

# HOMELAND DEFENSE/ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT BOND OVERSIGHT BOARD MINUTES

6/23/09 – 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 6:09 p.m., with the following members found to be

Present: Eileen Broton  
Mariano Cruz  
Luis De Rosa  
Robert A. Flanders (Chairman)  
Charisse L. Grant  
Pablo Perez-Cisneros  
Gary Reshefsky  
Jose Solares  
Hattie Willis

Absent: Rolando Aedo (Vice Chairman)  
Hugo P. Arza  
Luis Cabrera  
Kay Hancock-Apfel  
Ricardo Lambert  
Carmen Matos

ALSO PRESENT: Robin Jones-Jackson, Assistant City Attorney  
David Mendez, Assistant Director, CIP Department  
Roger Hernstadt, Assistant City Manager  
Jose Garcia, Miami Art Museum  
Gillian Thomas, Miami Science Museum  
Jose Puentes, Project Manager CIP Department  
Gilbert Henric, Construction Manager, CIP Department  
Carlos Vasquez, Construction Manager, CIP Department  
Danette Perez, Board Liaison, CIP Department  
Wendy Jaramillo, Public Relations Specialist, CIP Department  
Teri-Elizabeth Thomas, City Clerk's Office

June 23, 2009

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 26, 2009.**

HD/NIB MOTION 09-19

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 26, 2009.

MOVED: P. Perez-Cisneros  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, G. Reshefsky

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

**II. NEW ITEMS:**

**1. Museum Park Environmental Remediation Allocation**

NAME OF PROJECT: **MUSEUM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION ALLOCATION**  
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$2,000,000  
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Quality of Life Miami Art and Science Museum  
ACCOUNT CODE(S): 333134 and 333144  
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: To provide for the performance of environmental site assessments and corresponding site rehabilitation of Bicentennial Park (Museum Park) including specifically the City's obligation to pay up to \$2 million toward the cost of environmental remediation of the MAM and MSM sites within Museum Park, which have been leased to MAM and MSM for the development of the museum component within the Museum Park project.

HD/NIB MOTION 09-20

A MOTION TO FUND MUSEUM PARK ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION ALLOCATION.

MOVED: M. Cruz  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos

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

- Updates:
  - 1) Additional Grant to the Miami Art Museum to Support the Development of a Fine Art Museum Facility in Bicentennial Park

Jose Garcia, Miami Art Museum, stated the following: If I may, I won't repeat any of the wonderful summaries that you've heard about the project. I certainly could not have said it better. So, if I may, let me sort of try to answer some of the questions that have come up, but actually, just using our model. One of the comments that was made was about education and also about fundraising. I don't know what else -- how else to describe it. And one of the things that has already become very public is that the Knight Foundation generously gave us \$10 million for education. To answer a question that other people have asked -- not you all this evening -- they have already made payments on 4 million, \$2 million a year. And part of the goal with the Knight Foundation and part of our contract with them is that we will bring in every student in the public schools in some grade to be determined. We are working on that currently

with them. And to give you an idea, this is the third floor of the museum, the top floor. This is the education wing. We put the students up on the top of the building, as opposed to in the basement where sometimes you see the education wing. The ground floor -- by the way, the design is by Herzog & de Meuron. You would know them from the Bird's Nest Arena that was in China. They're the ones that designed that. They designed our building. One of the calls that we gave them was to make the building as accessible as possible. And so what appears to be the ground level and certainly will be the ground level at -- from the park is all glazed. This is the front entrance. There will be artworks that you can see both inside and outside because it'll be like right here. And then the second floor is what I would call the sort of traditional galleries, although, of course they're not traditional galleries. But nevertheless, that's why the spaces are without fenestration. Part of the design is also like Gillian's, extremely as green as we can make it. So we have the large, flat roof, of course, that will protect the building from the sun. And currently we have, thanks to the Museum of Science, a weather station out there testing to see exactly what the conditions are on the site. We are also putting in ground water cooling, which will cool the platform at what appears to be ground level, even though it's not really ground level because below that, underneath the two museums as well as the plaza that connects the two, there will be parking. And we will also have rainwater collection. One of the features that you see both in the model, as well as in the picture, is the green supports for the building. Those are currently being tested out on Bicentennial Park -- or I should say Museum Park now. And the concept is that the plants will be small, and so, in the event of a hurricane, it will be easier to replace from day one.

