



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
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FIRE-RESCUE FACILITIES BOND ISSUE
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

**1/2024 through 12/2024
Cumulative Attendance**

Board Member	Attendance	Present	Absent
Frank Snedaker, Chair	P	5	0
David Cooper, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Michelle Heiser	P	4	1
John Hooper	A	0	1
John Vratsinas	P	4	1

Also Attending

Gary Foster, Senior Project Manager, Engineering
Ingrid Kindbom, Board Liaison
Vickie Beauvais, Administrative Assistant
Karen Cruitt, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

• Roll Call

Roll was called and quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- July 25, 2024**

Motion was made by Mr. Vratsinas, and seconded by Ms. Heiser, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2024 meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Staff Liaison Report

Ingrid Kindbom, Board Liaison, distributed the memorandum dated August 22, 2024 and highlighted changes and updates since the last meeting.

Fire Station #13

Ms. Kindbom advised that the solicitation for a Design Criteria Package (DCP) had been released on August 9 and would close on September 11. She stated an online meeting for proposers had been held the previous week and 19 attendees had been in attendance. She noted staff is in the finalizing stages of drafting a grant application for 50 percent of the construction costs, and it would be submitted at the end of August. She stated additional technical details and supporting arguments had been incorporated since last year's application.

Fire Station #8

Ms. Kindbom stated insulation for noise was set to be installed in September.

Temporary Fire Station #13 (This project is funded through other sources and managed by TAM)

Ms. Kindbom stated Temporary Fire Station #13 had been ready to move in the previous week, but the air conditioner was not working the day before the move in date. She advised that the air conditioner would be repaired under warranty along with remaining minor repairs on the punch list on August 23. She noted the tentative move in date would be in the next week, pending IT confirmation.

4. Old Business

a. Discussion of Fire Stations

Ms. Heiser asked if there would be an issue with mold in Temporary Fire Station #13 due to the air conditioner having been out. Ms. Kindbom stated there were two (2) air conditioning units.

Ms. Heiser asked if the bond funds would be used for Fire Station #88. Ms. Kindbom advised that Fire Station #88 would be funded by the City rather than the bond.

Chair Snedaker asked if there were any estimates of what the setback on Fire Station #13 would add in costs to the project. Ms. Kindbom commented that there was not an estimate yet. She noted they did not yet know how much of the previous plans could be used until the quotes came in.

Mr. Cooper inquired as to whether the work of this Board would be complete once the bond funds were expended. Ms. Kindbom stated the Board would continue until all of the fire stations in the bond program are complete and have a Certificate of Occupancy. She advised that bond funds for Fire Station #13 were approximately \$4.3 million and the remainder would come from other sources. Discussion continued regarding funding.

Mr. Vratsinas asked if staff would know which vendor the DCP would be awarded to prior to the next meeting. Ms. Kindbom confirmed.

Mr. Vratsinas asked when work would start on tearing down the existing building. Gary Foster, Senior Project Manager, stated they could begin once the people were out.

Mr. Foster asked if the demolition would be part of the design build. Ms. Kindbom stated it would be done separately.

Ms. Heiser noted Ocean Rescue was still in the building. Ms. Kindbom explained Ocean Rescue was moving to a trailer in the Las Olas Oceanside Park. Mr. Foster stated bids for demolition would need to be solicited.

Mr. Vratsinas advised that a year ago, the plan had been for demolition to take place in September 2024. He stated it had been some time since the Board was updated on the schedule. Ms. Kindbom agreed to provide an updated schedule at the September meeting.

Mr. Foster commented that it would be nice to have a site plan before moving forward with demolition in order to determine what would remain underground and what needed to be removed. Discussion continued regarding platting resolution of platting issues.

Chair Snedaker asked if a new lease would be required. Ms. Kindbom commented that the City has an easement, which is the reason the station must remain in the same footprint exactly. She noted her understanding was that this was in perpetuity, but she would investigate.

Mr. Vratsinas asked for clarification on the \$1.2 million commitment on Fire Station #13. Ms. Kindbom stated legal was looking into what would be done about the contract and the open purchase order with the previous firm, and noted she would have an update at the September meeting.

5. Adjournment – Next regular meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2024

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Attachments: Memorandum dated August 22, 2024