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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011 AT 3:00 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
CITY HALL**

Cumulative Attendance 10/10 through 9/11

<u>Board Members</u>	Attendance	Present	Absent
John Scherer, Chair	A	4	1
John Phillips, Vice Chair	A	3	2
John Barranco [3:07]	P	3	2
Joe Crognale	P	5	0
Pat Hale	P	5	0
Joe Holland	A	3	2
Thornie Jarrett	P	5	0
Don Larson	P	4	1
Michael Weymouth	P	5	0

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City Staff

Lori Grossfeld, Board Secretary
Ginger Wald, Assistant City Attorney
Gerry Smilen, City Building Inspector
Skip Margerum, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Dee Paris, Administrative Aide
Jamie Opperee, ProtoType Inc. Recording Clerk

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Communication to the City Commission

None

Witnesses and Respondents

None

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Page</u>
1. CE11031464	TARPON IV LLC	<u>3</u>
Address:	2349 NW 15 ST	
Disposition:	30 days to demolish or the City will demolish. Board approved 5-0.	
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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:01 p.m. at the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

All individuals giving testimony before the Board were sworn in.

Neither Chair Scherer nor Vice Chair Phillips was present, so the Board voted on a member to serve as Chair for this meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Weymouth, to approve Mr. Jarrett to serve as Chair of this meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed 5-0.

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Weymouth, seconded by Ms. Hale, to approve the minutes of the Board's May 2011 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed 5-0.

Cases[INDEX](#)**1. Case: CE11031464****TARPON IV LLC****2349 NW 15 ST**

MS. PARIS: If you'll turn to page one of our extensive agenda, we'll start with a new business case.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I'm sorry, what page?

MS. PARIS: Page one of our extensive agenda, we'll start with a new business case. Case CE11031464. The inspector is Gerry Smilen - we'll start with this one - the address is 2349 Northwest 15 Street, the owner is Tarpon IV LLC.

We have service by posting on the property 5/11/11, we've advertised in the Daily Business Review 5/27/11 and 6/3/11, certified mail as noted in the agenda.

INSPECTOR SMILEN: Gerry Smilen, Building Inspector for the City of Fort Lauderdale presenting Case CE11031464 at 2349 Northwest 15 Street. I first inspected this property on April 8, 2011. At that time, the following violations were cited. I'd like to enter into evidence the Notice of Violation as Exhibit 1, which details all of the Florida Building Code violations as well as the remedial action required. And this property was posted on 5/11/2011.

I'd like to enter into evidence the following pictures.

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2 [Inspector Smilen displayed photos of the
3 property]

4 As you can see, this is the front of the house.
5 That's a glimpse of the inside of one of the many skylights
6 in the house. Here's another one.

7 MR. LARSON: This fan any good?

8 MR. WEYMOUTH: Ghostbusters.

9 INSPECTOR SMILEN: There you go, right there.
10 That's a lot of natural light coming into this structure. A
11 lot of debris, and - oh - and there's a tree growing right
12 through it.

13 MS. HALE: Is that in the [inaudible]

14 INSPECTOR SMILEN: Yes.

15 MR. WEYMOUTH: They built the house around the
16 tree, didn't they?

17 MS. HALE: Did they?

18 MR. WEYMOUTH: Looks like it.

19 INSPECTOR SMILEN: Well, it's flourishing. And
20 there's some debris on the outside and more on the inside.
21 As you can see, structurally, it's been exposed to the
22 elements and the house is failing, the roof is failing.

23 The City is asking the Board to find for the City
24 and grant an order to demolish the property in the absence of
25 a demo permit or building permit for repair by the owner in

1 the next 30 days. Thank you.

2 MR. JARRETT: Is there a respondent? Obviously
3 not. Does the Board have any questions?

4 MS. PARIS: No, there's no respondent.

5 MR. LARSON: Not from me.

6 MS. HALE: Shall I make a motion?

7 MR. LARSON: Go for it, I'll second it.

8 MR. WEYMOUTH: Go ahead Pat.

9 MR. JARRETT: May as well.

10 MS. HALE: I move that we find that the violations
11 exist as alleged and we order the property owner to demolish
12 the structure within 30 days and that we order the City to
13 demolish the structure should the property owner fail to
14 timely demolish. Such demolition is to be accomplished by a
15 licensed demolition contractor pursuant to a City issued
16 demolition permit.