## 2) Additional Grant to the Miami Museum to Support the Development of a Science Museum Facility in Bicentennial Park

Gillian Thomas, Miami Science Museum, stated the following: We're at a very important stage in both our developments because over the last few months, we have been focusing on completing all the legal documents with the City of which the environmental remediation is a key component. So I'm happy to report that all these were accepted by the City Commission, and we're now waiting for them to be executed. And then our next stage is for the City to complete their action plan for the park, and then we'll be working together to deliver the remediation over the whole site. We're in the middle of schematic design. We've done a small model compared to MAM's model because our issues for our museum were more about the size and the height of the museum relative to the art museum, the Arscht Center, and the surroundings. And so this model shows how well the two museums sit together on the site and gives you the focus of it. So we've spent a lot of time and focus on developing the whole environmental and sustainable approach to our building. We were lucky enough to have some funding to Department of Energy, which you'll remember the City very kindly match funded just over a year ago. And with those, we've done studies around the wind, the water and sun, how we can harvest and use those most effectively in the building, and that's had a net impact on the building because we're trying to create a series of spaces that can use natural currents of fresh air and enhance the breezes so that we won't have quite so many air-conditioned spaces. As part of the result of that, the planetarium has moved to the corner, which you can't see it unless the building is turned round. It's in a globe on the corner between Biscayne Boulevard and I-395, and we'll have whole projections and digital interface over the outside. So it will really be a strong component signaling the science museum and the park that you'll see from Biscayne Boulevard and the Arscht Center. We're working in parallel with MAM for all the things to do with the site work, the site access, bringing the services to the site, the site remediation. Those are all going in parallel, and our foundations as well. They are ahead of us in terms of completing their detailed design, but we're catching up fast, and we're hoping to be very much

on the same timeframe. I should also report that, as you very kindly match funded the Department of Energy funding, there's a series of components that we negotiated what that would pay for with the City. We haven't spent all that money because getting the Energy grant signed took through 'til September, so we didn't ask the City to complete their match funding documents until I'd actually got the signed document from the Department of Energy, so it took longer than we anticipated, and the City's document came some time later. However, we have commissioned three pieces of equipment for installation initially in trial at the existing museum, and then it will move with us down to the new museum subsequently for the energy playground. These are two large components that will be outside, an upside down yo-yo so the child goes up and down and a very large, giant lever so a small child can lift a small person. And indoors, we will have the first component of a sustainability floor, which basically is a floor that children and adults can jump up and down on and the amount that they jump generates an amount of electricity, which lights up the whole floor. So this is one of our ways of helping kids to understand the energy that they use and how much electricity you can get from it. So we'll be able to -- it's the first one in the US. It's coming from Europe. There's another one in Australia, and we'll be having that in the fall as a first for Miami that everybody, we think, will enjoy and give you a taste of what the museum should be like in the future because these are all permanent components that will stay with us for the new museum. So that gives you a very quick summary of where we are at the moment.

## 2. Parks ADA Modifications District 1 - *Design Services*

NAME OF PROJECT: <a href="#">PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS – DISTRICT 1 - DESIGN SERVICES</a> TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$342,515 (\$87,440 is Homeland Defense) SOURCE_OF FUNDS: <a href="#">Neighborhood Park Improvements</a> ACCOUNT CODE(S): 331419 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>Provide Curtis Park and Pool - provide an accessible route and ramp to the recreation building and one van accessible space and one standard H/C space. Juan Pablo Duarte Park - provide one van accessible space and one standard H/C space and provide an accessible route from the baseball field bleachers to the existing Field House and renovations to the existing standalone restroom, including ADA compliance.</u>
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HD/NIB MOTION 09-21

A MOTION TO FUND PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS DISTRICT 1 - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

### 3. Parks ADA Modifications District 2 - *Design Services*

NAME OF PROJECT: <a href="#"><u>PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS – DISTRICT 2 – DESIGN SERVICES</u></a> TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$1,144,060 (\$215,347 is Homeland Defense) SOURCE OF FUNDS: <u>Neighborhood Park Improvements</u> ACCOUNT CODE(S): <u>331419</u> DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>Provide ADA Accessibility at Armbrister Park , Douglas Park., Kirk Munroe Park, Legion Park , Margaret Pace Park , Morningside and Peacock Park. Detailed scope is attached.</u>
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HD/NIB MOTION 09-22

A MOTION TO FUND PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS DISTRICT 2 - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

### 4. Parks ADA Modifications District 3 Jose Marti Park – *Design Services*

NAME OF PROJECT: <a href="#"><u>PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS – DISTRICT 3 JOSE MARTI PARK – DESIGN SERVICES</u></a> TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$410,282 (\$96,917 is Homeland Defense) SOURCE OF FUNDS: <u>Neighborhood Park Improvements</u> ACCOUNT CODE(S): <u>331419</u> DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>Provide H/C accessible space, van accessible space, both on an accessible route. Provide an accessible route to the chess tables, Provide ADA ramp to stage. Provide 1 ADA compliant picnic table on an accessible route, ADA compliant restrooms at the Recreation Center, ADA compliant restrooms at the Pool Building and also provide ADA compliant signage, ramps, water fountains, doors and counters for the proceeding restrooms.</u>
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HD/NIB MOTION 09-23

A MOTION TO FUND PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS DISTRICT 3 JOSE MARTI PARK - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

## 5. Parks ADA Modifications District 4 - Design Services

NAME OF PROJECT: [PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS – DISTRICT 4 - DESIGN SERVICES](#)  
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Park Improvements  
ACCOUNT CODE(S): 331419  
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Shenandoah Park- provide accessible route from the existing Pool Building to the Baseball and Softball fields. Provide an accessible ramp at the Pool Building and provide a complete remodeling of the male & female restrooms and make them ADA compliant .West End Park- provide ADA compliant signs at all ADA parking spaces. Provide an accessible door and opening at the side entrance door. Provide an accessible door with adequate maneuvering clearance at the entrance of the Recreation Center. Provide ADA signage throughout the Rec Ctr. Provide a flush valve mounted on the "open" side of the toilet at the men's restroom at the Rec Ctr.

