

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 5, 2007**

**1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.**

**2. Review and Acceptance of February 5, 2006 meeting minutes.**

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve: Scott Needleman, Second: Mitch Novick  
Minutes Approved.

**3. Project Status Report**

**a. Update on Fire Station No. 2**

The fire station and EOC are expected to be substantially completed by the end of April, 2007.

**b. Update on Fire Station No. 4**

Final inspections continue, the emergency generator test failed. Once that is re-tested and passes, a certificate of occupancy can be obtained. Firefighters have begun to move equipment and furniture in to the building in anticipation of the C.O.

**c. Update on Normandy Isle Park and Pool**

The pools are filled with water and the buildings are nearly completed. The deck is also almost complete. Testing continues on the pool equipment. The Fire Department has requested some additional safety equipment such as lighting, and a temporary certificate of occupancy is expected by the end of March, so that the facility can be opened to the public.

**4. Project Status Reports – Middle Beach**

Jorge Chartrand pointed out those projects that are currently in active construction. Oceanfront streetends are in construction. CIP is now doing preliminary work on the second phase of Scott Rakow Youth Center. The design-build award has been given to the contractor for the Nautilus neighborhood. LaGorce and Lake Pancoast are expected to be in construction in the summer.

**DISCUSSION:** Christina Cuervo noted that Public Works is conducting some sidewalk demolition in the Nautilus Neighborhood, even though CIP will be conducting ROW work in the same area. Jorge Chartrand indicated that he will speak to Public Works Director Fred Beckmann about this. The design-build award went to RIC-MAN International. As soon as they complete their design, the CIP Office will conduct a public meeting for the residents in the neighborhood.

Ruth Remington asked about the Indian Creek Greenway Project. Jorge Chartrand explained that EDAW had done a pilot planning project of a portion of the entire Indian Creek Greenway to determine the cost and feasibility. The project is currently on hold for two reasons, the first being funding and the second being approval by the State. The State indicated that they would not permit the project as designed. (The design required a cantilevered walkway above the water, which is the property of the State.) It is difficult to pursue this further because of the lack of funding.

Scott Needleman asked about the LaGorce (Lakeview) Neighborhood, specifically, he asked for clarification about the replacement of waterlines. There is more work being

done on the stormwater side, but there are some water line upgrades. There are also some sidewalks that are badly in need of repair, and will be worked on in the interim rather than wait for the ROW project to begin late next year.

Ted Berman was upset about his perception of the lack of maintaining timelines on the projects. His argument went on to point out projects left undone for years.

Jorge Chartrand acknowledged that the original program was very ambitious, and also pointed out that the planning process took much longer than expected. In many cases, it took many meetings before a consensus was obtained from the neighborhoods. This delayed the planning and design process. Additional changes were made both by the residents and by need that was identified by the City. This also slowed the design process. Permitting as well takes a very long time. Mr. Chartrand also pointed out that the sequencing remains the same, and neighborhoods come in a specific order.

Donna Feig pointed out that the residents of Biscayne Point are upset that there has been a delay of five or six years. Mr. Chartrand explained that the Biscayne Point Neighborhood has always been at the end of the sequencing. It was approached purposely by the City to hire a designer later so that plans would not be complete and then sit in a drawer untouched.

The reality is that all the projects are now moving. This includes the Biscayne Point neighborhood, which is the second to last project in the ROW sequencing, with West Avenue being last.

Luis Salom asked about the sod in North Shore Park. Jorge Chartrand directed him to the Parks Department.

**5. Informational Items**

**a. Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings**

The Committee adjourned at 6:28 P.M. The next meeting will be held April 9, 2007. The meeting will cover GO Bond-funded projects in North Beach neighborhoods.

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