



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
FIRE RESCUE STATION 54
3211 NE 32ND STREET
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 33308
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

| Committee Members | | Attendance – January / December 2019 | |
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| | | Present | Absent |
| Thornie Jarrett, Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| Douglas Meade, Vice Chair | P | 1 | 0 |
| Mark Booth | A | 0 | 1 |
| Raymond Dettmann | P | 1 | 0 |
| Patrick McTigue (arr. 6:07) | P | 1 | 0 |
| Frederick Nesbitt | P | 1 | 0 |
| Frank Snedaker | P | 1 | 0 |
| Charles Tatelbaum | P | 1 | 0 |

Staff

Marlon Lobban, Project Manager and Liaison
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief
Brigitte Chiappetta, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jarrett called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

• Roll Call

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

• November 29, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Tatelbaum, seconded by Mr. Meade, to approve.

Mr. McTigue arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Dettman stated that the Committee had requested information on call volume and response times for the entire City, not just for Station #54 (p.3, paragraph 1). Deputy Fire Chief Bacic advised that he can provide the Board with this information at or before the next meeting, and requested clarification of how the members would like the

material broken down into categories, as well as whether or not information from Station #8 would be listed. He explained that the opening of Station #8 could significantly affect the results.

Deputy Chief Bacic continued that the Department's goal is to be on-scene within six minutes for 90% of the time. The map will show where these response time goals are or are not meeting met. It was decided that results before and after the opening of Station 8 would be provided at the next meeting. Response times are expected to change once Station #8 has been opened, as this will affect the allocation of resources and the areas from which units respond. He added that road construction and traffic congestion also have an impact on response times.

Mr. Meade asked if response times from prior years can also be provided to the Committee for comparison to other years. Deputy Chief Bacic confirmed this, clarifying that year-over-year comparisons may show a drop in call volume related to the Department's participation in the County-wide dispatching system. The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department cannot control how this data is recorded. He pointed out that overall numbers may reflect "service calls" related to other City Departments, which can skew the data. He recommended that the members look at the specific types of calls to see a more accurate reflection of response times.

Deputy Chief Bacic concluded that he would provide full City maps with and without the addition of Station #8, as well as a heat map of response times for the entire City, at the next meeting. He reviewed the heat map provided for Station #54 with the members, pointing out that its zones are broken out by Fire Department and EMS calls. There were 2596 calls for Station #54, of which 1735 were EMS and 14 were actual fires. All other types of calls are listed at the bottom of the document.

The total number of calls broken down on the document may be slightly short of the total, as other units respond to calls in this Station's zone when Engine #54 and Rescue #54 are already busy on calls.

Chair Jarrett asked what types of units are located in this zone at present. Deputy Chief Bacic confirmed that there is a rescue unit, an engine unit, and a large squad unit.

Mr. Snedaker asked how moving Station #13 from its current location to another site would affect response times. Deputy Chief Bacic replied he has not analyzed mapping information to show this change, although he pointed out that the distance this Station will move is not great. He added that traffic will have a significant effect when the Station moves, and will likely require a study.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously (as amended).

3. Staff Liaison Report

- **Project Status: FS 8, FS 13, FS 54**

Fire Station #8: Mr. Lobban stated that as of January 18, 2019, construction on this facility is roughly 13% complete. The contractor has completed excavation and site grading to begin installation of the building pad. A change order was submitted for the additional removal of abandoned pipe below ground. He estimated that this project is approximately one month behind schedule.

Mr. Snedaker asked how the cancellation of the Wave Streetcar project has affected this site. Mr. Lobban replied that he was told this had no effect on the Fire Station project.

Fire Station #13: Staff is reexamining the possibility of Birch State Park as a possible location for a new facility or renovation of an existing Station. Appraisal determined that renovation of the existing facility at Birch State Park was not feasible. A consultant is also working to condense the size of the Birch State Park facility further. The Natchez site also remains under consideration, and could serve as a temporary location while the new facility at Birch State Park is constructed.

Mr. Lobban continued that the primary issue is keeping a new facility within the existing Station's footprint. If the site cannot be expanded, it will not be possible to place a three-bay drive-through station there. It may be necessary to reduce this Station to a two-bay facility without drive-through capacity. The existing facility is 200 sq. ft. x 160 sq. ft. The Department is requesting expansion to 200 sq. ft. x 220 sq. ft.

Chair Jarrett asserted that the Station should be a drive-through facility for safety reasons if it remains at its current location. Mr. Lobban advised that the configuration of bays is still under discussion as well. The Station has been renovated at least twice in the past.

