

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2002

1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.
2. Review and Acceptance of February 4, 2002 meeting minutes.

ACTION: Two corrections were noted. Marty Hyman noted that on page 6 Mr. Novick was incorrectly identified as Mr. Herrup and Mr. Wein in the second and third paragraphs. Mr. Rotbart's name was spelled incorrectly. A motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2002, Committee meeting as modified was made by Frank Del Vecchio and seconded by Marty Hyman.

3. Project Status Report

Frank Del Vecchio summarized his comments made in a memorandum that he distributed to the Committee and the Administration (a copy of which follows these minutes). He spoke about his concerns with the Flamingo/Lummas neighborhood Lenox Avenue scope regarding parking and traffic calming issues. He also informed the Committee of issues related to Lummas Park and South Pointe Park. He noted that there would be a Commission workshop on Friday, March 22, 2002, to discuss the proposed Bay Link Light Rail Transit Study. Lastly, he raised questions regarding the Debarment request on the South Shore Community.

Jean-Francois Le Jeune asked if the West Avenue/Bay Road Community Design Workshop #2 had been rescheduled. Tim Hemstreet responded that the appropriation of monies needed for the additional services for Glatting Jackson (A/E) had been rejected by both the GO Bond Committee and the City Commission. He explained that before the second Community Design Workshop was rescheduled, elements would have to be removed from the plans for the project.

ACTION: A motion was made by Frank Del Vecchio to recommend that the City Commission appropriate funding to Glatting Jackson, the Architecture/Engineer for the West Avenue/Bay Road Neighborhood, to plan up to three east-west streets that are potential recommendations for GO Bond streetscape funding. Marty Hyman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Administration explained that the item would come back to the Committee at its April 1, 2002 meeting with specific recommendations.

Mr. Hyman asked why the Washington Avenue & Third Street Public Plaza project was costing so much money. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the initial negotiations for the project were not something that the current Administration was a part of. It was expressed by some of the Committee members that Library remain at its location. Mr. Hemstreet stated that a report on the project would be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Hyman was concerned with the Debarment proceedings for REG Architects regarding the South Shore Community Center because the firm has other projects pending with the City. Mr. Hemstreet responded that if REG is debarred there is a provision within the debarment ordinance that would allow the City Commission to make an exception for existing contracts, if deemed appropriate.

Mitch Novick asked if the work involving the other projects that REG is involved in was satisfactory. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the majority of their work has been satisfactory. He noted that the work on the Normandy Shores Golfcourse Clubhouse was unsatisfactory and that REG had been defaulted on that project and removed from the project. Mr. Hyman raised the issue of limiting the number of contracts one A/E firm can hold at one time. There was discussion regarding the monitoring of performance and the new agreement requirements.

Mr. Hyman asked that since the allocated \$300,000 in GO Bond funds for the Shane Water Sports Center could not be used on that project, could the monies be used in the Neighborhood. Mr. Hemstreet responded no. Raul Aguila of City Attorney's office also responded no and explained that it must be used only on a GO Bond project. Mr. Aguila agreed to provide a legal opinion from Bond Counsel at the next meeting.

Michael Rotbart asked the status on the Biscayne Pointe Neighborhood Improvements project. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the original A/E firm selected was Civil Works but the Administration was not able to negotiate an agreement with them. The Administration continued with the second ranked firm, The Corradino Group, and that the Administration is currently negotiating scope and monies.

Marilyn Kramer resident of Lenox Avenue, spoke on the Flamingo/Lummus Neighborhood. She would like to see the beautification of the Lenox Avenue area go forward with lighting, landscaping and traffic calming.

Mr. Donnelly resident of the Flamingo/Lummas Neighborhood informed the Committee, that he would like to see different parts of the neighborhood linked together, considering pedestrian safety, traffic calming and no encouragement for commercial parking during the time period when bars are open. Mr. Donnelly would like to see that monies are being wisely put in the neighborhoods with specific needs that have been ongoing.

Mattie Snyder, resident of the Park View Island Neighborhood, asked if there were any GO Bond monies going to Park View Island. Mr. Hemstreet responded that Park View Island is part of the North Shore Neighborhood and the Administration is currently finalizing the design plans for the Community. The Administration has tentatively scheduled the first Community Design Workshop for Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

Mr. Hyman asked about the delay on the Scott Rakow Youth Center project. Todd Osborn of URS responded that the majority of the justifiable time delay was due to an unforeseen utility bank from Florida Power & Light that ran through the site where the ice rink is being built that caused ninety days in delay.

Mr. Novick asked if there was any status information on the expansion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Garage? Mr. Hemstreet responded that he would provide him with an update at the next GO Bond meeting because that is not part of the GO Bond Fund projects.

4. Recommendation To Appropriate Funds

Mr. Hemstreet requested approval from the Committee to recommend to that the City Commission appropriate \$89,000 from the G.O. Bond fund, comprised of \$49,000 from the Normandy Isle and Normandie SUD Neighborhood Improvement project for 22 new on-street parking spaces on Trouville Esplanade and Rue Granville, and \$40,000 from the ADA City-Wide Renovations project for accessible walkways and ramps, for the Normandy Isle Park and Pool Improvements project.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Frank Del Vecchio to recommend that the City Commission to appropriate \$89,000 in GO Bond Funds. Roberto Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Informational Items

The Administration informed the Committee that the following Neighborhoods had their Community Design Workshop(s) #2: **a.** Nautilus ROW Improvements; **b.** Bayshore ROW Improvements; **c.**

Flamingo/Lummus ROW Improvements. The Administration informed the Committee of the results of the Normandy Drive/71<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor Enhancements first FDOT Community Meeting. There was a request for a report on the Nominal Group Technique of achieving consensus for the next meeting.

The Administration informed the Committee that on Monday, March 18, 2002, there would be a groundbreaking ceremony for the North Shore Park & Youth Center project.

6. Change Orders

The Administration reviewed the new change orders with the Committee.

Mark Needle, resident of Miami Beach, spoke on the Flamingo/Lummus Neighborhood. He would like to see specific areas recognized concerning traffic calming, pedestrian safety, and beautification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

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