

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2006**

1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.

There were only five members in attendance. No quorum was reached.

The vacancy for Middle beach Representative was filled, but the member, Mr. Jeff Rynor, was not in attendance.

2. Review and Acceptance of November 6, 2006 meeting minutes.

This was tabled until the January 17, 2007 meeting due to lack of quorum.

3. Project Status Report

a. Update on Fire Station No. 2

Report was included in the agenda packet, but not presented to the Committee.

b. Update on Fire Station No. 4

Report was included in the agenda packet, but not presented to the Committee.

c. Update on Normandy Isle Park and Pool

Report was included in the agenda packet, but not presented to the Committee.

4. Status Report – G.O. Bond-funded Projects Managed by Offices Other than CIP

DISCUSSION:

Although there was no quorum, many residents attended the meeting, and Directors and other representatives of other City Offices that manage G.O. Bond-funded projects came prepared with presentations, so the information about the various projects were presented as discussion items.

Public Works Projects, Presented by Fred Beckmann, Director of Public Works
Normandy Drive/71st Street Corridor

Public Works (PW) is the link between the City and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and this is an FDOT project. A Master Plan has been developed, but it remains unfunded. GO Bond funding will be used for some short-term pieces of the project. The overall plan will include new landscaping, signalization and intersection improvements and roadway striping. Mr. Beckmann sought direction from the Committee on how to allocate the (approx) \$293,000 for minor improvements in the project for the time being. (No immediate answer was given).

Clarification was made for those who were unfamiliar with the project, of what is entailed in the FDOT plan, which is to make the corridor more pleasant to both the drivers and residents along the road.

Alton Road Corridor Enhancements

This project is completed. PW replaced waterlines from 63rd Street south to Michigan Avenue. FDOT completed hardscape and resurfacing. Both FDOT and Miami Beach Parks Department completed the landscaping. Mr. Beckmann offered to make information available about any funding that is still available on the project at the next meeting he will attend.

Indian Creek Greenway Project

This project is unfunded at this time. A pilot project portion of this entire plan will

be managed by CIP. FDOT will be milling and resurfacing Indian Creek Drive from 41st Street to 23rd Street, planned to begin in late 2007. Prior to that, the City will replace the water line and sewer line along that corridor. The actual Greenway project on the west side of Indian Creek Drive has not been funded. Much of the adjacent property is privately owned and the City has to negotiate with the property owners.

ADA Beach Access

DERM permits have been obtained, a DEP permit has been granted for the North Beach Recreational Corridor project, and Public Works is conducting a study on providing additional access for beachgoers.

ADA Citywide Renovations

There is a pot of funding available for any ADA upgrades during renovations of City properties. When the need arises, the funds are tapped into. Access improvements to youth centers, community centers and parking garages are all examples of how this money is used.

Beach Planting

Much work has been done, primarily in the dune areas. Most of this was done in 2004 and 2005. Now that permitting has been obtained for the North Beach Recreational Corridor for dunescapes, planting can continue to the north end of the beach. PW will remove exotic species and replant native vegetation. This will begin full-force in 2007.

Roof Assessment Plan

The roof assessment project involves an allocation of \$175,000 per year, of which \$25,000 is put toward study and renovation of the existing roofs. \$50,000 is allocated to roof replacements of city facilities.

Shoreline and Seawall Rehabilitation

Specifications for a master contract are being obtained. In the past, bids went to individual contractors. This new program, providing a blanket contract for all seawall and shoreline repair, is a more efficient method. Collins Canal is the first targeted project, as well as five others along Biscayne Bay.

North Beach Recreational Corridor / Allison Park

The development of a beachwalk, similar to the one in South Beach, is currently part of a master plan (North Beach Recreational Corridor). This beach corridor will run from 64th Street to 79th Street. This is expected to be bid out in late January, 2007 (this plan includes Allison Park).

Q: What is the timeline for completion of North Beach Recreational Corridor?

A: The bid is expected to be awarded by March of 2007, and construction should take about one year.

Q: Inquiry about 16th Street Streetscape project. (does not involve GOB Funding)

A: Discussion continues within the Administration about the feasibility of including 16th Street into the GO Bond-funded Flamingo/Lummus streetscape project, which is managed by CIP.

Q: There is an allocation discrepancy on the Alton Road project status report.

A: Allocation listed is the FDOT allocation, and if there are funds still available, the

money will likely be spent in that neighborhood (Bayshore). If a great need is demonstrated elsewhere, those funds may be able to be used for a different project.

Q: Adam Shedroff, of 500 16th Street, asked about the public right of way project in his neighborhood, which includes removal of existing greenspace that now occupy encroachments. Mr. Shedroff indicates that he and his neighbors would prefer to keep the greenspace rather than give it up for pavement and hardscape. Also, there are some traffic concerns in the area, namely that the bulb-outs will cause traffic congestion. The suggestion from the neighborhood is to instead install synchronized traffic lights.

A: Mr. Beckmann replied that the 16th Street improvement project is still in the planning stage, and therefore there are no definitive drawings that have been signed off. The next public meeting will be held within two or three months.

