

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

1. Attendance – See Attendance Sheet attachment.
2. Review and Acceptance of August 6, 2001 meeting minutes.

Tim Hemstreet corrected the minutes where Leonard Wien was misquoted.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2001, Committee meeting was made by Frank Del Vecchio and seconded by Larry Herrup. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Project Status Report

**DISCUSSION:** Tim Hemstreet told the Committee that the Project Status Comments section for the Indian Creek Greenway project was corrected. He informed the committee that the North Shore Park & Youth Center project went out to bid on September 7, 2001 and that the Administration is currently getting ready to send the Group C Parks project out to bid.

Mr. Herrup asked when the North Shore Youth Center project was going to be completed. Todd Osborn of URS responded that the estimated date of completion on the project is October 2002.

Mr. Del Vecchio pointed out that the Garden Center Botanical Garden project listed in the project status report has a \$1.5m allocation in the GO Bond Fund. The report states that the project is temporarily on hold pending consideration of relocation of the entire facility and he asked if this was a Commission action. Mr. Hemstreet responded that he did not believe that the Commission had acted on this as of yet and that to his understanding, there was a proposal being formulated to redo the parking lots east of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Garage. Part of what is under consideration is possibly moving the Botanical Garden, so the Administration has placed this project hold temporarily.

4. Program Delivery Analysis Report by Hazen & Sawyer

**DISCUSSION:** Bert Vidal of Hazen & Sawyer presented to the committee a draft version of the Program Delivery Analysis Report (PDAR). Mr. Vidal explained that the report represents a reference document that outlines the proposed implementation schedule for the Right-of-Way (ROW) Infrastructure Improvements Program (Program). The PDAR identifies the estimated scheduled construction for the specific projects (bid packages), based on common work areas to minimize construction impacts in affected neighborhoods, to properly coordinate the interface

between Right-of-Way Improvements and other on-going projects, and to maximize Contractor participation based on the results of the Contractor bonding capacity survey. It also establishes schedule timelines for the planning, design, bid, award and construction of all bid packages.

Mr. Vidal stated that the final version of the PDAR would be given to the Architect/Engineer (A/E) consultants so that they will be aware of what projects are going on in the City at one time. The A/E consultants will also know what time frames they will be expected to follow. Mr. Vidal reminded the Committee that the largest possible delay would likely come from unforeseen field conditions that can occur no matter how much planning is done in advance.

Mitch Novick raised a concern regarding the amount of funding available for the construction of the projects as compared to what public expectations were of the funding. Mr. Hemstreet assured the Committee that the GO Bond funds that were approved by the public would be used in the areas that were specifically identified in the GO Bond.

There was discussion about the role of the Committee in regards to Art in Public Places projects.

Roberto Sanchez requested that the Administration revise the Project Status Report. He would like to see a column showing what percentage of the total project funding were GO Bond funds. Mr. Hemstreet said that the Administration would try to accommodate that request.

Marty Hyman raised a concern regarding the scheduling overlap of projects in Fiscal Year 2004. Mr. Vidal explained that the PDAR is still in draft form, with some fine-tuning to still be done, as the timelines for projects in later years are not set.

## 5. Recommendation to Appropriate Funds

### a. Citywide Shoreline and Waterway Improvement Projects

Bruce Henderson requested approval from the Committee to recommend that the City Commission appropriate \$294,000 for the Citywide Shoreline and Waterway Improvement projects, which consists of the following:

1. Hydrographic Waterway Survey - \$108,000
2. Repair of the Seawall and boat docks adjacent to the North Beach Police Substation and Fire Station #4 - \$59,000
3. City-owned Seawall Structural Evaluation Survey - \$85,000
4. Cherokee Street-End Waterway Access Enhancements - \$8,500
5. Pinetree Park Shoreline Enhancement project - \$25,000
6. Normandy Shores Waterway Access Facility - \$8,500

Michael Rotbart asked if anything could be done to the canal located on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street & Collins Avenue. Mr. Henderson explained that that location is one of the critical zones or problem areas on the canal system that conserves the Convention Center/ Deco Drive area in the South Beach District. It all discharges into that basin area so all the leaves, bottles, styrofoam cups and other debris that goes into the storm drains along the curb lines through the Convention Center and hotel districts gets dumped into the canal every time it rains.

