

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MINUTES

February 14, 2012

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Herbert E. Langford, Jr., Special Magistrate
Heidi Hartsock, Code Enforcement Officer
Pamala Prell, Deputy City Clerk

1. CASES

Special Magistrate Langford swore in those persons who wished to testify regarding any of cases on the docket and advised them to review the hearing procedure that is attached to the agenda.

ITEM: 1

Case # 20110117
Property Owner: Equal Opportunity Development LLC
Violation Address: 333 77th Ave, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Violation:

Code Section:

98-66 (b) (2) Exterior walls – exterior walls have rotten wood siding and chipping/fading paint.

98-66 (b) (7) Exterior surface treatment – exterior concrete walls require protective treatment IE: Paint.

Code Enforcement Officer Heidi Hartsock presented the facts regarding this case.

Mr. Alan Watson, 3901 Beach Drive, S.E., St. Petersburg, Florida, was present to represent the property owner Equal Opportunity Development LLC. Mr. Watson requested an additional 30 days to correct the violations. He stated that he agreed the violations existed but needed more time to make repairs to the property.

Special Magistrate Langford recessed the hearing at 10:24 a.m. Special Magistrate Langford reconvened the hearing at 10:29 a.m.

After hearing the testimony from both parties and determining that the proper procedures were followed, Special Magistrate Langford granted the owner 30 days (March 14, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.) to bring the property into compliance. Special Magistrate Langford informed Mr. Watson that failure to bring the property into compliance will result in the imposition of daily fines, up to \$100 per day. Special Magistrate Langford imposed the following administrative costs: administrative fee \$150.00, postage for mailings \$12.10, Magistrate's time (2 hrs) \$350.00, and Code Enforcement Officer's time (3hrs) \$50.85.

Mr. Watson did not object to the costs.

Special Magistrate Langford suggested that Mr. Watson keep Ms. Hartsock updated on the progress of the repairs and when the work is completed that he advise Ms. Hartsock so she can re-inspect the property.

ITEM: 2

Case # 20110122
Property Owner: St. Jo-Mar Condo
Violation Address: 310 78th Ave, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Violation:

Code Section:

98-66 (b) (2) Exterior Walls – failure to properly maintain exterior fascia, doors and walls

98-66 (b) (5) Exterior doors – exterior doors are rotten throughout

98-66 (b) (7) Exterior surface treatment – exterior wood fascia and wood doors are lacking protective treatment IE: Paint

6.12 d. (2) b. Dumpster – dumpster enclosure has rotten wood, missing and/or broken slats.

Code Enforcement Officer Heidi Hartsock presented the facts regarding this case.

Mr. Hon Wong, 161 24th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, was present to represent the owners of St. Jo-Mar Condo. Mr. Wong agreed the violations existed and requested more time to make the repairs to the property.

After hearing the testimony from both parties and determining that the proper procedures were followed, Special Magistrate Langford granted the owner 60 days (April 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.) to bring the property into compliance. Special Magistrate Langford informed Mr. Wong that failure to bring the property into compliance will result in

the imposition of daily fines, up to \$250.00 per day. Special Magistrate Langford imposed the following administrative costs: administrative fee \$150.00, postage for mailings \$12.10, Magistrate's time (2 hrs) \$350.00, and Code Enforcement Officer's time (3hrs) \$50.85.

Mr. Wong did not object to the costs.

ITEM: 3

Case # 20110162
Property Owner: St. Pete Beach Properties LLC
Violation Address: 3701 Gulf Blvd, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Violation:

Code Section:

98-2 Construction fencing – silt fencing on construction site is deteriorating

98-65 (4) Unsightly Conditions – discarded construction material, dilapidated signs and other similar items and materials

98-66 (b) (20) Grass and weeds – untended growth of vegetative matter

IE: grass and weeds

Code Enforcement Officer Heidi Hartsock presented the facts regarding this case and advised that this property is in foreclosure.

There was no one present to represent the property owner for this case.

After hearing the testimony from Ms. Hartsock and determining that the proper procedures were followed, Special Magistrate Langford granted the owner 10 days (February 28, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.) to bring the property into compliance. Special Magistrate Langford ruled that failure to bring the property into compliance will result in the imposition of daily fines up to \$250.00 per day. Special Magistrate Langford imposed the following administrative costs: administrative fee \$150.00, postage for mailings \$12.10, Magistrate's time (3 hrs) \$525.00, and Code Enforcement Officer's time (3hrs) \$50.85.

ITEM: 4

Case # 20110113
Property Owner: Gerald L. Beagle
Violation Address: 403 86th Ave, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Violation:

Code Section:

98-66 (b) (2) Exterior Walls – exterior walls, fascia, soffit and garage door have chipping/deteriorating paint and rotten/bare wood.

8-66 (b) (7) Exterior Treatment – exterior surfaces are lacking protective treatment IE: Paint.

Code Enforcement Officer Heidi Hartsock presented the facts regarding this case.

Mr. Gerald L. Beagle, the property owner, was in attendance to represent this case. Mr. Beagle testified that he hired a contractor and paid him a partial payment and after two days of work, the contractor did not return to complete the job. Mr. Beagle also testified that he has been ill for several months and requested additional time to correct the violations.

After hearing the testimony from both parties and determining that the proper procedures were followed, Special Magistrate Langford advised Mr. Beagle that he will not make a ruling today, based on the fact that there was a previous order issued by the former Magistrate Mr. Elias, which included a deadline to bring the property into compliance.

Special Magistrate Langford informed Mr. Beagle that failure to bring the property into compliance will result in the imposition of daily fines up to \$250.00 per day.

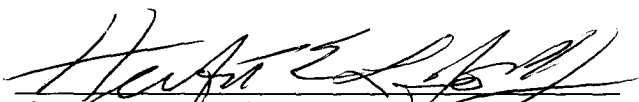
Special Magistrate Langford advised Mr. Beagle to correct the violations as quickly as possible to reduce the fines and to notify Ms. Hartsock when the work is completed so she can re-inspect the property. Special Magistrate Langford also suggested that Mr. Beagle keep a time-line of the repair work so that he can request a reduction of the fines.

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Special Magistrate, the hearing was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Herbert E. Langford, Jr., Special Magistrate

Minutes approved on: 3-13-12