

City of Fort Lauderdale
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD
Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
City Commission Meeting Room - City Hall

Board Member	Attendance	Cumulative 1/1/06 to 12/31/06	
		Present	Absent
Chris Bellissimo	A	6	2
John Carroll	P	6	3
Olivia Charlton	P	7	2
Hector Heguaburo	P	7	2
Patrick Kerney	P	7	2
Michael Madfis	P	8	1
Charles Minor	P	5	4
John Scherer	P	8	1
Charles Schneider, Chair	A	6	3

City Staff

Farida Mohammed, Community Inspections
Yvette Ketor, Board Secretary
Assistant City Attorney
Wayne Strawn, City Building Inspector
Mohammed Malik, Community Inspections Officer
Jamie Opperlee, Recording Clerk
Robert Pignataro, City Building Inspector

Guests

CE06060884: Wilbur Bermudez, 31 NW 67th Street
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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

[Swearing in]

[1. Case CE05011052]

MS. MOHAMMED: First case, page one of your agenda. It's the first case, Inspector Wayne Strawn for case number CE05011052. Case address, 723 Northwest 6th Avenue, the owner Luma Properties Inc. Last permit applied for 1/19/06 for interior renovation; last permit issued 3/8/05 for flat re-roof. Certified mail sent to Luma Properties, green card signed 8/3/06, signature illegible. Certified mail sent to Gina Tuchman, signed for 8/3/06 by Gina Tuchman. Certified mail sent to Pedro Acebo, signed for on 8/3/06 by Otilia Acebo. Certified mail sent to Julian Mesa, signed for on 8/3/06 by Yolanda Espinales. Certified mail sent to Jorge Lerman, signed for by B. Knoff on 8/3/06. Certified mail sent to Salomon Gold signed for by J. Alvarez on 8/3/06, and certified mail sent to Sergio Rok, signed, signature illegible.

This case is an old business case and it was heard by the Unsafe Structure Board on 9/15/05. At that hearing the Board granted a 60-day extension and stipulation that there be no automobiles stored or spray painting in the warehouse during that 60-day period. The case came before the Unsafe Structure Board on 1/19/06. The Board granted a 60-day extension of time. At the 3/16/06 Unsafe Structure Board hearing the Board granted a 60-day extension to allow the architect time to obtain building permits which were under review. The case was presented to the Unsafe Structure Board on 5/18/06, at that hearing the Board granted, ordered a 60-day continuance. And finally the case came before the Unsafe Structure Board on 7/20/06. At that hearing, the Board granted 60-day extension

MR. CARROLL: Thank you so much for the history it sure brings back memories.

MR. BLOSS: This is my first time here; I'm Doug Bloss with Emerson Builders. I'm here in Mr. Tuchman's stead, president of Luma Properties, the owner, and I'm here to request an additional 60-day extension. We're in the process of obtaining our permits. We've gone, we've made the last corrections, and it's just going back in to the City, well momentarily, they're in my briefcase.

MR. CARROLL: Alright I think then, if I'm remembering correctly in July, that that's what the status was, that they were going back in at that point, from Mike Sanchez.

MR. BLOSS: Yes, and they've come back, and they're going back in again. I have the permit applications in my briefcase here, with the new and approved plans.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. What were the additional comments from the last time, do you have any idea?

MR. BLOSS: We had walked the building with the inspector a few weeks ago, I guess it was a couple of months ago now, and he had some additional comments, and we went back and tried to correct all the comments at that time. I guess I have to look to see with the additional - There was some additional roof work from termite damage.

MR. CARROLL: Okay.

MR. BLOSS: We're providing an additional opening, I'm just looking at the changes here.

MR. CARROLL: Opening? In the roof? Wall opening? Egress condition?

MR. BLOSS: We're changing several ingress and egresses of the building. Mr. Tuchman's in the process of evicting several of the tenants so we can get in to do some of the work. Some of these units are just so full, we can't get into them. Just years and years of neglect and tenants that have collected garbage, and I know he's filled three or four dumpsters already. I did a walk-through with Mr. Tuchman about 10 days ago before he left town and he's been pressuring me to start the job and I keep telling him I can do anything until I have permits.

MR. CARROLL: Of course, okay.

