

HOMELAND DEFENSE/  
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT  
BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD  
MINUTES

12-15-06 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF MIAMI  
CITY HALL CHAMBERS  
3500 Pan American Drive  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33133

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The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m., with the following members found to be

**Present:**

Rolando Aedo  
Kay Hancock Apfel  
Eileen Broton  
Mariano Cruz  
Ramon De La Cabada  
Luis De Rosa (in at 6:31 p.m.)  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Walter Harvey  
David Kubiliun  
Laurinus Pierre (in at 6:25 p.m.)  
Gary Reshefsky  
Manolo Reyes (Vice Chairman) (in at 6:40 p.m.)

**Absent:**

Luis Cabrera  
Jami Reyes  
Hattie Willis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robin Jones Jackson, Assistant City Attorney  
Gary Fabrikant, CIP Department  
Danette Perez, CIP Department  
Zimri Prendes, CIP Department  
Lionel Zapata, CIP Department  
Pilar Saenz, CIP Department  
Teri E. Thomas, City Clerk's Office

I. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2006.**

HD/NIB MOTION 06-30

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2006.

MOVED: R. Aedo  
SECONDED: M. Cruz  
ABSENT: L. De Rosa, L. Cabrera, L. Pierre, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, H. Willis

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

II. **NEW ITEM:**

➤ Curtis Park Sports Turf Improvements

NAME OF PROJECT: <b><u>CURTIS PARK SPORTS TURF IMPROVEMENTS</u></b> TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,667,463 ( <b><u>\$63,157 only from Neighborhood Park Improvements</u></b> ).
SOURCE OF FUNDS: <b><u>Neighborhood Park Improvements &amp; Acquisitions</u></b> ACCOUNT CODE(S): <b><u>CIP # 331419</u></b> DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <b><u>The scope of work consists of design and construction of official NFL Sanctioned Turf Improvements.</u></b>

HD/NIB MOTION 06-31

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO FUND THE CURTIS PARK SPORTS TURF IMPROVEMENTS.

MOVED: M. Cruz  
SECONDED: G. Reshefsky  
ABSENT: L. De Rosa, L. Cabrera, L. Pierre, J. Reyes, M. Reyes, H. Willis

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

**UPDATES:**

1. Fairlawn Storm Sewer Improvements Phase III – Design Services

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that the project design is 40 percent complete and is anticipated to be 100 percent complete by March 2007. Currently, the project's design firm is addressing comments DERM has provided in order to meet the deadline of March 2007.

2. Kinloch Storm Sewer Improvements – Design Services

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that the project design is 50 percent complete. Currently, the project design firm is addressing comments from DERM. The project design is expected to be completed by April 2007.

3. New Public Plaza & Roadway Improvements adjacent to Mary Brickell Village

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that all of the items under the joint project agreement have been completed. At this time, the Department is verifying that all of the punch list items have been addressed, but all of the items have already been completed.

4. Miami River Greenways – Segment B

AND

5. Miami River Greenways – Segment C

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that FDOT has signed the joint project agreement with the City of Miami. Probably in January, FDOT will authorize the City to proceed with construction. Segment B and Segment C will both be released simultaneously and will be handled by the same contractor.

6. Model City Infrastructure – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Lionel Zapata, CIP Department, reported that the project is currently 97 percent complete. All of the roadway milling and resurfacing, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping have been completed. The Department is working with FP&L to energize the new decorative poles. As soon as the new poles are energized, the old aluminum poles will be removed. Everything has to be substantially completed before January 12 because there will be an event on MLK Boulevard.

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

- Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bond Oversight Board Annual Report

Chairman Flanders thanked City staff, consultants, and members of the Board for completing the first tranche of the bond and the fourth year of the Board's existence. The bond rating of the City of Miami went from A3 to A2, which means that the City will pay less for money when the second tranche is issued. Chairman Flanders stated that he hopes this \$255 million is the beginning of a long track record of the City rebuilding itself and making up for the 25 years of deferred maintenance. He stated that he thinks the Board has brought stability, integrity, and honesty to the process of acquiring money, earmarking money for projects, and making sure that that money is spent correctly, on time, and where it was intended. Each year the Board gives a report to the City Clerk and addresses the City Commission. This year the Board will address the completion of the police stables, the storm sewer projects, the land acquisition and construction of Little Haiti Park, and the shining jewel this year, the police training facility, which has been in work since the existence of the Board.

Mariano Cruz stated that he doesn't want what happened in the beginning to happen again; when the bond money was split in the beginning, most of the money went to Brickell and all these places and very little to District 1. He stated he would like to see equal distribution of the second tranche.

Chairman Flanders stated that Mr. Cruz was somewhat inaccurate. Chairman Flanders stated that when the bond was conceived, then-Commissioner Johnny Winton felt that he needed to get things done in all of the other areas, except for District 2. Dollar for dollar, the lion's share of the money went outside of District 2. In fact, he deferred his quality of life monies until the second tranche, most of them, because he felt that District 2, in the past, had gotten the lion's share of the money.

Eileen Broton stated that she is honored and privileged to sit on the Board. She was unable to attend a board meeting and watched it on television where the Chairman read a critical letter into the record, which she thinks is great. She stated that she learns a lot at every audit subcommittee meeting. She feels that the Board is getting very good at asking the right questions.

Chairman Flanders stated that it is true that the Board has not cost the City a penny in lost interest, and in fact, because of the Board's audit and communications subcommittees, the Board has helped retrain City staff in terms of justification for their projects. Before the Board was formed, there were certain departments that absolutely had total autonomy, and they did not answer to anybody, and what the Board did was instill accountability and brought them back to the table. The Board was not there to vex them, but to partner with them to get their projects pulled through as quickly as possible.

**IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

HD/NIB MOTION 06-32

A MOTION TO ADJOURN TODAY'S MEETING.

MOVED: M. Cruz  
SECONDED: K. Apfel  
ABSENT: L. Cabrera, J. Reyes, H. Willis

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