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FIRE RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Member	Attendance	1/2020 through 12/2020 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
Douglas Meade, Chair	P	6	1
Frank Snedaker, Vice Chair	P	7	0
Mark Booth	A	4	3
Raymond Dettmann	P	7	0
Patrick Dirindin	P	5	0
Don Larson	P	5	2
Charles Tattelbaum	P	7	0

Also Attending

- Danica Grujicic, Project Manager II
- Irina Tokar, Senior Project Manager
- Jill Prizlee, Chief Engineer
- Betty Crews, Administrative Assistant
- Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief
- Crysta Parkinson, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Communications to the City Commission

None

1. Staff Liaison Report

- **Project Status – FS 8 and FS 13**

Senior Project Manager Irina Tokar presented the fire bond expenditure report and asked if there were any questions.

2. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: January 28, 2021

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
A. October 22, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Tatelbaum, seconded by Mr. Larson, to approve the minutes of the Committee's October 22, 2020 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

III. Staff Liaison Report

- Project Status – Fire Station 8 and Fire Station 13

Senior Project Manager Irina Tokar thanked everyone for attending the walk thru for Fire Station 8; valuable comments were received. She asked if there were any questions on the Fire Bond Expenditure Report. There were no questions.

Fire Station 8

Ms. Tokar said construction was 99% complete. The contractor is working on obtaining Final Inspections clean up and preliminary punch-out items. Pictures are shown in Exhibit 2. The projected substantial completion date is November 19, 2020. There is a delay, and they need a Final Certificate of Elevation and survey, which they are trying to get next week. Today's punch-out items were done, and the contractor is already working on addressing them. Traffic signalization work was funded and will be presented for Commission approval during the December meeting. They are currently working under the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) agreement and finalizing negotiations with the contractor, so they can proceed with the work. The Fire Department plans to begin occupancy at the beginning of December 2020.

Deputy Fire Chief Bacic stated they plan to move on December 3, 2020. Planning is done with the Broward County Dispatch Center for all CAD data. Transition of CAD data for all new zones will occur on December 3, 2020, so they are coordinating that with the move in date. They are hoping to have a ribbon cutting sometime in January 2021.

Chair Meade commented that the Fire Station looked great and he thanked Deputy Fire Chief Bacic for the tour.

Ms. Tokar indicated that the consultant did a great job on the design; it looks a lot more contemporary. She thanked everyone for their input.

Deputy Fire Chief Bacic thanked the entire team. There were some challenges, but things fell into place.

Mr. Larson said they were doing a great job and noted that things were falling into place.

Fire Station 13

Ms. Tokar reported that ACAI and Associates, Inc., the Architectural Consultant, is working on the schematic design and proceeding with Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. All work is progressing as planned and is on schedule. Staff submitted a grant application to the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program (GIP), requesting \$4,100,000 in additional construction funding. Currently, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is conducting application scoring and a response is expected at the end of the year. They anticipate starting construction in May 2022.

Chair Meade questioned when they are going to perform Phase 1.

Ms. Tokar stated they are currently working on it; the questionnaire has been completed and sent to the consultant. Their records did not show anything, but they wanted to be sure they were doing the assessment.

Temporary Fire Station 13

Ms. Tokar advised that Temporary Fire Station 13 is currently on schedule. Craven Thompson and Associates (CTA) is continuing design development and the approval process for Site Plan Level IV. Final approval was received from the Commission on Tuesday and this memo was written prior to that, which means they can proceed with permitting and bidding on the project. Craven Thompson and Associates (CTA) has recommended to perform additional geotechnical testing (percolation soil testing), which may potentially reduce the required length of exfiltration trenches and result in construction cost savings. The Consultant has been authorized to start work. The current projected construction start date is April 2021.

Vice Chair Snedaker questioned if the old portable was going to be moved prior to this or if they were waiting until the site is fully ready.

Ms. Tokar indicated they have had not a chance to analyze those numbers yet. Both options need to be evaluated to determine which is the most cost effective. Since the land is leased, it might make sense to move the trailer and if it does, they will do so.

Vice Chair Snedaker commented that the lease is cheap unless it has changed.

Ms. Tokar advised that the site is free, but the trailer must be moved anyway. There are some additional costs to move it and to strap it down. She thought the cost was reasonable, but they want to make sure all the numbers are put together before making a recommendation.

IV. Communications to the City Commission – None.

V. Recap of Committee’s Walk Thru of FS 8

Chair Meade questioned if there were any comments regarding the walk thru of Fire Station 8. There were no comments.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Tokar questioned if it was possible to have the next meeting on **January 28, 2020** since the December meeting falls on Christmas.

Motion by Vice Chair Snedaker, seconded by Mr. Tatelbaum, to cancel the December meeting. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by C. Guifarro, Prototype, Inc.