MR. KERNEY: With your permission, Mr. Chairman, if I'm not mistaken, I believe that this particular property was granted quite a bit of leeway due to the fact that the owner went to great lengths to comply with our requests about not storing anything in the building, keeping the building secure. Wayne, is that still the case as far as this property exists?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Wayne Strawn, City building inspector, I didn't get a chance to go by. The last time, we had sworn testimony that there were no vehicles inside the building, is that true?

MR. BLOSS: I don't think there's any operating vehicles inside the building. I saw couple of derelicts.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: The building formerly was used as a manufacturing building and it has a sprinkler system. But that doesn't mean it doesn't have to comply with all the other egress and so forth.

MR. CARROLL: And the ventilation was the other issue that came up, way back when.

MR. BLOSS: [inaudible] evicting the tenant that had the automobiles. The, a couple of the tenants are fighting the eviction.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I see.

MR. BLOSS: They got an attorney apparently here that -

INSPECTOR STRAWN: So, your plans don't show any ventilation? Your plans are to have a warehouse that does not store automobiles, is that the -

MR. BLOSS: I don't have anything specifically to say to make it acceptable for vehicles.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I see. So you have intention or Mr. Tuchman has intention of not having any vehicles, in there ever.

MR. BLOSS: As far as I know, yes. He's trying to comply with what, you mean, we walked through, you didn't have any objection –

MR. CARROLL: Can you speak into the mic? I don't know if we're picking that up or not. You have to speak into the mic.

MR. BLOSS: When we did our walk-through with Wayne, we didn't have any objections to any of his requests for work to be done. Everything was legitimate, it's just a question of going through the bureaucracy.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Wayne. Do you got any other comments?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I have no objection. It seems as though the plans have had to be revised a couple of times, but there's an ongoing effort to resolve the issue so I have no objection to another 60 days.

MR. KERNEY: Mr. Chairman, I would be willing to make a motion for a 60-day continuance.

MR. MADFIS: I'll second that.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor say aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CARROLL: Opposed? Okay, motion passes, 60-day extension. Hopefully we won't see you back.

MR. BLOSS: Thank you very much.

MR. CARROLL: You're welcome. I just noticed that we had a couple other respondents probably, walk in. Should we swear them in now before we go to the next case?

MS. MOHAMMED: Sure.

[Additional respondents sworn in]

[2. Case CE06060959]

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MS. MOHAMMED: Next case, page four of your agenda. This is a new business case. Inspector Robert Pignataro for case number CE06060959, case address, 1008 South Andrews Avenue, the owner: William Grady Copeland Jr. Last permit issued, 6/2/1988 for a chain-link fence. Certified mail sent to William Grady Copeland Jr. signed for, not dated, signature

eligible. Certified mail sent to Copeland and Chambliss, P.A., in care of Linda Chambliss, signed for, not dated, signature eligible. Certified mail sent to Linda Chambliss, signature illegible, not dated. Certified mail sent to William Jackson, certified mail returned unknown. And we also posted the property, so we have service by posting also.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Do we have a respondent?

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: Good afternoon Board. Bob Pignataro, building inspector for the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Department. I'm here on case number CE06060959 for address 1008 South Andrews. I don't know what the pleasure of the Board is, do you want me to read all of the violations?

MR. CARROLL: You have to read it into the record. Yes sir.

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: I do? Okay, here we go.

FBC 117.1.1

THE ONE STORY WOOD FRAMED HOUSE AND REAR WOOD BUILDING HAS DETERIORATED FROM THE ELEMENTS, AND HAS NOT BEEN MAINTAINED ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE OR THE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE.

FBC 117.2.1.1.1

THE FRONT HOUSE IS OCCUPIED AND ALSO HAS A LARGE POPULATION OF CATS OCCUPYING IT WITH THE OWNER, THE SCREENS ARE MISSING FROM THE WINDOWS, AND THE FRONT DOOR HAS A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM TO ALLOW THE FREE ENTRANCE AND EXIT OF THE CATS AT WILL.

FBC 117.2.1.1.2

THERE IS A LARGE AMOUNT OF DEBRIS IN THE REAR PORCH AREA OF THE FRONT HOUSE INCLUDING TRASH, DESTROYED FURNISHINGS AND SEVERAL WATER BUCKETS CREATING A FIRE HAZARD, MILDEW AND A BREEDING GROUND FOR MOSQUITOES.

