

HOMELAND DEFENSE/  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT  
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD  
MINUTES

11-23-04 - 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF MIAMI  
CITY HALL - CHAMBERS  
3500 Pan American Drive  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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There being **no quorum**, an unofficial meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m., with the following members found to be **present**:

Mariano Cruz  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Walter Harvey  
David E. Marko  
Gary Reshefsky (left at 7:40 p.m.)  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman)  
Eileen Marcial Broton

**Absent:** Rolando Aedo  
Kay Hancock Apfel  
Luis Cabrera  
Ringo Cayard  
Luis de Rosa  
Jason Manowitz  
Jami Reyes  
Albena Sumner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rafael O. Diaz, Assistant City Attorney  
Jorge Cano, CIP Deputy Director  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department  
Ed Blanco, Parks and Recreation  
Sylvia Scheider, City Clerk's Office  
Kevin Brown, CIP Department  
Major Joseph Longueira, Police Department  
Major Hector Mirabile, Police Department  
Sergeant Vega, Police Department  
Daniel Newhoff, Conferences and Conventions Department  
Cary Sanchez-Rea, City Manager's Office  
Dirk Duval, Economic Development  
Ed Herald, CIP Department  
Andre Bryan, CIP Department

Sandra Vega, CIP Department  
Alberto Corrales, CIP Department  
Brett Bibeau, Miami River Commission  
Ernest Martin, Miami River Commission

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2004 and OCTOBER 27, 2004.**

[Not taken up due to lack of quorum.]

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Miami River Greenway Regulatory Guidelines – Professional Consulting Services.
- Site Furnishings at Southside Park.
- Police Headquarter’s Restroom ADA Modification Phase I Locker.
- Old Miami Black Police Precinct & Museum Restoration.

[Not taken up due to lack of quorum.]

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Procurement of Appraisal Services for Little Haiti Park.
- Gibson Park Improvements – Phase I.
- Coral Gate Park – Irrigation.
- Jose Marti Park – Irrigation.
- Williams Park – Irrigation.
- Moore Park – Irrigation.
- New Public Plaza & Roadway Improvements Adjacent to Mary Brickell Village – Cooperative Project Agreement.
- Sewell Park Restrooms/Park Facility Building.
- Juan Pablo Duarte Park Building Renovation/Expansion.
- Robert King High Park New Building and Site Improvements.
- Fire Station No. 11.
- Henry Reeves Park Community Service Building Improvements.
- Margaret Pace Park Improvements – Phase II.

[Not taken up due to lack of quorum.]

➤ **Miami Police Department Horse Stables.**

Police Sergeant Vega, who runs the horse stables, reported that the stables will be relocated at Lummus Park. The stables will be an urban barn, smell free. The neighbors are in agreement with this proposal. There was a unanimous

show of support by those members present for this proposal (present: Cruz, Flanders, Harvey, Marko, M. Reyes and Broton)

UPDATES:

**1. Miami Circle Greenway and Miami River Greenway Update.**

Brett Bibeau and Ernest Martin, from the Miami River Commission, reported that two of the three required permits were issued. The Army Corps of Engineers permit was not issued by the required deadline date. This delay caused the loss of matching funds (\$100,000) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Bibeau reported that the Department of State Division of Historic Resources has granted additional funds (\$350,000) to cover the seawall repair and the riverwalk at the Miami Circle site.

Board Member Marko requested:

- a. A written report to board members with an explanation of who was responsible for filing the documentation that would have timely made the \$100,000 available to the City of Miami.
- b. Uniform standards to be drafted related to the construction and maintenance standards for the riverwalk.
- c. Post map with update of riverwalk.

**2. Police Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiative.**

Police Major Joseph Longueira reported that the bomb suits, imaging system, communication system for bomb suits and the vapor detector have been received. Requests for proposals were reissued for the surveillance platform. The skywatch surveillance is being constructed and is expected to be delivered in January. The South Substation security gates project is in progress. The bomb bunker improvements is stalled due to zoning issues, which are being negotiated. The command post is in the process to be obtained.

**3. Police Training Facility – Professional Services.**

Police Major Joseph Longueira reported is pending surveys and environmental.

**4. Citywide Sidewalk Replacement for Shenandoah and Silver Bluff.**

Ed Herald, Public Works, reported sidewalk and curb improvements have been completed mid August. Board Member Reshefsky requested photographs of the improvements.

**5. Orange Bowl Stadium Replacement of Field and Maintenance Equipment.**

Daniel Newhoff, Public Facilities Department, reported that a Toro tractor for field maintenance had been purchased. Board Member Reyes remarked that \$32,000 was excessively expensive for a mowing the Orange Bowl Stadium. The field replacement will proceed with requests for proposals in December 2004.

**6. New Playground at Jose Marti Park.**

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is 75% complete, pending rubber surface.

**7. New Tennis Court Wind Screens at Hadley Park.**

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported needs to be re-bided and requests for proposals will be issued next month. Board Member Reshefsky requested that contractor who failed to deliver this project should not be selected in any future contracts.

**8. New Playground Equipment at Triangle Park.**

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this will start in December.

**9. New Playground Equipment at Williams Park.**

Ed Blanco, Parks Department, reported this project is about 90% complete, pending rubber surface; should be completed in about one week or so.

Board Member Marko expressed concern that the City does not have the resources in the budget to maintain the capital expenditures that we are incurring; further suggesting a line item to account for a measurable, quantifiable, marginal increase in the intensity and need of park resources to accommodate the new capital improvements.

**10. Bryan Park – Professional Services Agreement for Interior and Exterior Improvements.**

Andre Bryan, Capital Improvements Department, reported that this project was bifurcated into (a) improvements and (b) right-of-way.

**11. Bryan Park Interior Improvements Construction Contract Award.**

Andre Bryan, Capital Improvements Department, reported that this project is almost completed.

**12. Shenandoah Park – Professional Services Agreement.**

Andre Bryan, Capital Improvements Department, reported architect has been engaged for design services, within budget.

**13. Memorial Boulevard Schematic Design and Scope of Work.**

Sandra Vega, project manager, reported that design is complete and negotiations are in progress for its construction.

**14. Virginia Key Beach Park Improvements, Renovations and Repairs – Phase I.**

Alberto Corrales reported that phase I is complete, that includes the concession, carousel, the bath house, pavilion, access roads. The next phase will be sanitary sewers and parking lot. Hopefully the park can be open to the public in approximately 12 months.

**15. Coral View – The Aston Project.**

Jorge Cano, CIP Deputy Director, reported project will complete its construction within two months.

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

**V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

The informal meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.