17 MR. LARSON: Second.

18 MR. JARRETT: Okay, we have a motion and a second,
19 do we have any discussion? Want to call the question?

20 MS. HALE: Yes.

21 MR. JARRETT: All in favor of the motion?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. JARRETT: Opposed? Unanimous.

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2 MS. PARIS: Do we have any communication to the
3 City Commission?

4 MS. HALE: 3:06.

5 MR. JARRETT: Does any member have any
6 communication they want to bring up? I think we should note
7 to the City Commission we have a record short-time meeting.

8 MR. WEYMOUTH: And we didn't even start on time.

9 MS. PARIS: That's true; we started a minute late,
10 so there you go.

11 MR. JARRETT: Okay.

12 MS. HALE: Thornie had a little trouble getting
13 going in the beginning.

14 MR. LARSON: I make a motion we adjourn.

15 MR. JARRETT: Do we have a second?
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18 MR. WEYMOUTH: Do we, is this a typical caseload
19 now? I mean, it --

20 MS. PARIS: It depends. Hang on, maybe we have
21 someone here from the - from - you know, they have them --

22 MR. WEYMOUTH: The only reason I ask is that,
23 we're doing onesie-twosies, and if it's not something that's
24 of life safety nature, especially over the summer, there's a
25 lot of people on vacation or one thing or another, to roll it

1 over until there's an agenda of substance, not that a house
2 that's potentially ready to be blown over or whatever isn't
3 something of substance, so.

4 MS. PARIS: Right. Well, I think there is
5 concern, like with this house --

6 MR. WEYMOUTH: I agree, and [inaudible] but --

7 MS. PARIS: For, like hurricane season, yes.

8 MS. WALD: Ginger Wald, Assistant City Attorney.

9 I have been informed that for our next agenda next month we
10 have two new cases, we do not have any older cases. My
11 concern were cases that we previously had open and you had
12 already heard and gave extensions to and we were coming back.

13 So for, we can look at the two cases that are
14 pending. I also have to see where we are in the notice
15 process too. As you are aware, we do the title searches and
16 we try to get the notices out as early as possible to give
17 those individuals additional time to try to talk to staff and
18 talk to the building inspectors, try to bring into compliance
19 so we don't have to come to you. So we would have to look at
20 that.

21 If anybody had any specific plans to be gone,
22 obviously, provide that to staff. You can do it today or any
23 other time and that can be taken into consideration.

24 MR. WEYMOUTH: I have plans to be gone, but not
25 during any period that we're having a meeting.

1 MS. WALD: Okay. You're just trying to help
2 everybody out.

3 Mr. Barranco arrived at 3:07.

4 MR. CROGNALE: There's a motion on the floor for a
5 adjournment.

6 MS. PARIS: And just before you vote on your
7 motion, please show that Mr. Barranco has arrived.

8 MS. WALD: Okay.

9 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's why I was talking so slow,
10 just so he could --

11 MS. PARIS: That's what I figured, but I want to
12 make sure he's shown as being here.

13 MR. CROGNALE: Why don't we go ahead, give him
14 honor for the second.

15 MS. PARIS: So we have a motion on the floor, I
16 guess, to adjourn?

17 MR. JARRETT: Yes, do we have a second?

18 MS. PARIS: I think Don seconded it.

19 MS. HALE: Oh, wait.

20 MR. BARRANCO: I'll second that motion.

21 MS. PARIS: I think Don seconded it a few minutes
22 ago.

23 MR. LARSON: Let him make the motion, I'll second
24 it. Let them know he's here.

25 MS. PARIS: Okay, well thank you.

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MR. JARRETT: Alright.

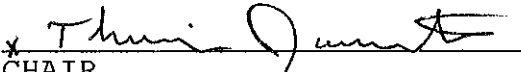
MS. PARIS: We'll see you next month.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Have a nice Fourth of July.

[Meeting concluded at 3:08 pm.]



BOARD CLERK



CHAIR

[Minutes prepared by: J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have recorded and transcribed the City of Fort Lauderdale Unsafe Structures Board meeting held June 16, 2011, 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 18 day of August, 2011.

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 18 day of August, 2011.



D.J. GROSSFELD
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