

MINUTES
CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD
April 26, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Code Enforcement Board Members Present:

Charlie Leonard, Chair
Travis Longpre
Rose Quin-Bare
Joe Tanner
Robert Westbrook

Code Enforcement Board Members Absent:

Shelley Hamilton
Robert Rotondo

NO AUDIO AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING

Mr. Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called. Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Rotondo were absent from the meeting.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mrs. Quin-Bare moved, Mr. Longpre seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the April 26, 2016 Agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: March 29, 2016
B. Legal Expenses through March 2016

MOTION: Mrs. Quin-Bare moved, Mr. Tanner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the April 26, 2016 Consent Agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Case No. 16-01

Stephen Johnson
1413 6th Street West
Palmetto, Florida 34221

Violation Location: 1413 6th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221
Codes Violated: Palmetto Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Health and Sanitation, Article II Nuisances, Section 16-26, Section 16-26 (2), 16-26 (12) and Section 16-27(a), (b), & (c), Chapter 17, Housing, Article II Housing Standards, Section 17-28, Palmetto Property Maintenance Code; Section 301.2 Responsibility, 302.1 Sanitation and 302.5 Rodent Harborage:

Mr. Leonard opened the public hearing.

Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Riley testified that she had been sworn and that her credentials are on file with the Clerk of the Board. She presented a PowerPoint showing the before and after pictures of the property. That PowerPoint is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mrs. Quin-Bare asked Mrs. Riley if she feels comfortable that he (Mr. Johnson) is now in compliance. She said yes, but if he backslides she will bring him to the Board again. She commented that he has always been very cooperative. She said she again recommended a 6' fence for the property, and he told her he will apply for one when he can afford it.

Mr. Leonard closed the Public Hearing for deliberation.

MOTION: Mr. Tanner moved, Mrs. Quin-Bare seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to find the Respondent, Mr. Johnson, in compliance.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Case No. 2016-02/Sarasota Investment Trust LLC Update

Mrs. Riley gave an update on the Slick's property. The PowerPoint is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The owner was given 120 days at the last meeting to correct the violations on the property. So far, the grass has been cut, palm fronds removed, orange temporary fencing has been removed and several of the vehicles have been removed. So, there is progress being made.

Mr. Westbrook commented the immediate concern is the removal of the cars.

Mrs. Quin-Bare expressed concern that fluids from the vehicles may be leaking into the ground and testing will have to be done before the property is sold. The county, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) may have to become involved due to the contamination.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 2, 2016

Robert M. Westbrook, for

Charles W. Leonard, Chair