HD/NIB MOTION 09-24

A MOTION TO FUND PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS DISTRICT 4 - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

## 6. Parks ADA Modifications District 5 - Design Services

NAME OF PROJECT: [PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS – DISTRICT 5 – DESIGN SERVICES](#)  
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$869,648 (\$211,137 is Homeland Defense)  
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Neighborhood Park Improvements  
ACCOUNT CODE(S): 331419  
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT African Square Park- restripe parking & provide one ADA van space, one ADA chess table, and an ADA ramp to the Amphitheatre Stage. Upgrade both R-R to ADA, remodel the interior of both restrooms. Hadley Park- provides one ADA van space and one ADA H/C space. At the rec ctr. provide one ADA Van space and 2 ADA H/C spaces, and redesign showers and fixtures to ADA . Lemon City Park – one ADA van space, and ADA route between basketball and sidewalk. Lummus Park: one ADA Van space, ADA route to barbeque & drinking fountain, and Hi-Lo ADA drinking fountain. Moore Park- ADA directional signage at entry to tennis center, ADA hand rails at the tennis center, ADA route to Day Care, ADA picnic table on an ADA route, ADA route to the picnic tables & playground equipment, one ADA play equipment on an ADA route and provide ADA surface for play equipment area, redesign the showers and fixtures to ADA criteria.

HD/NIB MOTION 09-25

A MOTION TO FUND PARKS ADA MODIFICATIONS DISTRICT 5 - DESIGN SERVICES.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: L. De Rosa  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

## 7. Shenandoah Park Improvements Phase IV

<p>NAME OF PROJECT: <u>SHENANDOAH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IV</u></p> <p>TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$709,106.00</p> <p>SOURCE OF FUNDS: <u>Neighborhood Park Improvements</u></p> <p>ACCOUNT CODE(S): <u>331419</u></p> <p>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: <u>PHASE IV: Remodel the Recreation Building, install a new HVAC system, install new insulation and ceiling drywall, install new movable partition, construct a new addition for Arts and Craft, and remodel the restroom facility.</u></p>
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HD/NIB MOTION 09-26

A MOTION TO FUND SHENANDOAH PARK IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IV.

MOVED: G. Reshefsky  
SECONDED: C. Grant  
ABSENT: R. Aedo, H. Arza, L. Cabrera, K. Hancock-Apfel, R. Lambert, C. Matos, P. Perez-Cisneros

Note for the Record: Motion passed by unanimous vote of all Board Members present, with the exception of Jose Solares, who voted no on the motion.

### III. UPDATES:

#### 1. Additional Funding for Henderson Park New Offices/Restroom Facility

Gilbert Henric, CIP Department, reported that the project is on budget. A groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled for May 27. A preconstruction meeting was held last week. A notice will be given to the architect tomorrow to proceed. The plumbing issue was resolved through the Building Department. The paperwork is being filed to give the contractor the go-ahead.

#### 2. Additional Funding for Dinner Key Dredging

AND

#### 3. Dinner Key Mitigation

Carlos Vasquez, CIP Department, reported that the project is in the bid process. The recommendation to the City Manager is going to be issued probably at the end of this week. Both projects are still under the cone of silence. The project should begin late summer 2009, with an expected completion date at the end of the year or January 2010.

#### 4. Dinner Key Marina Pier No. 3 Emergency Repairs

Eileen Broton stated that the project was completed May 2009, on budget.

Carlos Vasquez, CIP Department, reported that the project was an emergency project. The project was completed within a month and a half. The project is in the process of closeout documentation and completion of punch list items.

## 5. MiaMarina Emergency Repair Pier No. 5

Eileen Broton stated that the project is under construction. Demolition was completed, but issues were found that compromised the structure and it was recommended that there needed to be more demolition.

Carlos Vasquez, CIP Department, reported that the project is currently under construction. The demolition was finished yesterday. In doing so, unforeseen conditions were discovered that are compromising the structure of the piles. A decision was made to remove the piles because they're in really bad condition. The design-build of the piles will be continued because drawings need to be completed and approved by the engineers and sent to the Building Department for approval. The project is still on schedule even though additional scope of work has been added. The project expected completion date is by the end of 2009 or late January 2010.

### IV. CHAIRPERSON'S OPEN AGENDA:

### V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS: