

Town Of Grant-Valkaria
Code Enforcement Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2008 6:30 p.m.
5120 Highway U.S. 1, Grant Valkaria, FL 32949-2003

The meeting of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Code Enforcement Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Terry Wolfe followed by the Pledge, a moment of silent meditation and roll call to the Board Members, with the following present:

Chairperson Terry Wolfe
Board Member Mark Pagliarulo
Board Member John Krupp

Richard Hood, Town Administrator
Linda Munroe, Administrative Assistant
Karl Bohne, Town Attorney
Richard Andre, Code Enforcement Officer

Town Attorney Bohne stated that since there is not a quorum this evening that the New Business item will not be discussed and will be rescheduled at the next meeting date. Chairperson Wolfe stated the next scheduled meeting date is November 4th. Town Attorney Bohne stated that is subject is change. Chairperson Wolfe pointed out that the regularly scheduled date for the Code Enforcement Board to meet is usually the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Case No. 07-02: Code violation on property located at 5835 Brabrook Avenue. Violation of Code Chapter 114 Vegetation, Article II, Excessive Accumulations and Growths, Sec. 114.28 Declared public nuisance

Town Attorney Bohne introduced Attorney Erin Harrigan from his office. She will be attending meetings at the Town with him to learn about municipal government. In reference to Case No. 07-02; (violation at 5835 Brabrook Avenue) he stated that if the property owner does not come in compliance before the deadline given by the Code Enforcement Officer in the Notice of Hearing letter it sets a precedent to become a repeat violation.

Resident Raymond Harker addressed the Code Enforcement Board about photos he had given to the Town in reference to John Shatzer's overgrowth on his property. Code Enforcement Officer Andre stated that he went to the property and found that Mr. Shatzer had mowed his property, therefore there was no case. Town Attorney Bohne stated that this should be addressed directly to the Code Enforcement Officer not in front of the Code Enforcement Board since this could possibly be a case that goes before them and since they address issues as a quasi judicial board they should not see evidence beforehand. Town Administrator Hood stated there is a notice of violation and a time to cure in each case.

Town Administrator Hood explained the memo that he had in front of the Code Enforcement Board members and which will be sent via email to the members not present. The memo puts emphasis on the commitment of the Board members to attend meetings and that Linda Munroe should not have to call and beg them to attend meetings; they should be here. Code Enforcement Officer Andre stated that the City of

Melbourne has a policy that only 2 unexcused absences are allowed. Board Member Krupp stated that maybe they need to think of something else they can do for the Town. Town Administrator Hood pointed out the Town is always in need of volunteers; some work does not require timelines and deadlines. He also stated the nature of the Code Enforcement Board is difficult; we have a lot of meetings in the Town; Local Planning Agency, Planning and Zoning Board, Town Council . With the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Regulations still being reviewed there will be a lot of meetings for about a year even if there are no cases brought before the Town. Board Member Pagliarulo stated he had told Chairperson Wolfe that the Board needs to schedule a meeting every month on the scheduled date of the first Tuesday of each month. She stated she stops by Town Hall periodically to see if there is anything going on. Town Administrator Hood stated the Code Enforcement Board is the ultimate enforcer of codes. When there is a violation and they are needed we will set meetings for the first Tuesday of each month and as is stated in his memo if nothing comes up before the Board they will be notified there is no meeting. Town Administrator Hood pointed out the meetings will be on the calendar. Chairperson Wolfe asked for Linda Munroe to keep track of members' response and to keep it as part of the record.

Resident Raymond Harker spoke up again to complain about his neighbor, John Shatzer, and Town Administrator Hood asked Mr. Harker to speak with Code Officer Andre one to one without the Board.

(Signature on File)

Terry Wolfe, Chairperson

ATTEST:

(Signature on File)

Linda Munroe, Administrative Assistant

