

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2002

1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.

2. Review and Acceptance of April 8, 2002 meeting minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Frank Del Vecchio reviewed the minutes and asked that the spelling of Mr. Garcia Pons' last name be corrected. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2002, Committee meeting was made by Mr. Del Vecchio, and seconded by Mr. Leonard Wien. The motion passed.

3. Project Status Report

Mr. Del Vecchio reported that on April 9, 2002, the Community Workshop for the 10th Street Auditorium and Beach Patrol Headquarters project ended in consensus with the community supporting how \$690,000 of GO Bond funds should be spent. He also added that to carry out the complete program, the total cost would be \$3.3 million versus the \$690,000 that is available. He concluded that the Administration needs to make a determination and recommendation on whether to proceed with protecting the building beyond what has already been done or not.

Amy Rabin wanted to know if the La Gorce Island Enhancements had been started and if this project would be completed by late May. Mr. Tim Hemstreet responded that the enhancements would probably not be finished by late May. He continued by saying that a meeting with the Homeowners Association and the Administration needed to take place in order to select trees that meet City of Miami Beach specifications.

Ms. Rabin inquired as to a date for Community Design Workshop #3 for the Bayshore Neighborhood. The Committee was informed that it was tentatively scheduled for May 30.

Mr. Roberto Sanchez wanted to know why \$320,925 in GO Bond funds was reallocated to Normandy Isle & Normandie Sud Neighborhood from the Marseille Drive project. Ms. Kristin McKew, Capital Projects Administrator, explained that the report originally stated that action had been taken by the City Commission allocating funds from the Normandy Isle and Normandie Sud Neighborhood project to the Marseille Drive project. She continued

by saying that when researching the records it was found that the action by the Commission never actually happened. The report was revised to reflect the reallocation of the GO Bond funds, and a similar reallocation of Section 108 funds from the Normandy Isle and Normandie Sud project to the Marseille Drive project. The funding for Marseille Drive remains almost the same. Mr. Hemstreet and Ms. McKew met separately with Mr. Sanchez to further clarify the issue.

Ms. Rabin wanted to know if there would be a beachfront restroom at 29th Street. Mr. Bruce Henderson, Environmental Specialist for Public Works, responded that there were no plans for a restroom at that location and that one would be located at the 35th Street streetend facility.

Ms. Sherri Krassner wanted to know what it meant in the Crespi Park report that the contractor failed substantial completion inspection. Mr. Hemstreet responded that it meant that completion was scheduled for April 16 and the park was not finished by that date by the contractor. He said that there were liquidated damages for \$300 a day for each day after the scheduled date. He stated that the contractor reached substantial completion on May 6, 2002.

Mr. Sanchez wanted to know the status of the signage study for the City. Ms. Joyce Meyers, Interim Senior Capital Projects Planner, explained that the Administration is in the process of identifying funding to implement the program and that contributions need to be made from various different sources within the City. She continued by saying there were no GO Bond funds so far that neighborhoods have identified. She said that it could cost as much as \$120,000 in fees to do the design work and funding should be there in order to pay for it. She said a staff meeting was taking place within the next two weeks to identify funds.

Ms. Krassner wanted to know about the status of the Alton Road Corridor project. Mr. Charles Carreno from Hazen and Sawyer responded by saying that he believed the City just received the design drawings and that they will be reviewed by Public Works.

4. Recommendations to the City Commission

(A) Oceanfront Basis of Design Report

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the Basis of Design Report on the Oceanfront Neighborhood Right-of-Way

Improvement project would be presented by Leo Alvarez from EDAW, for the Committee's approval and then if recommended, the approval of the Commission.

Mr. Alvarez reviewed with the Committee the improvements that were being considered for the Oceanfront Neighborhood. The neighborhood is defined as 23rd Street to 63rd Street from the ocean to Indian Creek. The improvements were also further described in the Basis of Design Report distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Michael Rotbart wanted to know if the promenade between 24th Street and 30th Street was included. Mr. Alvarez responded that it had been included in the BODR, however he had not mentioned it. He continued by explaining the promenade project would use almost half of the total funding and should be considered at a later time.

Mr. Robart commented on the flooding in some of the streets and asked if there were plans to alleviate the problems. Mr. Alvarez responded by saying that some of the problems will be alleviated during the Indian Creek Greenway dredging which will replace all the outfalls along the new seawall.

Mr. Del Vecchio wanted to know if there were any major issues that need to be addressed, but are not funded by GO Bond funds. Mr. Alvarez responded that the pedestrian linkage between 24th Street and 24th Lane, additional overlooks along the greenway side and upgrading the level of improvements on streets were considered to be unfunded. He said the total amount of unfunded issues is \$2.5 million.

Mr. Marty Hyman was concerned with the parking spaces on the streetends and how many would be removed and added on this project. Mr. Alvarez stated that parking spaces that met current standards would be retained and those that did not would be corrected. Mr. Hyman and Mr. Wien congratulated EDAW on the report and how well it was presented.

ACTION: Mr. Wein made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve the Basis of Design Report for the Oceanfront project. Mr. Larry Herrup seconded the motion. The motion passed.

(B) Normandy Isle Basis of Design Report

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the Basis of Design Report on the Normandy Isle Neighborhood Right-of-Way

Improvement project would be presented by Fernando Alonso of Williams, Hatfield & Stoner and Aida Curtis from Curtis and Rogers, Landscape Architects, for the Committee's approval and then if recommended, the approval of the Commission.

Mr. Hemstreet explained that 97% of the project was agreed upon by the neighborhood. He stated that the two issues where there was not consensus were on street ends and the infill of sidewalks.