FBC 117.2.1.2.2

THE ROOF ON THE MAIN HOUSE AND THE ROOF ON THE REAR BUILDING HAVE LARGE GAPPING HOLES, THE ROOF STRUCTURAL MEMBERS HAVE DETERIORATED AND ARE ROTTED, THE INTERIOR WALLS AND CEILINGS AND THE COVERINGS ARE DESTROYED BY THE EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS, AND THERE ARE SEVERAL HOLES IN THE WOOD FLOOR IN THE REAR PORCH OF THE FRONT HOUSE, WITH BUCKETS TO CATCH RAIN WATER, THE FASCIA, THE DOORS, DOOR FRAMES, THE WOOD SIDING ARE ALL ROTTED DUE TO THE EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS. ALSO, SCREENS

ARE MISSING FROM ALL THE WINDOWS, SEVERAL OF THE JALOUSIE WINDOWS ARE MISSING GLASS, THE PAINT ON BOTH BUILDINGS ARE PEELING AND NOT BEING MAINTAINED PER THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE MINIMUM HOUSING CODE.

FBC 117.2.1.2.5

THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS AND CAN POSSIBLY START A FIRE, IF ENERGIZED, THE MAIN SERVICE WAS DISCONNECTED BY F.P.L. AFTER HURRICANE WILMA RIPPED IT OFF THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING, THERE ARE THREE WINDOW/WALL A.C. UNITS WITHOUT PERMITS AND NOT PER CODE, SO THERE IS NO POWER TO THIS OR THE REAR BUILDING SINCE THE HURRICANE.

FBC 117.2.1.2.6

THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE SMELLS OF CAT URINE, FECES AND MOLD, THE TOILET AND SINKS ARE NOT IN WORKING CONDITION.

FBC 117.2.2.1

THE COST TO ALTER OR REPAIR THE BUILDINGS EXCEEDS 50% OF THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING.

FBC 117.2.2.2

THE COST OF THE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS EXCEEDS 33% OF THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING.

FBC 117.2.2.4 Is all the other stuff.

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: Do you all want to see any pictures of this?

MR. CARROLL: We've got the pictures they were passed around. Any further comments?

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: I just passed by it today, and it's still there, so I don't know if Mr. Grady is still occupying it.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY: Did you see any cats when you were there today?

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: No, not today.

MR. CARROLL: Alright, one other question. I see you were able to get into the inside of the building is it wide open ready –

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: I didn't get inside of it, due to the absence of the screens, you can stick your camera right through there and take pictures, and the whole porch area that I was calling the porch is really the kitchen, it's all gone due to hurricane Wilma, it's laying on the ground now.

MR. CARROLL: Alright, thank you. Any questions of the City? What is the recommendation for the City?

INSPECTOR PIGNATARO: My recommendation to the City is that we demo it.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Mr. respondent?

MR. DISQUE: Gentlemen, ladies, my name is Philip's Disque, I am trustee of Mr. Copeland's, a trust that was set up by Mr. Copeland's father. The bottom line is, I cannot disagree with anything this gentleman has said. We have made arrangements with International Demolition to demolish the premises. I talked to them this morning, at the current time they're waiting for the FPL permit to demolish, as well as the final survey from McLaughlin. I called McLaughlin Engineering, they said that they would, should have it to me within 10 days, Diana said maybe 15 days. So at this point, we are ready to proceed with the demolition on the property. Truthfully, and I do apologize to you all for the condition of the property and that this had to come up, we were not able to do anything earlier because of medical problems of Mr. Copeland. Basically, we got the approval from the DCF that on Friday, I guess the caseworker that was assigned to Mr. Copeland has basically approved him as I understand it, although the, she then left on vacation, she has released him from the review. Mr. Copeland is not, to the best of my knowledge, living there. He has moved, we've gotten him an apartment about two blocks away over there by Laten's Garage. He's in there; if you need the address I can get that for you. We have no problem with this. When DCF showed up, there was a question here concerning the animals, as far as I know she told me that they made arrangements to pick up the animals and were taking care of, so that nothing was abandoned. So at this point we are proceeding. The only question is International, if you want the exact name, International Salvage, said they'll be ready to commence within probably two to three days that they can actually have the permit and we're trying to get that as I said as soon as we've got the others. So we have no objection –

MR. CARROLL: Do you have a contract with International Demolition?

