

**MINUTES
CITY OF EUSTIS CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD**

March 19, 2007

COMMISSION ROOM - CITY HALL - TEN NORTH GROVE STREET

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL: Robert LaValle
Joyce Evans-Norcross
Charlie Bagg
Michael Holland
Robert Warren

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martin Ferry
Billy Fowler
Thomas Fernandez

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Martin, Code Enforcement Officer
Henry Sneed, Code Enforcement Officer
Christina Selage, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Katrina Thomas, City Attorney
Willie Young, 1810 Selleen Drive, Eustis

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman LaValle called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2007 Regular meeting, by Ms. Evans-Norcross and seconded by Mr. Holland, the Board voted to approve the motion as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Katrina Thomas, City Attorney, administered the oath to all those present that would testify.

NEW CASES

Case #07-020 Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae: Mr. Martin stated that this case, at 1810 Selleen Drive is for: 1) The rear of the property has become overgrown with grass or weeds. The yard and landscaping has not been maintained in good condition, the grass, shrubs, hedges, bushes or other decorative vegetation has been allowed to exist in an unkempt or unpruned condition. 2) Allowing objects or items such as, but not limited to, household furniture, accumulations of personal property, trash, garbage and tires to be placed or left outdoors that could become a breeding place for insects or vermin or cause unpleasant odors or which is unsightly and an eyesore from adjoining properties or from the public right-of-way. 3) There is a broken window on the front of the house. He reviewed photographs with Mr. Young, and Mr. Young testified that most of the violations have been cleared, as he has mowed the property and removed almost all of the debris and accumulated items from the yard. He testified that he has obtained a piece of plexiglass to put in place of the broken glass, but it was suggested to him that it might be easier to replace the whole window.

Ms. Evans-Norcross made a motion that Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae are in violation of City Code, and to allow 30 days for compliance in Case #07-020 or a fine of \$10.00 per day of occurrence will be imposed. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

Case #07-039 Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae: Mr. Martin stated that this case, also at 1810 Selleen Drive is for an unlicensed van in the public right-of-way. Mr. Young testified that it was his brother’s vehicle, and that it would be taken care of by tomorrow.

Mr. Warren made a motion that Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae are in violation of City Code, and to allow 2 days for compliance in Case #07-039 or a fine of \$100.00 per day of occurrence will be imposed. Additionally, if the vehicle is not removed by the deadline, staff is to request that the Police Department red-tag it for removal. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

CONSIDERATION FOR COURT-ORDERED INJUNCTION

Case #03-103 Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae: Mr. Martin reminded the Board that this case was for unlicensed/inoperative vehicles on the property at 1810 Selleen Drive. He reported that the fine of \$75.00 per day had started on July 21, 2003 and has accrued to a total of \$99,150.00. Mr. Young stated that he was occupied with some family health problems in the last few years, but that he would get rid of all the cars that are in violation, if he was allowed a few days to accomplish that.

Ms. Evans-Norcross made a motion to allow Willie B. Young & Jeanette McCrae 10 more days to remove all vehicles in violation of City Code, or the City Attorney will file an injunction with the Circuit Court to get a court order authorizing the City to remove them. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

NEW CASES, CONT'D

Case #07-038 Mark Sr. & Kimberly Likely: Mr. Martin reported that this case is for a portable basketball goal being left in the street/public right-of-way at 1111 South Street. He distributed photographs and noted that the Police Department has also spoken to these property owners several times in the past about this matter. He testified that the goal is no longer unattended in the street, and is laying down in the front yard, which is acceptable.

Mr. Warren made a motion that Mark & Kimberly Likely were in violation of City Code, but that the violation has been cleared. Mr. Bagg seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

REQUEST FOR CITY ABATEMENT APPROVAL

Case #05-316 James Mathis c/o Eric Cooper: Mr. Martin reminded the Board that this case involved overgrown conditions and an accumulation of solid waste on a vacant lot at the end of Rose Lane. He stated that this property is in the hands of the City Attorney for foreclosure, but that he has been receiving complaints and would like the City to clear the property.

Ms. Evans-Norcross made a motion to request Public Works to abate the nuisance on the vacant lot on the end of Rose Lane, as described in Case #05-316. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Thomas presented the Board a draft of the proposed Demolition Policy & Procedures that she has created. The Board reviewed it, and discussed whether or not the City Commission will still want to have the final approval of all city-ordered demolitions, and whether the commission will have to approve the actual policy.

Ms. Evans-Norcross made a motion to approve and adopt this policy as drafted, pending confirmation that City Commission does/does not want to approve the policy. Mr. Holland seconded, and the motion was approved as follows:

Mr. LaValle	Aye	Mr. Ferry	Absent
Ms. Evans-Norcross	Aye	Mr. Bagg	Aye
Mr. Fowler	Absent	Mr. Warren	Aye
Mr. Holland	Aye		

Ms. Selage mentioned to the Board that the City of Eustis was holding “Visioning Sessions” in the upcoming months, and asked the members to take some of the available flyers to spread the word.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Selage
Recording Secretary

Robert LaValle
Chairman