



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND
ISSUE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
1st FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS
100 N ANDREWS AVE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 33301
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

Committee Members		Attendance – January / December 2019	
		Present	Absent
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	3	0
Douglas Meade, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Mark Booth	P	1	2
Raymond Dettmann	P	3	0
Patrick McTigue	P	2	1
Frederick Nesbitt	P	3	0
Frank Snedaker	P	3	0
Charles Tatelbaum	P	2	1

Staff

Marlon Lobban, Project Manager and Liaison
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief
Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer
Tatiana Guerrier, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jarrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

• Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

• March 28, 2019

Motion made by Vice Chair Meade, and duly seconded, to approve. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

• Project Status – FS 8, FS 13, FS 54

Fire Station #8: Construction is approximately 32% complete. The Fire Department has approved a budget amendment of \$500,000 for the purchase of Information Technology (IT) equipment, furniture, facility upgrades, and contingency, which will be presented for consideration at the June 4, 2019 City Commission meeting.

Fire Station #13: The previous site layout at Birch State Park has been revised to reduce the area of the proposed footprint to nearly the size of the existing footprint. A request for qualifications (RFQ) is being prepared for advertisement in May 2019 to secure a design firm, which will begin design of the station upon confirmation of its location. A task order for the temporary station has been revised to include development of a public parking lot on the remaining portion of the site.

Fire Station #54: All punch list items have been completed by the contractor and accepted by the Fire Department. Once a revised paving permit for the site's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant space has been submitted and approved, a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) will be issued. The project's total construction costs are \$3,981,914, which includes roughly \$103,000 in change orders.

Mr. Lobban advised that IT is preparing the historical cost breakdowns requested by Chair Jarrett at the March 2019 meeting, which will be distributed to the Committee members prior to the next meeting. IT costs for FS #8 were approximately \$250,000. He noted that the budget amendment for FS #8 was for necessary items, but the money for these items was not included in the original budget.

It was asked that a spreadsheet reviewed at a previous meeting, which included cost breakdowns for each Fire Station, be updated and presented on a monthly basis. This information would include station costs, included which costs were or were not funded through the Fire Bond. Mr. Lobban replied that this would be requested.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bacic reviewed a spreadsheet showing emergency response times in specific areas, noting that these times are measured against the 90th percentile, which is the standard benchmark for Fire Stations. The spreadsheet tracks quantity of calls as well as response times. Arrival times refer to the first unit on-scene, which is not always the primary zone unit. All calls tracked in the document are emergency calls. The response times reflect travel times only.

It was requested that a spreadsheet be generated specifically for runs from Fire Station #29, as well as a separate report reflecting responses from trucks at this station in comparison to responses from elsewhere within the zone. Deputy Chief Bacic advised that the current system does not separately track availability from quarters. Vehicles are dispatched to emergencies from available status, regardless of the location from which they are responding.

Mr. Lobban introduced the City's new Chief Engineer, Jill Prizlee.

Motion made by Mr. Tatelbaum, seconded by Mr. Snedaker, that the Committee pass a resolution expressing their deep thanks to the three departing members. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Communication to the City Commission

Mr. Dettmann asked if Ocean Rescue will be housed at a Fire Station. Mr. Lobban advised that Ocean Rescue headquarters is temporarily located at FS #13 in space previously used for training. The Fire Department is actively seeking new options for these headquarters.

Mr. Dettmann continued that he had spoken with his City Commissioner regarding fire impact fees, and was encouraged to have the Committee send another communication to the City Commission regarding this issue.

Motion made by Mr. Tatelbaum to recommend to the Commission to designate two EMS substations that they consider the implementation of a Fire/EMS impact fee in connection with all new construction in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Tatelbaum **amended** his **motion** to include the following: to designate two EMS substations.

It was suggested that the Committee appoint Mr. Tatelbaum to write down the **motion** and send it to the City Commission. Mr. Tatelbaum stated that he would look at the City's regulations regarding funding and word the **motion** appropriately.

Mr. Booth **seconded** Mr. Tatelbaum's **motion**. [The **motion** was not voted upon.]

Motion made to allow [Mr. Tatelbaum] to do this and submit it.

It was determined that once the **motion** is sent to the City Commission, Staff would distribute copies of the document to the Committee members.

In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: May 23, 2019

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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



Memorandum

To: Fire-Rescue Bond Committee
From: Marlon Lobban, Senior Project Manager
Date: April 23, 2019
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

Construction is approximately 32% complete. Grade slab has been installed, except in the apparatus bay area. Masonry wall and concrete columns work to the mezzanine began on April 10th and is expected to continue through end of April. Sanitary and storm site work is scheduled to begin on April 22nd. The Fire Department has approved a budget amendment of \$500k to Southeast Station #8 (P10909) for the purchase of Information Technology equipment, furniture, facility upgrades, and contingency; for consideration at the June 4th Commission meeting.

Fire Station #13

ACAI revised the previous site layout at Birch Park by eliminating Ocean Rescue, and condensing the site by reducing the area of the proposed footprint near the size of the existing footprint. A Request for Qualification (RFQ) is being prepared for advertisement during the month of May to secure a design firm and begin design of Station 13 upon confirmation of its location. While drafting the task order for the temporary station, Craven Thompson & Associate was directed to revise the scope of services to include developing a public parking lot on the remaining portion of the Natchez site. The consultant estimated a temporary station and parking lot can be designed and constructed in approximately ten (10) months from execution of a task order.

Fire Station #54

All punch list items have been completed by the contractor and accepted by the Fire Department. Department of Sustainable Development has reviewed, inspected, and approved the improvements to the accessible parking space, but the plan review comments had not been addressed at the building department. Contractor is required to submit a revised paving permit for the improvements to the slope of the accessible parking space. Once submitted and approved, the Building Official has confirmed a Certification of Occupancy will be issued. Final change order items have been approved and work completed. The project's total construction cost is \$3,981,943.61, which includes \$103,387.61 in change orders.





cc: Chris Lagerbloom, City Manager
John Herbst, City Auditor
Laura Reece, Budget Manager
Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief/Interim Assistant City Manager
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief
Paul Berg, Public Works Director
Joe Kenney, Assistant Public Works Director
Khant Myat, Project Manager II



Response Times at 90th Percentile for Zones 49B and 3C (17th Street Areas) Travel Time with Incidents