MR. DISQUE: We do.

MR. CARROLL: You have a contract? So they're - but to apply for the permit they need a survey, they need a Rat letter, they need the sewer cap -

MR. DISQUE: They need the survey, the LAT letter, and the fact that they're, truthfully, as you heard, the condition, the fact that the, there is no central air unit, the units are self-contained.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. All right. Any questions of the respondent from the Board?

MR. KERNEY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion. Finding this property, the structure unsafe, I'd like to enter a motion for demolition and if the - I move that we find that the violations exist as alleged, and that we order the property owner to demolish the structure within 30 days, and that we order the City to demolish the structure should the property owner fail to timely demolish.

MR. MADFIS: I'll second that.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. We have a motion and the second, any other comments or questions? All in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CARROLL: Opposed? Okay. Just to explain, we do that because as a matter of course, if you can't get it demolished, then the City has to take a course of action.

MR. DISQUE: I understand, they'll put it up for advertisement and then they'll come and demolish it.

MR. CARROLL: Correct. So, you should have enough time to take care of it yourself. By the time the inner workings of the City work.

MR. DISQUE: Right. I will make sure he is informed as exactly what's happening. I'll send it over to you and if we have any delay at all, I can't imagine why, if we're only missing the FPL letter, but if there is any delay in getting it from the Building Department I will call Robert and see if he can be of assistance to get it because we're basically going to take the whole thing down.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Thank you very much.

MR. DISQUE: Thank you.

[3. Case CE06060884]

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MS. MOHAMMED: Next case, page three of your agenda, it's an old business case. Inspector Wayne Strawn for case number CE06060884. Case address 150 Northwest 68th Street; the site address is 31 Northwest 67th Street. The owner of the mobile home Park Pan-American Corp, and the mobile home, Wilbur Antonio Bermudez. Certified mail sent to Wilbur Antonio Bermudez signed for 9/1/06 by Wilbur. Certified mail sent to Pan-American Corporation signed for 8/23/06 by Frank W. Cox. Certified mail to Frank W. Cox signed for by Frank W. Cox, certified mail sent to Southeastern Mobile Home Inc. signed for 8/23/06 by Frank W. Cox. This is an old business case, and this case was heard by the Unsafe Structure Board on 8/17/06. At that hearing, the Board granted a 30-day continuance.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. If you would, state your name please.

MR. BERMUDEZ: Wilbur Bermudez.

MR. CARROLL: Can you tell me, what's the condition of the property and what you're planning to do with the property?

[Mr. Heguaburo translated for Mr. Bermudez]

MR. BERMUDEZ: Wayne, he's saying that he demolished most of the additions, is this true?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Yes. Wayne Strawn, building inspector. I went by two days ago, and aside from a shell, a few studs and a few rafters are still in place. They were at least two days ago, and now it only exists as a shell.

MR. HEGUABURO: So, what do you recommend?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: We could have a motion to demolish and I'm sure Mr. Bermudez will finish the demolition before the City takes any action.

MR. CARROLL: So, when you say it's a shell –

INSPECTOR STRAWN: There's only a few studs, just a few studs, all the sheathing is gone, and there's some rafters and studs left when I was there two or three days ago.

MR. HEGUABURO: Do you want to see the photograph? [Mr. Bermudez presented his own photo of the property]

MR. CARROLL: Yes.

MR. KERNEY: So Wayne, there's only a portion of this mobile home that we have a problem with, or the City has a problem with?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: It actually was an addition on the west side of the mobile home. And he's, it was a framed addition, framed by two-by-fours and plywood. He's removed all the plywood and some of the framing. There's still some studding and some two-by-four rafters left in place the last time I was there. I don't know when the picture was taken, but the picture may be more recent than when I was there last.

MR. KERNEY: When was the last time you were there?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I think I was there Tuesday.

MR. CARROLL: Tuesday of this week?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: That's correct.

MR. BERMUDEZ: [Spoke in Spanish to Mr. Heguaburo]

MR. HEGUABURO: That's a today picture.

