

**MINUTES**  
**NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Code Enforcement Board Members Present:

Robert Rotondo, Vice Chair  
Travis Longpre  
Rose Quin-Bare  
Robert Westbrook

Code Enforcement Board Members Absent:

Charlie Leonard, Chair  
Shelley Hamilton  
Joe Tanner

Staff Present

Regina Kardash, Attorney for Code Enforcement Board  
Kathy Riley, Code Enforcement Officer  
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant

Vice Chair Robert Rotondo opened the Nuisance Abatement Board meeting at 6:24 p.m.

All persons wishing to testify or speak to the Board were duly sworn.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion: Mr. Westbrook moved, Ms. Quin-Bare seconded and the motion carried unanimously to approve the September 27, 2016 Agenda.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request to Appear Before Nuisance Abatement Board

Mr. Eric Ball  
907 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Palmetto, FL 34221

Violation Location: 907 18th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida 34221

Vice Chair Robert Rotondo opened the public hearing. Mr. Ball opined about his landscaping not being a nuisance, and submitted photos which are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Riley submitted details of her previous site visits along with similar photos. After conversation, the Board agreed the plants are weeds rather than ornamental shrubs. The Agricultural Extension Office determined the plant was Guineagrass, considered an invasive weed. After looking at photos, the Ag Office determined the grass was Johnson grass, considered to be one of the ten worst weeds in the world, according to Wikipedia.

Vice Chair Rotondo closed the public hearing for deliberation. Attorney Regina Kardash reviewed the definition of what constitutes a nuisance according to City code. Members of the Board discussed the photos of the growth, as framed by said code.

**Motion: Ms. Quin-Bare moved, Mr. Longpre seconded, and the motion carried unanimously that the growth on the property was an invasive weed, constituting a nuisance, and the property owner had 5 days to correct.**

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Rotondo adjourned the Nuisance Abatement Board meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes approved: February 28, 2017

*Charles W. Leonard*

Charles W. Leonard, Chair