

**City of Fort Lauderdale
Nuisance Abatement Board Minutes
City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 1st Floor
100 North Andrews Avenue
Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

	Current Meeting	Cumulative Attendance		Y-T-D #
		Present	Absent	Scheduled Meetings 3/04 – 2/05
<u>Members</u>				
Douglas Reynolds, Chair	P	9	1	10
Harry MacGrotty, Vice Chair	P	9	1	10
Caldwell Cooper	P	8	2	10
Dil Hatchett	P	9	1	10
Ginnee Hancock	P	9	1	10
David C. Svetlick, Alternate	A	6	4	10
Pat Mayers, Alternate	P	2	0	2

Staff Present

Marcia Gair, Board Clerk
 Scott Walker, City Attorney
 Bruce Jolly, Board Attorney
 Sgt. Reggie Gillis, Liaison
 Lisa Edmondson, Recording Clerk

The regular meeting of the Nuisance Abatement Board convened at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at City Hall, 1st Floor Commission Chambers, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

- 1. Call meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll call; witnesses sign log; swearing in**
- 3. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2004**

Motion made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Vice Chair MacGrotty, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2004 meeting. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Case Number 04-04-04, 844 Northwest 10 Terrace

- Notice of Status Hearing

Sgt. Gillis advised the Board that he could not provide information regarding additional calls for service to the property as the computers were down; however, the owner was in full compliance with the Board's order. No further action needed to be taken at this time. Mr. Makhoul did appear as owner of the property.

Item number 7 was then moved up on the agenda.

7. Case Number 05-01-01, 701 Northwest 21 Terrace

- Notice of Evidentiary Hearing

Sgt. Gillis stated that the police recommendations had been stipulated to by the parties.

Robert Pascal, Esquire, counsel for the owner, Mr. Siddiqui, advised the Board that a stipulation had been entered into, and further explaining that the property was currently under contract for purchase.

Mr. MacGrotty stated he did not agree with giving the owner a reduction in costs as this property had been before the Board numerous times and was continuing to cost the City money to bring it into compliance. Mr. Walker pointed out that the Police Department had agreed to the cost reduction as the owner has been cooperative and, in the past, has fully complied with the Board's orders.

Mr. Pascal apologized to the Board on behalf of the owner, stating that the property had been briefly neglected during a previous pending sale which did not go through; however, the owner is well aware that he now needs to continuously keep the property in compliance, or there may be severe sanctions if this matter is again brought before the Board. Sgt. Gillis confirmed that Mr. Siddiqui is aware that he either needs to change his handling of the property, sell it, or could face arrest for ongoing nuisance violations.

***Motion** made by Mr. MacGrotty, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to accept the stipulation. In a roll call vote as follows, the motion failed 2-3: Ms. Hancock, no; Mr. Hatchett, yes; Mr. Cooper, no; Vice Chair MacGrotty, no; Chair Reynolds, yes.*

Thereupon, Chair Reynolds requested that the evidentiary hearing commence.

Sgt. Gillis then requested a continuance of the hearing due to the unavailability of the City's witnesses. As it appeared there would be no prejudice to the Respondent in granting a continuance, Chair Reynolds requested a motion to close the matter at that time.

***Motion** made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. MacGrotty, to grant a continuance of the evidentiary hearing to the next scheduled meeting. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

5. Case Number 04-08-06, 1021 Northwest 3 Avenue

- Notice of Status Hearing

Mr. Miscary Jean Pierre appeared as owner of the property. Sgt. Gillis stated that the owners were in noncompliance of the Board's order as Landlord Tenant Training had not yet been attended and neither the investigative costs nor the fines had been paid. Sgt. Gillis did not know if the owners were in compliance regarding a lease addendum; however, he advised he would check and advise the Board at the next meeting. Sgt. Gillis additionally could not provide information regarding additional calls for service to the property as the computers were down.

Mr. Jolly pointed out that no additional fines could be assessed as the Board had already levied the maximum amount permitted.

Motion made by Ms. Hancock, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to bring this matter back before the Board for status at the next meeting. In a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pierre was then provided with written notice of the next scheduled Landlord Tenant Class, which he acknowledged receipt of and agreed to attend.

6. Case Number 04-09-07, 1028 Northwest 6th Avenue

- Notice of Status Hearing

Sgt. Gillis reported that the property was in compliance; however, investigative costs had not yet been paid. No one appeared at the hearing on behalf of respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Hancock, to bring this matter back before the Board for status at the next meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Board Discussion

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.