Mr. Alonso and Ms. Curtis presented the Basis of Design Report and scope of work for the Normandy Isle/Normandie Sud Neighborhood. The improvements being considered were further described in the Basis of Design Report distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Rick Esposito, a resident of the neighborhood, spoke and said he was representing over 60 households. He objected to improvements at the street ends, concerned that non-residential activities would take place. The street ends at Notre Dame, Trouville Esplanade and Rue Bordeaux were areas of concern for the people he represented. Some residents wanted the street ends to remain without benches, bike racks and walkways.

Ms. Renate Oertel, a resident of the neighborhood, spoke on the issue as well. She expressed her desire to have the three street ends in question remain as they are, so that she retains the quiet enjoyment of her home. She also does not want benches and bike racks in the area.

Ms. Glazer, another resident of the neighborhood, spoke in opposition of improvements to the street ends that would make them more like parks. She expressed concern regarding her privacy, as well as limiting the availability of parking for the residents by reclaiming some of the area for the improvements.

Ms. Marguerite Ramos, President of the Normandy Sud Homeowners Association, spoke and commented that she had 138 signatures from residents in support of the streetend improvements and continuous sidewalks. She explained that the Homeowners Association approves of the recommendations that the City has designed.

Mr. Jorge Mirabet, a resident of the neighborhood and a member of the Homeowners Association Board, commented that he was speaking on behalf of the residents that did not want the sidewalks because it would bring additional traffic in front of their homes. He

stated that 95% of the residents, who currently did not have sidewalks in front of their houses but would be getting them under the proposed design, did not want them.

Mr. Henry Rodstein, a resident, commented that he was very happy with most of the proposed design. He did not want the benches in the street ends.

The residents representing the various factions agreed to meet to try to come to consensus prior to the Basis of Design Report being approved by the City Commission.

Mr. Del Vecchio expressed his concern about the process failing in this neighborhood. Mr. Bob Middaugh commented that he believed that it was unfair and inaccurate to say the process had failed. He stated that the Administration had taken the process as far as they could and that the agreement was at 98%.

Mr. Rotbart wanted to know if the City had any standards by which it based the design for streetends in residential neighborhoods versus other parts of the city. Mr. Hemstreet answered that it was based on past Community Design Workshops that were held in 1999 and in 2000, professional staff, the condition of the streetends and if GO Bond Funds could be utilized for these projects.

Mr. Hyman questioned Mr. Bert Vidal of Hazen and Sawyer if pipes under the road in this area were going to be replaced. Mr. Vidal explained that an analysis was almost finished. Mr. Hemstreet interjected explaining that there are insufficient funds to replace all priority 3 lines throughout the City. However, the Administration obligated to replace all Priority 2 lines. He continued by explaining that the Administration has asked Public Works to test all Priority 3 lines and recommend which segments are the most critical that need replacing.

ACTION: Mr. Sanchez made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve the Basis of Design Report for the Normandy Isle Neighborhood. Mr. Del Vecchio seconded the motion, requesting that it be amended to reduce trees at street ends by 75%, and remove the bike racks and benches from the street ends. Mr. Sanchez did not accept the amendment. The motion died.

ACTION: Mr. Sanchez made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve the Basis of Design Report for Normandy Isle. Mr. Rotbart seconded the motion. The motion passed with two Committee members opposed.

- (C) Addition of Cherokee Street Streetend work to A/E Agreement for Reynolds Smith & Hills

The Administration requested the Committee consider allowing Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., the A/E for the La Gorce Neighborhood Improvement Project, also design the improvements to the Cherokee Street streetend. The costs for design and construction of this work is estimated at \$45,000. The funding is to come from the Shoreline and Seawall Rehabilitation Program.

Mayor Dermer mentioned that it was decided there would be no Kayak launch there. Mr. Hemstreet agreed and commented that the Administration recommends that the same designer that is working on the Neighborhood Streetscape project be used.

Ms. Rabin wanted to know where funding for the seawall repair was coming from. Mr. Hemstreet explained the funding was coming from the GO Bond line item for Citywide Seawall Repair and not part of the neighborhood funding.

ACTION: Mr. Rotbart made a motion to recommend to the City Commission that the work be added to Reynolds, Smith and Hills' agreement, and that \$45,000 of GO Bond funding from the Shoreline and Seawall Rehabilitation Program be used. Ms. Rabin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Informational Items

- (A) Updated Calendar of Scheduled Community Design Workshops

The Administration informed the Committee that there were no Community Design Workshops scheduled in May.

- (B) Corradino Additional Services for Flamingo, Normandy Isle, Scott Rakow

This item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.

- (C) Group "C" Parks Construction Bid Rejection

This item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.

(D) North Shore Neighborhood A/E Agreement Amendment

This item was included in the agenda but not reviewed during the meeting.

(E) Status Report on Bay Road Subproject of West Avenue/Bay Road Right-of-Way Improvement Project.

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the report defines encroachments that need removal in order to complete the project. Mr. Del Vecchio added that the City identified 11 private encroachments on the eastside of Bay Road and some other streets. He continued by saying that this issue is between the City and the encroachers and the City is trying to minimize the adverse impact.

6. Change Orders

The Change Order Report was presented and reviewed.

Mr. Hyman wanted to know why \$67,000 was remaining in contingency and why there was a need for so many items to complete the Flamingo Pool. Mr. Hemstreet explained that the needed items were not included, as part of the original project and that the remaining contingency funds will be used for night lighting at the pool.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

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