North Shore Open Space Park/ North Beach Recreational Corridor/Altos Del Mar
Public Discussion

Lorena Licea, representing the Altos Del Mar Sculpture Park Organization, is interested in the inclusion of a sculpture park within the North Beach Recreational Corridor, namely in Altos Del Mar Park. For now, Ms. Licea is requesting a temporary fix for Altos Del Mar Park by maintaining the park, with cut grass and simple maintenance, until the Park Master Plan is put into effect.

Q: Are there GO Bond allocations for the North Beach Recreational Corridor?

A: Mr. Jorge Chartrand, CIP Director, answered that there is money allocated for Altos Del Mar, which is now part of the Master Plan. (Includes North Shore Open Space Park, Altos Del Mar, and Bandshell Park).

North Beach Recreational Corridor, Presented by Joyce Meyers, Senior City Planner

Ms. Meyers gave more information about the Master Plan for the North Beach Recreational Corridor.

The City hired a consultant 18 months ago and held workshops with residents in the area in December 2005. The consultant then presented the plan to the City Administration. The results of the consultant's findings were brought to the public via workshops in March of 2006 and to the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee in August. The next step is for the Administration to consider how to allocate sufficient funding in addition to the \$4.5 Million that was previously allocated. The administration will go back to Commission in order to obtain the funding and direction.

Randall Robinson, of the North Beach Development Corporation (NBDC), Followed up on Ms. Licea's comments about Altos Del Mar Park. The NBDC is asking for a status report on minimal improvements at Altos Del Mar. They are requesting that Altos Del Mar be the first park developed as part of the Master Plan. NBDC is seeking funding in the interim from the QOL and the Pay-as-You-Go allocations.

Mr. Jorge Chartrand indicated that he would bring these concerns to the Administration.

Parks Department Projects, Presented by Kevin Smith, Dir., Parks and Recreation

Mr. Smith was asked to discuss Altos Del Mar further. He indicated that the Parks Department views Altos Del Mar Park at this point to be an open green space, not a park space. Crews tend to the site for simple maintenance, but he said that additional work

such as laying sod will require funding that his department does not have. He expressed concern that doing too much work in the park would be putting good money after bad.

Randall Robinson responded that NBDC is not seeking anything elaborate, just sod, irrigation and maintenance.

Mr. Juan Carols Toca, a local developer, said that residents have assembled signatures of people who want to see Altos Del Mar Park flourish. Mr. Toca praised Mr. Smith for Parks' recent clean up of the Altos Del Mar site. According to Mr. Toca, at charrettes that were held in 2003, Teresita Falcon was "selected as the architect" for Altos Del Mar Park, which was to include artwork in the park. Art in Public Places and the Historic Preservation Board have approved the formation of an art park at Altos Del Mar. Mr. Toca offered the services, pro bono, of several consultants. He wished to go on the record stating that the residents want their energy utilized, and that there is momentum for the process, so the City should not be concerned with funding.

Susan Weitz, a North Beach resident, raised the issue of the bump-out plantings on Harding Avenue. These plantings have not been maintained.

Kevin Smith responded that the Parks Department does maintain the landscaping on those bump-outs, but that they were installed by FDOT with poor growing medium (rocks). Parks is looking into replacing the dead growth with new plants that will require little irrigation, and are tolerant of emissions and the occasional hit by an errant vehicle. Research is being done on how to avoid this from happening with FDOT projects in the future.

Sara Gutierrez requested that Altos Del Mar project be looked at closer, so that the residents achieve the "next step" in this process.

Mr. Chartrand promised to discuss this with the Administration in order to perhaps bring information back for the next meeting.

Mark Craven, a South Beach Resident, asked about the status of the Property Management Yard in Flamingo Park.

Mr. Chartrand answered that the relocation of the Property Management Yard from Flamingo Park has been heavily discussed for several years within the City. Several attempts at relocation have been made by the Administration and the Commission, but met opposition by residents. The Administration continues to look for options, but for the time being it remains in Flamingo Park. CIP has been directed by the Manager to plan Flamingo Park around the Property Management Yard. An RFP for design of Flamingo Park is to go on the agenda of City Commission December 6. Initial focus will be on the tennis center and restrooms. Then, planning and design based in part on the original master plan will continue. The fate of the Property Management Yard remains undefined.

Q: Fate of area behind Fire Station #2 and how it relates to the High School.

A: This belongs to Public Works. Once the Fire Station and EOC are completed, work will begin on that facility. (With no involvement from the school).

Q: Fate of the Par 3 Golf Course.

A: The most recent direction from the City Manager is to study what can be done to improve the Par 3. The plan may incorporate a playfield for the Scott Rakow Youth Center, with the Par 3 reconfigured. Funding, as usual, is an issue.

- 5. Informational Items**
 - a. Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings**
 - b. GOBOC Roster**

The Committee adjourned at 6:32 PM. The next meeting will be held January 8, 2007. The meeting will cover all GO Bond funded projects in the City.

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