

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2003

1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.

2. Review and Acceptance of September 15, 2003 meeting minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Roberto Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deede Weithorn. The motion passed.

3. Change Orders

The Change Order Report was presented and reviewed.

4. Recommendation to City Commission

(A) Award A/E Agreement for Botanical Garden

This item was withdrawn from the agenda by the Administration.

(B) Venetian Island BODR

Mr. Tim Hemstreet informed the Committee that the Basis of Design Report for the Venetian Island Neighborhood Improvement Project would be presented for the Committee's approval, and then if recommended, the approval of the Commission. He introduced Adriano Foti from Edwards & Kelcey, Inc., the Consultant for the project. Mr. Foti presented the proposed improvements for review by the Committee. The improvements were also further described in the Basis of Design Report (BODR) distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Robert Lanster, a Venetian Island resident, commented that he represented seven other residents and they were opposed to any changes to the easements that lead to the waterways.

Ms. Nori Linch, a resident of the Venetian Island, wanted to know if there was some defined design for her area on the swale. She wanted to know if it conflicted with her landscaping. Mr. Hemstreet explained that the design was only in a conceptual stage and if there were any changes made to the swale, the City would try to work with the residents to make the public improvement compatible with the homeowner's existing landscaping.

Mr. Roberto Sanchez wanted to make it clear that the conceptual design included the replacing of asphalt by grass, where the asphalt wasn't compatible with the planned improvements. Mr. Hemstreet responded that asphalt would be

replaced with grass. He added that if there are brick pavers in the right of way, they might be able to stay.

Ms. Francine Liebman, a resident of the City of Miami, wanted to know if San Marco was included in the new improvements. Mr. Hemstreet responded that San Marco was not included since it is part of the City of Miami. He added that negotiations are in the process for the Venetian Causeway improvements, but that project did not include the residential areas.

Jean-Francois LeJeune wanted to know if the easements to the waterways were private property. He commented that if the easements are public, he hopes they remain that way. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the residents have joint ownership of the easements.

Mr. LeJeune commented that he was not in favor of the reduction of the width of the traffic lanes. He added that reducing the width of the traffic lanes would make pedestrian use more dangerous. He said that bicycle riding and jogging would be more difficult for the residents in that area with a reduction in road width. Mr. Barry Miller of Savino and Miller, the sub-consultant for the project, informed the Committee that the consultant team would be addressing those concerns with the residents.

Ms. Sherri Krassner wanted to know about the undergrounding of utilities. Mr. Hemstreet explained that if the Venetian Island residents come forward to form a special assessment district to underground the utilities, the City of Miami Beach will make an effort to coordinate the undergrounding with the City's Right-of-Way infrastructure improvement project.

ACTION: Mr. Frank Del Vecchio motioned to recommend that the City Commission approve the Venetian Island Basis of Design Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marty Hyman. The motion passed.

5. Project Status Report

(A) Update on Fire Station #2

Mr. Jorge Chartrand informed the Committee that the project is on schedule. He added that Jasco has started pouring concrete and that the project is moving quickly.

(B) Update on Fire Station #4

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that if the City Commission directs the Administration at the October 15, 2003 City Commission meeting to demolish the historic building, demolition would be scheduled as quickly as possible and construction of the new building would be anticipated to start by March 2004.

Mr. Sanchez wanted to know what the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) added to the project as part of its approval to issue a certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the fire station. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the HPB was requiring the City to add more landscaping, add a five foot swale/planting strip between the curb and sidewalk, add a monument to the old station, and to construct internal walkways and driveways out of brick pavers, among other improvements. He said that the cost of these additional improvements is in excess of \$200,000.

(C) Update on Normandy Isle Park and Pool

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that there are issues with the contractor that have caused a significant delay in the completion of the project. He added that they are working with the Legal Department on the next steps that should be taken on the contract with the contractor.

Mr. Needelman wanted to know if the contractor is asking for payments and if they are being paid. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the contractor is permitted to request payments on work that the contractor has completed.

Amy Rabin asked about the progress on the Scott Rakow Youth Center project. Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the first phase of the project was almost complete. There were some inspections still outstanding, and then a temporary Certificate of Occupancy could be issued.

Mike Rotbart asked for an update on the North Shore Park and Youth Center project. Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the contractor was 90 days behind schedule and was incurring liquidated damages, but was working very hard to complete the project.

Mr. Leonard Wein wanted to know the status on the Indian Creek Greenway Project. Mr. Hemstreet responded that this was a Public Works project and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitch Novick wanted to know a status of the South Shore Community Center Project. Mr. Hemstreet informed him that a status report would be given at the Committee meeting in either November or December.

Ms. Sherri Krassner wanted an update on the Alton Road Corridor Enhancement Project. Assistant City Manager Robert Middaugh responded that construction on the Alton Road Corridor is anticipated to begin within the next calendar year. He added that the City is coordinating with FDOT on water connections, drainage and other issues.

6. Informational Items

(A) Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Meetings.

The calendar of scheduled community meetings was provided to the Committee but not reviewed during the meeting.

(B) Project Sequencing City Commission Resolution

The Resolution adopted by the City Commission on the sequencing of construction for the individual Bid Packages and Projects within the Neighborhood Right-of-Way Infrastructure and Parks and Facilities Improvement Programs was presented to the Committee but not reviewed during the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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