

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2006**

- 1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.**
Three vacancies still remain on the committee. The Committee directed Jorge Chartrand to once more report these vacancies to the City Clerk.
There was no quorum, only six Committee Members attended.
- 2. Review and Acceptance of June 5, 2006 meeting minutes.**
Review and acceptance of the minutes tabled until the October 9, 2006 Meeting due to lack of quorum.
- 3. Review and Acceptance of July 10, 2006 meeting minutes.**
Review and acceptance of the minutes tabled until the October 9, 2006 Meeting due to lack of quorum.
- 4. Contingency Report**
Mr. Jorge Chartrand, Director of the Capital Improvement Projects Office (CIP) presented the contingency report, which contained one item for Fire Station #4.
- 5. Project Status Report**

 - a. Update on Fire Station No. 2**
Mr. Jorge Chartrand informed the Committee that interior work and the exterior envelope are close to completion. Completion of the window installation awaits product approval. The windows are on-site, and as soon as the Building Department approves the material, installation will be swift. Substantial completion (Firefighters can move in) is expected before the end of the year.
 - b. Update on Fire Station No. 4**
Jorge Chartrand informed the Committee construction for that Fire Station #4 is moving along and is, in fact, expected to be completed before Fire Station #2. Interior work is complete, landscaping and walkways have been installed. Most of the inspections have been done and received approvals from the appropriate departments. An opening date is expected to be announced at the next GOBOC Meeting on October 9, 2006.

Christina Cuervo pointed out that any time extensions permitted for most projects are included in the original allocation of funds. The contractors are aware that they are obligated to complete the projects at the agreed cost and any time-extensions for Fire Station #4 were granted at no additional cost.
 - c. Update on Normandy Isle Park and Pool**
Mr. Chartrand informed the Committee of a problem with the pump equipment that had been purchased through the original contractor. This equipment had been stored improperly for an extended period of time (through an agreement with the sub-contractor who worked with the original contractor). Because of this, some of the equipment is damaged and inoperable. After a complete assessment, CIP will procure new equipment and replace damaged equipment where necessary. Although the original contractor was bonded and the material did come with a warranty, the bond was nullified when that contractor was released and the warranty expired since the equipment was nearly four years old. A change order documenting this occurrence will be issued once the process is completed. This situation, discovered last month, will cause further delays in the project.

Sara Gutierrez asked how this could be prevented in the future. Mr. Chartrand described the City's adopted "Best Value Procurement" system that is now in place, which requires that the City demand more information when assessing the qualifications of contractors, vendors and service providers.

Additionally, Mr. Chartrand pointed out that the CIP Office has obtained a proposal for completion of the fence (to cover the entire perimeter of the park, which is outside the scope of the original project), but execution will cost more money.

6. **South Beach Project Summaries**

This meeting marked the first to be conducted with new focus. This meeting presented only those projects that are in the South Beach Neighborhood so that more detail about the status of projects could be discussed.

Summaries are included in the agenda packet, as well as the status reports highlighting budget information. Minutes herewith reflect discussion items for the various projects.

DISCUSSION:

Deede Jeryl Weithorn gave input as to the new presentation of projects. She had envisioned a high-level summary that had specific details about dates, deadlines and project status as well as financial information. The report as it stands now is close to the desired format. She also suggested better public information about meetings so that the public could participate in the meetings, knowing that specific projects in their neighborhoods were being addressed. Ms. Weithorn also asked that summaries be included on the CIP Web site.

Ms. Weithorn also asked that the reports include funding that has been identified, but not yet approved, so that there are fewer discrepancies in the printed report.

10th Street Auditorium: Taken to the City Commission in July. CIP met with the architect, determined scope and negotiated a value. STA has been given notice to proceed and are now initiating design. The design is similar in scope to the original plan from 4 or 5 years ago, with slight modifications.

Mitch Novick inquired about a chain-link fence erected adjacent to the Auditorium. Mr. Chartrand explained that Beach Patrol will relocate temporarily to that area (storage) while construction takes place at the old Beach Patrol facility at South Pointe Park.

Beachfront Restrooms: Slight delays, but those under construction are close to completion (80% - 90%). At 21st Street, there was some complication in obtaining state permit, now has been resolved. Construction will resume after the new year, since Art Basel will need the adjacent site for the art festival.

Christina Cuervo requested a timeline of construction also be included in the agenda packet with reports.

Ms. Weithorn asked that CIP make an effort to let the neighborhoods know when the projects in their area will be discussed at GOBOC meetings, in order to foster more citizen participation.

7. **Informational Items**

(A) Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings

The updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings was presented by Jorge E. Chartrand, with a special emphasis on participation from GOBOC Members to attend the joint meeting of the Finance and Citywide Planning Committee and the G O Bond Oversight Committee.

(B) 2006 – 2007 Meeting Schedule

C. Cuervo pointed out that the next meeting will take place on Columbus Day.
City of Miami Beach offices will be open.

The Committee adjourned at 6:48 PM. The next meeting will be held October 9, 2006.

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