

**Code Enforcement Board  
City of Wauchula  
March 22, 2010**

The Wauchula Code Enforcement Board met Monday, March 22, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Secretary Gibbs called roll with the following members present: Chairman John Woodburn, Patricia Clark, Gerald Waldron, and Vice-chairman Frank Notar. Sue Conner was absent. Woodburn declared a quorum. Also present were Attorney Jane Hancock, Code Enforcement Officers Kathleen Whaley and Raina H Bergens, and Secretary/Clerk Susie Gibbs and people in the audience.

Attorney Hancock swore in Code Enforcement Officers Whaley and Bergens and anyone testifying about the cases.

Waldron made the motion, seconded by Notar to accept the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Request for Fine Removal – #09-116-M - Ahmad Haysar & Rafik Ahmad Abdelhalin – 1168 Downing Circle** – Both defendants were present. CEO Whaley testified that this is a rental property and Mr. Rafik was overseas when this case was opened. The house was served and posted, but he was unaware of the action taken against them. When he came back to the USA, he became compliant. By the time he came home, fines had already been assessed and were in the process of establishing a lien. He is now requesting that the fines be removed since he has finished 100% of the work. “In **Case #09-116-M**, I move that the City of Wauchula Code Enforcement Board forgive the entire fine of \$13,500.00 of the fine imposed.” Waldron made the motion, seconded by Clark. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**CASES**

**09-181-M – Gabriel Arguelles Jr – 318 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave** – Mrs. Arguelles was present. CEO Whaley testified that this is a case that was given an extension last month due to the defendant being out of town, but calling the office. She testified that they have been working and have just a little bit to do. Mrs. Arguelles testified that they had run out of paint. She asked what exactly was left to do. She asked about putting the skirting around the house. There was further discussion about what needed to be done. “I move that the City of Wauchula Code Enforcement Board continue **Case #09-181-M, Gabriel Arguelles** to be heard at the April 26, 2010 Code Enforcement Board meeting. ”Waldron made the motion, seconded by Notar. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**09-217-M – Joann & Wilbur Cobb Jr. – 703 Pennsylvania Ave** – The defendants were present. CEO Whaley testified that this is an extension from last month. The mayor had called and requested an extension, but Mr. Cobb called and stated that he and his wife were both sick and needed more time. Notar asked the CEOs if they had gotten with Mr.

Cobb and explained what still needed to be done. CEO Whaley replied that he had talked to the Community Development Director, Olivia Minshew and that she had told him. There was discussion on how much time Mr. Cobb would need to become compliant. "I move that the City of Wauchula Code Enforcement Board continue **Case #09-217-M, Joann & Wilbur Cobb Jr.** to be heard at the May 24, 2010 Code Enforcement Board meeting." Notar made the motion, seconded by Clark. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**09-221-UDB – Heirs of Mary Lois Revell – 125 E Townsend St** – CEO Whaley testified that the attorney for the estate had called and explained that there are some problems. Some family members do not want the buildings torn down and some do. F.L. Revell is the one that has inherited all of the buildings and wants them torn down and cleaned up. She explained that when the attorney called and asked if everything was done and was told that it wasn't, he had to hire a new crew to go and finish what little is left to be done. They have hauled off several semi loads of stuff and the lot is looking very pretty. She testified that they have closed the case against the lot. There are still a few pieces of the building that remain and he is requesting that he be given 60 days to have everything finished. "I move that the City of Wauchula Code Enforcement Board continue **Case #09-221-UDB, Heirs of Mary Lois Revell** to be heard at the May 24, 2010 Code Enforcement Board meeting." Notar made the motion, seconded by Clark. Gibbs polled the Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### **OLD/NEW Business**

CEO Bergens explained that she had been asked, by Waldron, about an update on Pedro & Teresa Granda. She explained that Mr. Granda got a sign-off to proceed with having a house built after he signed a contract to remove the trailer that was placed at his house after the 2004 hurricanes, which should only have been temporary. The house has been torn down. Waldron wanted to know how the Board would be guaranteed that it would indeed be moved within 90 days after the CO (Certificate of Occupancy) was given by the county. Bergens replied that the county was only giving him a temporary power permit for 90 days after the CO, so if the trailer is not removed, the county will go back and pull the meter from the house. If the trailer is not removed, the City will be notified and the Board could take further action.

Attorney Hancock stated that she had been encouraging Attorney Ables to have a seminar on the proper do's and don'ts of meetings.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Susie Gibbs, Secretary/Clerk