

**Building Better Communities
 GOB Citizens' (BBC-GOB) Advisory
 Committee**

April 27th, 2009

8:30 A.M.

18 Floor Conference Room 2

Committee members: Robin Reiter-Faragalli, Barbara Bisno, Dr. Jay Hess, Jeffrey Mishcon, Mary Scott Russell, Joseph M. Corrodino, Guy Forchion, Roger T. Hernstadt, Harry Hoffman, Wendell James, Michelle Mason, Jose "Pepe" Riesco, Javier Salman, .

Attendees: **Others present:** Jose Galan, (OCI); Paula Musto (OCI); Merci L Rodriguez (Mayor's Office); George Navarrete (OCI); Roslyn Alic-Batson (OCI); Ana Finol (OCI); Ralph Cutie (OCI); Monica Rizo (CAO); Silvia Lopez (OCI); Johnny Martinez (OCI); Frank Spence (Village of Biscayne Park); Jorge Cibran (MDPHA); Marcos Redondo (PWD); Doug Maddox (JHS); Frank Barnett (JHS); Sam Gaita (Gaita Enterprises); Thema Campbell (WLC/GP); David Chiverton (WLC/GP); Felix Hernandez (PWD); David Morris (JHS).

I. Welcome and Introductions	
Discussion:	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Robin Reiter. The Chairwoman thanked members for attending the meeting.
II. Approval of Minutes	
	<p>A. Minutes of January 8, 2009 The Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 8th, 2009. Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco, seconded by Dr. Jay Hess. Motion carried.</p> <p>B. Minutes of February 4, 2009 (Special Meeting) The Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 4th, 2009. Motion to approve was made by Dr. Jay Hess and seconded by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco. Motion carried.</p> <p>C. Minutes of February 26th, 2009 The Chairwoman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 26th, 2009. Motion to approve minutes was made by Ms. Barbara Bisno and seconded by Dr. Jay Hess. Motion carried.</p>
III. Significant Modifications/Additions & Deletions	
	<p>A. Arcola Police & Headstart – Funding Increase Mr. Johnny Martinez, Director Office of Capital Improvements stated that this item has been on hold pending passage of Surplus Funds Implementing Order 3-47 (IO). The IO establishes the process for the allocation of Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program (BBC GOB) surplus funds. The IO was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on March 17, 2009. This item seeks to use interest earnings from the BBC GOB to fund an estimated \$5 million budget shortfall for project numbers 300 "Regional Head Start Center" and 322 "Northside Police Station" in accordance with the IO. The unallocated interest earnings for project 300 are \$1,480,000 and for 322 the amount is \$3,520,000. A question was asked by Mr. Jose "Pepe" Riesco regarding why there is a shortfall on this project. When the item was preliminarily scoped in 2004 it was very general. GSA now has a more specific design and is developing more accurate numbers.</p> <p>When the bids are received, if the bid amount is lower, the monies will be returned to the program. The other funding sources are Criminal Justice Bond interest earnings, Miami-Dade Police Department District Impact Fees, Capital Outlay Reserve carryover available from a previous Community Action Agency project and future Capital Outlay Reserve for the ACC Regional Head start Center.</p> <p>Mr. Guy Forchion asked if there are other projects in the program as this one that will experience a shortfall. Mr. Jose Galan explained that there could be some projects, but at this time it would be difficult to answer that question until the projects are ready to move forward. Motion to accept staff recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess to include in the item that if funds are not used it will be</p>

returned to the GOB. Seconded by Ms. Mary Scott Russell. Motion carried

B. M-Path – Funding Acceleration

Mr. George Navarrete explained what funding acceleration means as it appears in the Implementing Order. This Project was scheduled to be funded in 2012-2013. The recommendation is to add project No. 143 “Metrorail Bike Path” to the list of projects to be funded from this current bond sale. The amount of \$700,000 to accelerate Project 143 will be taken from project 138 “Tamiami Swing Bridge”. Motion to approve staff recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mary Scott Russell. Motion carried.