Mr. Henderson also explained that the prevailing winds come down between the high-rise developments on Collins Avenue and the condominiums on the west side of Indian Creek which funnels the flowing debris into that area. Mr. Henderson also explained that there is now a new waterway maintenance division. The City is in the process of bringing people on board and there will be a dedicated crew cleaning the debris daily. Also, the City will be doing some stormwater outfall rehabilitation and restoration work and at that time, the City will look to introduce pollution control systems on those outfalls to catch all the floating debris and trap it before it gets dumped into the waterways.

Roberto Sanchez asked about the dredging status of the Normandy Shores Canal. Mr. Henderson responded that there has been no work initiated under the City program. Mr. Henderson explained that the dredging plan that he is proposing to release now, subject to the appropriation of these funds, would initiate the surveys needed to develop the specifications for developing the contract bid specs for dredging work. He anticipates the dredging work will begin in the Fall of 2002 at the earliest.

**ACTION:** Leonard Wien made a motion to recommend approval of the appropriation of \$294,000. Frank Del Vecchio seconded the motion. Amy Rabin asked that the motion be amended to require Mr. Henderson to speak to the residents abutting the Cherokee Street-End project before proceeding. Leonard Wien accepted the amendment. Frank Del Vecchio did not; the motion was withdrawn. Frank Del Vecchio made a motion to recommend approval of \$285,000 of the \$294,000 request, excluding the \$8,500 for the Cherokee Street-End project. Mr. Henderson would have to come back to the Committee for recommendation to approve the appropriation of those funds. Amy Rabin seconded the motion. The motion passed six (6) to five (5).

- b. Research and Development of a Beach Access System for People with Disabilities

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Henderson requested approval from the Committee to recommend that the City Commission appropriate \$18,000 for the Research and Development of a Beach Access System for People with Disabilities. Mr. Henderson explained that the beach access system would be developed at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street street-end, at the southern tip of Lummus Park. He also explained that the project would be developed as a collaborative effort

between the City's Environmental Resources Management Division, ADA Coordinator and a Coastal Engineering Consultant. The City's Barrier Free Committee will also be involved in the development process.

**ACTION:** Frank Del Vecchio made a motion to recommend approval of the appropriation of \$18,000 for Research and Development of a Beach Access System for People with Disabilities. Larry Herrup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Informational Items

- a. Neighborhood Contract: La Gorce – Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the agreement for Professional Services for Architecture/Engineering (A/E) services for the La Gorce Neighborhood Streetscape project with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. was approved by the City Commission at the September 5, 2001 Commission meeting.
- b. Update on Fire Station(s) 2 & 4 – Mr. Hemstreet explained to the Committee that included in their backup were status reports given to the City Commission regarding the two fire stations.

Frank Del Vecchio raised a concern regarding the powers of the Committee in relation to the funding for Fire Station No. 4 if the station is not rehabilitated but instead a new facility is constructed on the same site. Mr. Hemstreet assured Mr. Del Vecchio that his concerns would be addressed before the project is approved.

Michael Rotbart raised a concern regarding the FDOT renovations of the drawbridge at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in a year and a half and the possible bottleneck that could affect public safety operations.

- c. Normandy Isle Pool – Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City Commission has authorized the Administration to negotiate with Regosa Engineering, Inc. for the Normandy Isle Pool.
- d. Group A & B Parks – Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City Commission awarded the bid for construction of the Group A & B parks to Trintec Construction, Inc.

The Committee decided to reschedule their next meeting to October 8, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

JMG/RM/TH/KLM/JV