Mr. Nesbitt requested additional information about the timing of the Birch Park facility. Mr. Lobban replied that the revised layout is expected to go to the City Manager in one to two weeks.

Fire Station #54: Construction is 100% complete and a temporary certificate of occupancy was issued on December 11, 2018. Fire and Rescue services relocated to the new Station on December 12. Approximately 60% of the punch list items have been addressed by the contractor. Final inspections for the permanent certificate of occupancy will be made upon confirmation of the completion of punch list items.

Chair Jarrett asked if all necessary information technology (IT) equipment has been installed in the Station. Mr. Lobban replied that the building is fully operational. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019. All members of the Committee will be invited to attend.

4. Communication to the City Commission

None.

5. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: February 28, 2019

Chair Jarrett reiterated that Deputy Chief Bacic will provide heat maps reflecting response times throughout the City prior to the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Lobban added that once condensed plans for the Birch State Park Station are available, he would send these to the members as well.

It was determined by consensus that the February 2019 meeting will be scheduled, but may be cancelled at the Committee's discretion if there is no business.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]



Memorandum

To: Fire-Rescue Bond Committee
From: Marlon Lobban, Senior Project Manager
Date: December 20, 2018
Re: Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the remaining three (3) fire station projects.

Fire Station #8

Burke Construction was awarded contract 12139-983 in the amount of \$4.3M for the construction of Fire Station 8, and a Notice to Proceed was issued on October 15, 2018. Construction is 10% completed. Contractor has excavated the site for foundation work, and began excavation and removal of an abandon sewer pipe. The removal requires a change order, due to the additional length of pipe to be removed beyond the length indicated in the plans. Next progress meeting will be coordinated after the holiday break.

Fire Station #13

ACAI provided three (3) site layout options at the Natchez property for staff review. Staff and consultant began collaboration on the selected option to create a rendering for the City Commission to review and approve for design. The Natchez site remains under consideration, while staff is re-examining Birch State Park as a location to either construct a new facility or renovate the existing station. An appraisal of the existing station has been ordered. ACAI revised the previous site layout for Birch State Park, eliminating Ocean Rescue, condensing the site, and adjusting the layout to as close to the existing footprint as possible. ACAI submitted the revised layout plan to the City on 12/18 for review and comments.

Fire Station #54

Construction is 100% completed, and a Temporary Certification of Occupancy was issued on 12/11/18. Fire Rescue relocated to the new station on 12/12/18. Contractor continues to address punch list items created by the Building, Fire, and Engineering departments. Contractor anticipates completion of all punch list items by the end of the year. Final inspection for Certification of Occupancy will be coordinated upon confirmation that all punch items has been addressed.

cc: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager
Christopher Lagerbloom, Assistant City Manager
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John Herbst, City Auditor
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From: Marlon Lobban, Senior Project Manager
Date: January 17, 2019
Re: Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee Update

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Fire Station #8

Burke Construction was awarded contract 12139-983 in the amount of \$4.3M. A Notice to Proceed was issued October 15, 2018. Project manager and contractor continue to work with Department of Sustainable Development to address plan review comments for approval of the master permit. Construction remains at 13% complete, as the contractor has completed excavation and site grading to begin installation of the building pad. Project manager is preparing a change order for additional removal of underground abandon pipe, for review and approval by staff.

Fire Station #13

The Natchez site remains under consideration, while staff is re-examining Birch State Park as a location to either construct a new facility or renovate the existing station. An appraisal of the existing station at Birch Park has been ordered, while ACAI revised the previous site layout eliminating Ocean Rescue, condensing the site, and adjusting the propose building footprint closer to the existing footprint as possible. ACAI submitted the revised site layout plan to the City on 12/18 for review and comments. A meeting with the City Manager's Office and ACAI has been scheduled for January 23, to discuss next step for development of the station in Birch State Park.

Fire Station #54

Construction is 100% completed, with a Temporary Certification of Occupancy issued on 12/11/18. Fire Rescue relocated to the new station on 12/12/18. Approximately 60% of the punch list has been addressed by the contractor, and is scheduled to be completed by January 31st. Fire has requested additional improvements, which will be addressed after all punch list and warranty items have been completed. Final inspections for Certification of Occupancy will be coordinated upon confirmation of all punch items are completed.

cc: Christopher Lagerbloom, City Manager
John Herbst, City Auditor
Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief/Assistant City Manager





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