MR. CARROLL: And what does that - I missed the August meeting. I was on vacation, I apologize. What was this built on? Was it built on a slab that was existing prior to?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Yes, it was. I think there was one of those little aluminum screened porches or something like that there, that was replaced, and it's just built on a slab.

MR. CARROLL: So, how does this go away? Obviously he's not going to pull a permit.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: No, as soon as he's done with the demolition, we'll just close the case. Since it was built without a permit, we allow him to tear it down without a permit.

MR. CARROLL: Well, it seems that he has by all accounts, obviously this hasn't been verified. Wouldn't it be a better position for us to grant a continuance and then have you –

INSPECTOR STRAWN: If he's testifying under oath that the building is all gone. I'm willing to accept that.

MR. CARROLL: Okay.

MR. HEGUABURO: Well Wayne, he's stated that it's not all gone yet. He's got a few other pieces to remove. So let me ask them how soon he can finish.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Either way. Yes, because what we're, what I'm, my viewpoint is we don't want to make him come back here again and hopefully I'm sure that within the next 30 days he'll be able to take the rest of it down so that won't be a problem regardless of what we do.

MR. HEGUABURO: Okay, let me ask him then. [Speaks in Spanish to Mr. Bermudez]

MR. BERMUDEZ: [Spoke in Spanish to Mr. Heguaburo]

MR. HEGUABURO: He is stating that what he left in the picture he would like to just leave it like that. And I'm not sure the way it was before Wayne, but, is it okay for him to leave the way it is now on the picture or was that something that was there before?

MR. CARROLL: Well, if it was built without a permit then he can't leave anything because it's deemed unsafe by code so he'd have to tear everything down, apply for permit and then rebuild it.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: You have to tear it all down. You would have to get a permit to have anything there.

MR. HEGUABURO: [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

MR. HEGUABURO: Can he get a permit the way it is now?

MR. CARROLL: He would have to hire an engineer or an architect to go out there and –

MR. KERNEY: It would cost him a fortune.

MR. HEGUABURO: [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

MR. HEGUABURO: Wayne, he still wants to know, how come his neighbor has no problems.

MR. BERMUDEZ: Why only me, look only for me?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Wayne Strawn, city building inspector, I worked, just yesterday produced documentation to bring another dwelling unit, with additions to the Unsafe Structures Board. Because of time constraints I'm forced to prioritize my work. The one that was ahead of his neighbor's is actually a duplex were the folks have added another stove, refrigerator, sink, kitchen, and they've turned the mobile home into a duplex. So, and we don't have the proper egress or anything like that so, I'm forced to prioritize my work and unfortunately there's people who have more serious problems than what enclosures I think this gentleman's talking about.

MR. HEGUABURO: Well, would you like for him to come back in 30 days or do you want to stop by?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I think we should have a motion to demolish and that way there, he is under pressure to remove everything. Call me and I'll verify and we'll close the case.

MR. CARROLL: Okay.

MR. KERNEY: Can you explain that to him before we do it that what we're, the reason why we're doing it?

MR. HEGUABURO: [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

MR. HEGUABURO: Okay.

MR. CARROLL: He understands?

MR. HEGUABURO: Yes. [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

MR. HEGUABURO: We're going to give them 30 days to demolish the –

MR. KERNEY: No, we are going to order a – we're going to make it a motion an order, demolition and it takes, it'll take 30 days for it to get to the City Commission and, so he's got some time, but tell him he needs to have this thing gone in 30 days so that Wayne can come out and the next time he comes here –

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY: Actually, let me clarify that.

MR. CARROLL: Otherwise, it's going to cost money too.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY: If you order a demolition today, the property owner has 30 days to appeal that order, so the City will demolish it on the 31st day providing that they haven't demolished it themselves or they haven't filed an appeal. It's not the City Commission, I just wanted to clarify or procedures. So it's a, when you say timely in the order it means after 30 days the City will demolish.

MR. HEGUABURO: [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

MR. HEGUABURO: Okay, I just explained to him he's got 30 days, but we need it down as soon as possible.

MR. CARROLL: Okay.

MR. KERNEY: I'd make a motion if somebody'd give me my sheet back.

MR. MADFIS: I'm going to make a motion, I move that we find that the violation exists as alleged, and that we order the property owner to demolish the structure within 30 days, and that we order the City to demolish the structure, should the property owner fail to timely demolish.

