

**Nuisance Abatement Board
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Nuisance Abatement Board of the City of Cocoa was held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, as publicly noticed.

OPENING MATTERS:

Chairman Jim Gifford called the meeting to order at 5:59 P.M. The Board Secretary called the roll.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Gifford	Chairman
George Brown, Jr.	Vice-Chairman
Michael Klug	Board Member
Stephanie Moretto	Alternate Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Lightholder	Board Member
Virginia Weaver	Board Member
Michael Cicerella	Board Member
Bill Terrell	Board Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bunt	Code Enforcement Manager
Mike Cantaloupe	Police Chief
Jonathan Brady	Detective
Debra Babb-Nutcher	Board Attorney
Rachel Unruh	Recording Secretary

The Board Secretary swore in all Staff members giving testimony.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda: October 19, 2017

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Klug, to approve the agenda of October 19, 2017 as written. Vote on the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CASES:

1. CE 17-750 – 4150 W King Street.

Code Enforcement Manager Dennis Bunt provided an opening statement regarding the location of the public nuisance. Manager Bunt also entered a letter from the property owner for the record.

Agent Brady provided an overview of the criminal activities and a brief historical time line of the Police Department's investigations for the location. Agent Brady explained some of the recommended options that the owner was provided in a Notice dated October 4, 2017; this Notice offered suggestions to help decrease the amount of criminal activity at the location. Agent Brady stated that the owner properly provided a response regarding the Notice from the City dated October 4, 2017, this was entered as exhibit "A".

Discussion amongst the Board members and Agent Brady.

Code Manager Dennis Bunt explained that location is a nuisance to the community and the City is asking for the Nuisance Abatement Board to declare the property as a public nuisance and provide the owner a time frame to implement measures to remedy the nuisance that exist at the location.

Additional discussion amongst the Board members, Manager Bunt and Agent Brady.

Chairman Gifford asked if the Board has the authority to require remedies, such as an onsite security guard.

Board Attorney Debra Babb-Nutcher and Agent Brady discussed the types of criminal activities and the length of time the activities have been occurring.

Additional discussion amongst the Board members, Manager Bunt and Agent Brady.

Board Attorney explained to the Board Members the powers of the Nuisance Abatement Board for entering an order to the property owner to abate the public nuisance.

Additional discussion regarding the recommendation for abating the public nuisance.

Motion by Mr. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Klug, to declare a property a public nuisance and the property owner has 90 days to take measures to reduce the public nuisance at said property or a fine shall be imposed in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per day until the public nuisance has been declared abated. Vote on the motion carried unanimously.

NON-COMPLIANCE:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Manager Announcements

Manager Bunt asked for the Board to consider conducting a Code Enforcement Board Hearing for November 16, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Moretto, to conduct a Code Enforcement Board Hearing on November 16, 2017 as requested by staff.

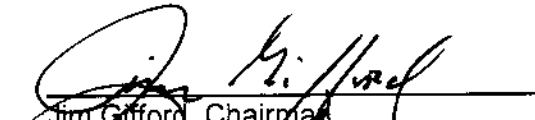
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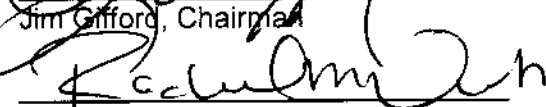
Next date for the Nuisance Abatement Broad will be established in the future by staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Approved on this 21st day of June, 2017.


Jim Gifford, Chairman


Rachel Unruh, Recording Secretary