C. Bear Cut – Funding Acceleration

Mr. George Navarrete explained that Project No. 130 “Demolish the Existing Bear Cut Fishing Catwalk” was originally slated for FY2012-2013. Funding acceleration in the amount of \$400,000 will also be taken from Project No. 138 “Tamiami Swing Bridge”. Motion to accept staff’s recommendation by Mr. Jose “Pepe” Riesco, seconded by Mr. Harry Hoffman. Mr. Guy Forchion asked how long the catwalk had been closed. Mr. Marcus Redondo from the Public Works Department responded that the catwalk had been closed since 2002. He also stated that Public Works was rehabilitating the William Powell Bridge. Motion carried.

D. Public Health Trust - #208 – Funding Acceleration

Mr. George Navarrete explained that this item transfers funding from Project No. 210 “Renovation and Expansion of Jackson South Community Hospital” to Project No. 208 “Construct and Expand JMH Emergency Department at Jackson Memorial Hospital”. These are all approved projects, but the Emergency Room was not slated until later years. The recommendation is to accelerate \$20.2 million for a total GOB allocation of \$40 million. Motion to approve staff recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mr. Harry Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman asked in which commission districts are Jackson South and Jackson Hospital located? Jackson South is located in Commission District 8 and Jackson Hospital is located in Commission District 3. Motion carried.

E. Public Health Trust - #208 – Adding Locations – Item Withdrawn

F. Girl Power – Scope Change

Mr. Jose Galan reported that World Literacy Crusade of Florida Inc. received an award of \$485,000 to purchase property at 1401 NW First Avenue in County Commission District 3. They have not been able to secure the purchase of the property. The recommendation is to rescind the \$485,000 previously approved and approve a grant award to World Literacy Crusade of Florida in the amount of \$485,000 for the purchase and/or construction of a facility to be located in D3. The Chairwoman pointed out a typo in second paragraph of the item to change ICFH to WLC. Mr. Roger Hernstadt pointed out that in the RFP there was a matter of projects being implemented in a timely manner, and was questioning if this project violated that that segment of the RFP. Mr. Galan explained that this was for the purchase of property so the item at the time was timely. Mr. Hernstadt requested a detailed status report on projects funded from the Not-for-Profit Fund. Motion to approve staff recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mr. Wendell James. Motion carried.

G. Biscayne Park – Addition/Deletion

Mr. Jose Galan mentioned that the Village of Biscayne Park’s original allocation was for Project No. 234 “Biscayne Park – Construct City Hall Building” but the Village does not have enough funding available and would like to delete the project. The Village is in dire need of a new public works facility building and would like to move the funding towards building a public works facility. This item also asks to waive the requirements regarding adding new projects under implementing order 3-47 and approve adding project no. 234A “Biscayne Park – Construct Public Works Facility”. Mr. Jeffrey Michcon asked if a public hearing was held to make this change. Mr. Frank Spence, Village Manager, responded that this item was passed by the Village Council over a year ago and was advertised in numerous Village newsletters. Ms. Barbara Bisno asked for language to be included in the resolution that would explain why the waiver is being granted. Mr. Galan responded that language will be added. Motion to accept staff recommendation with the modification suggested by Ms. Bisno by Mr. Roger Hernstadt, seconded by Dr. Jay Hess. Motion carried.

H. Public Housing – Funding Acceleration

Mr. George Navarrete indicated that this item was presented to Committee before and due to the implementing order and the Housing Agency wanting to move forward, it required approval of the funding acceleration. The Committee previously approved deleting Projects 242 “New Elderly