MR. CARROLL: Okay. Do I have a second?

MR. SCHERER: Second.

MR. CARROLL: All in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CARROLL: Opposed? Okay, motion passes. Thank you very much.

MR. HEGUABURO: [Spoke to Mr. Bermudez in Spanish]

[4. Case CE06011118]

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MS. MOHAMMED: Next case, we have no respondent, but we do have good service. Page two of your agenda, it's an old business case. Inspector Wayne Strawn for case number CE06011118. Case address 731 Northwest 15th Avenue, the owner Charles L. Crum. The last permit issued was 8/27/1974 for a gas permit. Certified mail sent to Charles L. Crum returned vacant. Certified mail sent to Edwina L. Crum, returned vacant. Certified mail sent to Bank of America customer service, signed for 8/4/06 by Jerry Kumiega. We do have service by posting the property and City Hall.

MR. CARROLL: Thank you.

MS. MOHAMMED: This is an old business case. This case was heard by the Unsafe Structure Board on 7/20/06. At that hearing the Board granted a 30-day extension of time to allow Mr. Crum time to hire an architect and return to the Board with proof of having done so.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Wayne Strawn City building inspector. I was contacted by both Mr. Bob Young and Mr. Osborne, Bill Osborne. Bob said he's handling it from a contractor's point of view. Mr. Osborne said that he's drawing up the plans. I inquired of Mr. Osborne if he was going to be present to represent Mr. Crum, and he thought that Mr. Young was going to be here and represent Mr. Crum. Perhaps Mr. Young thought that Mr. Osborne was going to be here. I don't know but there's no one here today.

MR. CARROLL: Did you call them, or did they call you?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: They called me.

MR. CARROLL: When did you talk to them, this week?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: I spoke to Mr. Osborne two days ago, three days ago because he was also going to represent the last one on the agenda, which was withdrawn. And I had to call him and tell him that it was withdrawn so he didn't come for that case. And then that was the day we had the discussion about whether Mr. Young was going to be here to represent Mr. Crum. So I will leave it up to the discretion of the Board as to whether we can go forward, whether we should go forward with a motion to demolish or continue the case with giving them another chance to come forward.

MR. KERNEY: Well, I'm slightly confused, who is Mr. Young and Mr. Osborne?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: Mr. Young used to be on the Board, on the Unsafe Structures Board, he's a local contractor, Bob Young, and Mr. Osborne is a local architect who's done business in Fort Lauderdale here for years and years and years. And they're both credible people.

MR. KERNEY: So it sounds like they're trying, they're actually, their intent is to rebuild this.

INSPECTOR STRAWN: It sounds like it's going to happen.

MR. KERNEY: I make a motion for 30-day extension.

MR. MADFIS: I'll second it.

MR. CARROLL: Are we going to clarify it in any way, saying that the next time if they don't have anybody here, we've got to do something? Do you want to clarify it in regard to that?

MR. KERNEY: I'll just leave it open, if we don't get one of the three next time we'll make a motion to demolish.

MR. CARROLL: Is the building secure?

INSPECTOR STRAWN: The last time I was there, it was secure.

MR. CARROLL: Well, that's the most important thing. Alright, we have a motion and a second, any other discussion? All in favor of the motion at hand.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. CARROLL: Okay, any opposed? Okay, motion passes.

[5. Case CE06070034]

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MS. MOHAMMED: The last case on your agenda, page six, withdrawn by the City. Case number CE06070034. And that concludes today's agenda.

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MR. CARROLL: Any Board-ups?

MS. MOHAMMED: No sir.

MR. CARROLL: I want to commend the staff. This is so helpful having this material, and the notifications, it is so helpful. Thank you.

[Meeting concluded at 3:36]

FARIDA MOHAMMED, BOARD CLERK

JOHN CARROLL, VICE CHAIRPERSON

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have recorded and transcribed the City of Fort Lauderdale Unsafe Structures Board meeting held September 21, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, City Commission Meeting Room, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dated at Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this ____ day of September, 2006.

ProtoTYPE, INC.

JAMIE OPPERLEE

Recording Clerk

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me by JAMIE OPPERLEE who is personally known to me and who signed the foregoing for the purposes therein expressed.

DATED this _____ day of September 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Florida at Large

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