

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD MINUTES
CITY HALL, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance 3/09 through 2/10	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Laurie Watkins, Chair	P	3	0
Ted Fling, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Linda Dawkins [Alternate]	P	2	1
Sal Gatanio	A	0	1
Pat Mayers	P	3	0
D. Ryan Saunders [Alternate]	P	1	0

Staff Present

Joyce Hair, Board Clerk
Bruce Jolly, Board Attorney
Det. Joel Maney, Liaison
Scott Walker, Assistant City Attorney
Sgt. Hugo Fontalvo
B. Chiappetta, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

None

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Purpose: Promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens by imposing administrative fines and other non-criminal penalties in order to provide an

equitable, expeditious, effective, and inexpensive method of enforcing ordinances under circumstances when a pending or repeated violation continues to exist.

1. Call meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll call; witnesses sign log; swearing in

Ms. Chiapetta called roll and determined a quorum was present; there is one vacancy on the Board.

Witnesses were sworn in.

3. Approval of minutes for April 2009

Motion made by Ms. Mayers, seconded by Mr. Fling, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 2009 hearing. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Mr. Fling nominated Ms. Watkins for Chair, seconded by Ms. Dawkins. In a roll call vote, Board unanimously approved.

Ms. Mayers nominated Mr. Fling for Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Watkins. In a roll call vote, Board unanimously approved.

**4. Case Number 09-01-01
1300 Northwest 6 Street
NADA Market**

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• Notice of Status Hearing

Det Maney reported the owner was unable to attend this hearing, but he had spoken with Mr. Almadi, the owner of the market, who was working with the Police to keep the property in compliance.

Det. Maney informed the Board that in the past six months there had been 103 calls for service to the property, 7 of which were nuisance abatement related, and in the past 30 days there had been 17 calls for service to the property, one of which was nuisance abatement related. He noted this was a 50% reduction in nuisance abatement related

cases compared to the previous 30-day period, indicating progress. Det. Maney confirmed that the property was in compliance, and recommended a status hearing at the Board's June meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Mayers, seconded by Ms. Dawkins, to schedule a status hearing for this case at the Board's June meeting. In a voice vote. Board unanimously approved.

5. Case Number 09-01-02
1500 NW 6 Street
Sistrunk Market

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- **Notice of Status Hearing**

Det. Many stated the same person owned this and the NADA Market, and he was not present this evening, but Det. Maney was in contact with Mr. Mohammed, the market proprietor. Mr. Mohammed was also working with the Police Department to bring this property into compliance.

Det. Maney informed the Board that in the past six months there had been 235 calls for service to the property, 11 of which were nuisance abatement related, and in the past 30 days there had been 22 calls for service to the property, one of which was nuisance abatement related. He reminded the Board that the address was a busy Sistrunk Boulevard intersection that saw a lot of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Also, there was a rooming house located over the business.

Det. Maney said when he had visited this and the NADA Market after the Board took jurisdiction, they demonstrated "probably the fastest compliance I've ever seen..." He said they were still working to decrease total calls for service to the property, and recommended a status hearing at the Board's June meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Fling, seconded by Ms. Mayers, to schedule a status hearing for this case at the Board's June meeting. In a voice vote. Board unanimously approved.

6. Case Number 07-11-10
519 Northwest 23 Avenue
The Parisian Hotel
Owner: Tania Ouaknine

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- **Notice of Status Hearing**

Det. Maney stated the owner had accepted notice of this hearing on April 18, 2009, and was present this evening with her attorney, Mr. Louis Ugaz.

Det. Maney informed the Board that in the past six months there had been 6 calls for service to the property, none which was nuisance abatement related, and in the past 30 days there had been 3 calls for service to the property, none which was nuisance abatement related. He reminded the Board that all calls were not right on the property, but could be out in the street. Det. Maney indicated that the property was currently in compliance, but there was a \$500 balance from a previous Nuisance Abatement Board fine, which the owner could pay within 10 days. Det. Maney recommended a status hearing at the Board's June meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Mayers, seconded by Ms. Dawkins, to schedule a status hearing for this case at the Board's June meeting. In a voice vote. Board unanimously approved.

7. Board Discussion

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Det. Maney stated Ms. Hair, the Board Clerk, had attended the City's Better Meetings Academy and been informed that there would be a new section of the Board minutes where they could communicate directly to the City Communication.

Mr. Fling said some Advisory Board members had expressed concern that they never received feedback from the City Commission or the City administration regarding their Board activity, and this was why the Communication to the City Commission section had been added.

The Board's next meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2009.

Thereupon, with no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at **7:23** p.m.

[Minutes prepared by J. Opperee, Prototype, Inc.]