	<p>Units at Joe Moretti”, 244 “New Elderly Units at Dante Fascell”, 245 “New Elderly Units at Three Round Towers” 246 “New Family Units at Annie Coleman”, and 248 “New Elderly Units at Elizabeth Virrick I”. The CAC also approved the addition of new Projects 242.A “New Family Units at Victory Homes”, and 244.A “New Elderly Units at Elizabeth Virrick II” and the significant modification of Project 247 “New Family Units at Lincoln Gardens”.</p> <p>This current item also seeks approval to waive the requirement regarding adding new projects of Implementing Order 3-47. Ms. Barbara Bisno asked that language be added to explain why the waiver is being granted. The Chairwoman reported that she met with the County Manager and was told that a working group will be established to work with the Housing Agency. She also spoke to Special Assistant Cynthia Curry who assured her that a smooth transition would take place and that management was conducting a national search for a new Housing Agency Director.</p> <p>Mr. Navarrete reported that Silvia Lopez, Registered Architect for OCI has been placed on the Housing working team. Mr. Roger Hernstadt inquired as to how many units will be built with the funding being accelerated with this project. Mr. George Sebran, Development Initiatives Coordinator for the Housing Department, reported that 366 units are proposed. He also reported that they have been working very closely with Mr. Jose Cintron, the former Housing Director, and the projects are ready to move forward. Motion to accept staff recommendation by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mr. Jose “Pepe” Riesco. Motion carried.</p>
IV. Quarterly Progress Reports	
Discussion:	<p>A. 4th Quarter July 2008 – September 2008</p> <p>B. 1st Quarter October 2008 – December 2008</p> <p>The Chairwoman asked for approval of both quarterly reports. Motion to accept the quarterly reports was made by Dr. Jay Hess, seconded by Mr. Javier Salman. Motion carried.</p>
V. Public Outreach	
Discussion:	<p>Ms. Paula Musto reported that we had a very successful Hampton House event and thanked the CAC members for attending. She reported that the public relations effort on the event was excellent and will be sending to the members a video stream that will be on the County’s portal and on the GOB website. Ms Musto provided an overview of the upcoming Industry Forum scheduled for May 21, 2009 at the Port of Miami, Terminal D. A component of the forum will be a presentation by Dan Wall regarding the Federal Stimulus Program. She thanked Mr. Wendell James for attending the North Dade Regional Chamber of Commerce Breakfast in April. Ms. Musto also discussed that Mr. Galan and Ms. Kathleen Kaufman of Historic Preservation will be on NPR on June 4 to discuss the County’s Historic Preservation Projects.</p>
VI. Status Update	
Discussion:	<p>A. Housing The Chairwoman reiterated the Committees commitment to fast tracking the affordable housing and public housing projects. Mr. Navarrete added that the Commissioners are starting to make some progress on identifying projects in their districts and will report at the next meeting if there are any updates.</p> <p>B. Baseball Stadium Mr. Jose Galan reported that July 1, 2009 was the next benchmark date for all parties to decide to move forward with the project or terminate the stadium deal. The County is working on their funding plan and all parties are busy with their assigned responsibilities. The Marlins are planning to break ground on the stadium project in early July 2009.</p> <p>C. Surplus Funds Implementing Order Mr. Johnny Martinez reported that the implementing order was approved by the BCC and a copy of the item is included in the package.</p>

	<p>D. \$350M 2008B Bond Sale</p> <p>Mr. Johnny Martinez reported that the bond sale was done in two tranches. The first tranche was sold on December 2008 for \$147 million. The second tranche was sold in March 2009 for \$201 million.</p> <p>The Chairwoman asked when the next bond sale is expected. Mr. Martinez responded that the next sale is anticipated in the fall of 2010. She also asked if they are expecting a lot of interest earnings. Mr. Martinez responded that they expected very little interest earning. Dr. Hess asked what the interest rate on the bond sales was. Mr. Martinez responded that he did not have that information but would email the information to the members.</p> <p>Mr. Hernstadt asked if the assumptions that were originally made on the bond program were still true. The Chairwoman asked if staff could prepare for the next meeting a forecast of what the next seven years might look like for the bond program. She thinks that this might be a useful tool to start managing public expectations if the GOB program is to go beyond the original timeframe.</p>
<p>VII. 180 Day Subcommittee Meeting Report</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>The Chairwoman reported that the news is good about the bond program and would like to keep the news good. To that end, the subcommittee asked staff to create a process for dealing with stakeholders that are habitually late. The process is included in the meeting package. Suggestions stakeholder presentations for the June CAC meeting included housing if there is something to report. Another suggestion was Vizcaya. Mr. Hernstadt suggested hearing from the General Services Administration for the next CAC meeting. Mr. Jeffrey Michcon reminded the attendees that the committee was advisory and that the implementing order provided direction on how to deal with projects that have fallen too far behind to recommend to the BCC.</p>
<p>VIII. Other Business</p>	
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Ms. Barbara Bisno asked if the Committee could receive a presentation from the Small Business Department so they could understand how that process works and how it is applied to the bond projects.</p> <p>The Chairwoman thanked everyone for attending. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.</p>

Next CAC Meeting Date – June 25th, 2009