

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
 NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD MINUTES
 CITY HALL, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR
 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance 3/2011 through 2/2012	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
D. Ryan Saunders, Chair	P	8	1
Sal Gatanio, Vice Chair	P	7	2
Louise Dowdy	P	9	0
Dale Hoover	P	8	0
Tom Wolf	P	8	1

Alternates

Cindy Smith	P	7	1
Richard Schulze	P	3	1

Staff Present

Joyce Hair, Board Clerk
 Richard Giuffreda, Board Attorney
 Det. Paul Maniates
 Brigitte 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 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll call; witnesses sign log; swearing in

Ms. Chiappetta called roll and determined a quorum was present.

Witnesses were sworn in.

3. Approval of minutes for November 2011

Motion made by Ms. Dowdy, seconded by Mr. Gatano, to approve the minutes of the Board's November 2011 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Cases:

- 4. Case Number 11-03-03
426 Northwest 14th Avenue
Residence
Owner: Lewis Tunnage**

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- **Notice of Status Hearing**

Det. Maniates stated the property owner, Lewis Tunnage, had received notice of this meeting on 11/16/11 and was in attendance.

Det. Maniates announced that in the past 30 days there had been no calls for service to the property. Det. Maniates had visited the property several times in the past month and found it to be in compliance. He had spoken with the owner, who informed him tenants had reported one tenant for drug activity. He was monitoring the situation for possible eviction of that tenant. Det. Maniates recommended a status hearing in January 2012.

Lewis Tunnage, property owner, said one tenant had informed him that his cousin was watching his unit for him, and Mr. Tunnage stated this person must provide his ID. He had told the tenant that he would evict him if any drugs were found in the apartment. The tenant had indicated he may move, and Mr. Tunnage hoped this would happen within a week or two.

5. **Case Number 11-08-05** [Index](#)
1704 Northwest 8th Court
Owner: George Peter
- **Notice of Status Hearing**

Det. Maniates stated the property owner, George Peter, had received notice of this meeting on 11/25/11 and was in attendance.

Det. Maniates announced that in the past 30 days there had been no calls for service to the property. Det. Maniates said the owner had brought the first payment to the meeting this evening. He had also promised to comply with the requirement to perform a background check on potential new tenants. Det. Maniates stated the property was in compliance and recommended a status hearing in January 2012.

6. **Case Number 11-09-06** [Index](#)
2621 North Ocean Boulevard
Hurricane Motel
Owner: Ghulam Usman
- **Notice of Evidentiary Hearing**

Det. Maniates stated the property owner, Ghulam Usman, had received notice of this meeting on 11/16/11 and the manager had received notice on 11/16/11.

Det. Maniates reported that he had visited the property on December 7 to advise the owner regarding the placement of the cameras. He said the manager was being diligent in monitoring the property and the tenants.

Det. Maniates stated the property was in compliance and recommended a status hearing in January 2012.

Det. Maniates said there had been one nuisance-related call to the property, but this had been a noise complaint in the area, and the individual had been stopped near the motel.

Chair Saunders asked why the cameras had not been installed within 30 days as the order had specified. Det. Maniates said the owner had been out of the country, but had purchased eight cameras instead of the three the Board had recommended. Chair Saunders asked Det. Maniates to tell the owner that he must be as responsive as the manager.

Jadoonanan Ramdhan, manager, explained they had ordered the additional cameras to monitor the rear of the property. Chair Saunders said the Board appreciated Mr. Ramdhan's efforts.

7. Case Number 11-10-08
519 Northwest 23rd Avenue
Parisian Motel

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- **Notice of Evidentiary Hearing**

Det. Maniates explained that on 11/29/11 he had received a voice mail from the owner's attorney advising he could not attend this hearing and would request a continuance. Det. Maniates had received the continuance request on 12/6/11 and recommended deferring the case to the Board's January 2012 meeting. He added that Mr. Walker, the Assistant City Attorney, was not present this evening to present the case.

Ms. Hair stated this would be the third time this property came before the Board.

Chair Saunders said he agreed with deferring the case because of Mr. Walker's absence; he did not believe the absence of the owner's attorney was sufficient reason to defer.

Motion made by Mr. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Gatano, to continue the case to the Board's January 2012 meeting. In a roll call vote, motion passed 4-1 with Chair Saunders opposed.

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Chair Saunders wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Communication to the City Commission

None.

Thereupon, with no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.