the Historic and Environmental Preservation Board will be inviting the Board to a public meeting to hear the historic report re this project and will send a copy of the report to the Board.

4. Fern Isle Park Cleanup and Renovation.

This project was approved by the City Commission at its March 27, 2003 meeting. The project's scope of work was changed by the contractor (B&D Engineering), and therefore, the contract was

cancelled. New bids went out in July 2003 for a hauler.

CIP Director Cano informed the Board that within the next couple of weeks, the new contractor (L&C Engineering) will be mobilizing and the cleanup of Fern Isle Park will begin. Cleanup costs were one time estimated at two million dollars. The new contract, which is a turn key - clean the whole thing - falls within the projected expense of approximately \$580,000.

5. Model City Revitalization Trust Hadley Park Office

A change in scope of work occurred which required an additional \$10,000 for telephone wiring in the offices and removal of flooring in order to install wiring. The issue went before the City Commission on September 11, 2003, before coming before the Audit Subcommittee. Because no exigent circumstances existed which would account for this issue not first being brought before the Audit Subcommittee, the Audit Subcommittee did not support it. Board Member Marko also expressed disappointment in the fact that the issue was presented at the September 11th City Commission meeting as a pocket item.

Photos of the project will be provided to the Board within six weeks.

Board Member Reshefsky recommended that the BOB should not support approval of the additional \$10,000, expenditure, though the expenditure has already taken place.

A MOTION BY THE HOMELAND DEFENSE/NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD RECOMMENDING NON-SUPPORT OF THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK OF THE MODEL CITY REVITALIZATION TRUST HADLEY PARK OFFICE PROJECT; SAID CHANGE REPRESENTING AN APPROXIMATE \$10,000 INCREASE IN THE COST OF THE PROJECT; FURTHER EXPRESSING THAT NON-SUPPORT OF THE CHANGE IN SCOPE OF WORK AND RELATED \$10,000 INCREASE IN COST IS BASED UPON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS; OTHERWISE, SAID CHANGE AND RELATED INCREASE APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE.

MOVED: D. MARKO
SECONDED: G. RESHEFSKY
ABSENT: S. ARMBRISTER;
L. CABRERA;
S. CACERES;
J. REYES; M. REYES

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

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

The City Commission authorized the purchase of 46 parcels in July 2003 from other capital improvement dollars. Homeland Defense funds were used for acquiring 22 properties. Nine additional properties were purchased with federal funds. The Board will be provided an update in March 2004.

The next phase includes building infrastructures to develop the Model City area.

7. Dinner Key Mooring & Anchorage Field Project.

The project is proceeding well. A typewritten status report on various phases of the project was provided to the Board. An update will be provided to the Board within six months.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

Board Member Reshefsky reminded the Board of the necessity of attending Audit Subcommittee meetings as often as possible.

Chairman Flanders recognized the immense amount of work covered by the Audit Subcommittee on behalf of the Board. He further reminded both the Board and City staff of the importance of participating in the work of the Audit Subcommittee and the importance of attending all BOB meetings. He endorsed the requests of Board Members Reshefsky and Marko to have responsibilities of the Audit Subcommittee rotated among all members of the Board.

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

No additional items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.