

**CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2022**

The City of Lake Wales Code Enforcement Board held an in person meeting on July 11, 2022 at 5:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber located in the City Administration Building.

ATTENDANCE

**Code Enforcement Board Members
(Shaded area indicates absence):**

Dwight Wilson Chairperson	Ralph Marino Vice-Chair	Sara Jones	Rodney Cannon	Bruce Austell	Courtney Schmitt	Julia Paul
Curtis Gibson Alternate 1	Bueford "Bud" Colburn Alternate 2					

Albert (Chuck) Galloway, Jr. – City Attorney

City Staff: Development Services Department
Jose Lozada– Code Compliance Officer Fany Lozano – Recording Secretary Mark J. Bennett – Development Services Director

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – A quorum was present.

Ms. Lozano did the attendance roll call. Ms. Lozano notified the Board that Ms. Paul notified her that she would not attend the meeting. Mr. Wilson made a motion to mark this absence as excused. Mr. Cannon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano notified the Board that Ms. Jones notified her that she would not attend the meeting. Mr. Cannon made a motion to mark this absence as excused. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano notified the Board that Mr. Marino notified her that he would not attend the meeting. Mr. Cannon made a motion to mark this absence as excused. Mr. Austell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

3) WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

3.1 Curtis Gibson, Alternate 1

Ms. Lozano introduced and welcomed Mr. Curtis Gibson to the Board. She asked Mr. Gibson if there was anything that he would like to express to the Board. Mr. Gibson stated that he is glad to be here and willing to help.

3.2 Bueford “Bud” Colburn, Alternate 2

Ms. Lozano introduced and welcomed Mr. Bueford Colburn to the Board. She asked Mr. Colburn if there was anything that he would like to express to the Board. Mr. Colburn expressed his appreciation and honor to be serving on the Board for the City.

Mr. Wilson welcomed the new board members and stated that he looks forward to their input on this board.

4) EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES – Chairperson

Mr. Wilson explained the procedures for the meeting and read the pledge of Civility as posted on the public podium.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting – May 9, 2022

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gibson pointed out an error on page one at the roll call where it says Mr. Jones instead of Ms. Jones. Ms. Lozano stated that she has written down the change and that the Board may entertain a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

6) ADMINISTER OATH/MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

6.1 Administer Oath:

Board secretary administered the oath to staff.

Mr. Wilson asked Ms. Lozano if she needed to be sworn in. Ms. Lozano stated yes and Mr. Wilson administered the oath to Ms. Lozano

7) REVISIONS

Ms. Lozano notified the Board that item 8.9 would not be heard tonight.

Ms. Lozano also let the Board know that there are a lot of reductions on the agenda tonight, and that she has provided all of the Board members with an email from Ms. Jones in which she breaks down her reduction tiered system, in case the Board would like to use Ms. Jones’ system as a guide to help them make their motions. Ms. Lozano also stated that all of the reductions being heard tonight are a result of the Notice of Lien letter that she mailed out earlier this year to notify property owners about the fines attached to their property.

8) CASE(s) NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Case # 2013-00012
City of Lake Wales VS Elena Mejia Mejia
409 Seminole Ave
PID: 27-30-02-909610-008090
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

Elena Mejia Mejia, property owner was present to provide testimony.
Genaro Resendis Ramirez, husband was present to provide testimony and to translate for Ms. Mejia.

Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$767,500.00 to \$38,375.00 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$97.84 for a total settlement of \$38,472.84 or the Board's discretion. He stated that staff recognizes that the recommendation is a very large number, and suggested that the Board consider a more reasonable number. Mr. Ramirez addressed the Board and stated that they were unaware of the issue as the company he purchased the home from did not make them aware of the fines, and that they became aware of the issue when he received the letter. He stated that they have repaired the entire home. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Ramirez when he began work on the property. Mr. Ramirez stated six months after they purchased the home in 2014. Mr. Austell stated that the home looks very good. Mr. Ramirez stated that they moved into the home in 2015 and they have maintained it ever since. Mr. Wilson asked what the breakdown of the fine amount was on the home. Mr. Lozada responded that he just knows that the fine originally started in 2013 and that the ownership changed in 2014. Mr. Wilson asked if in 2014 the property owners were made aware of the fines. Mr. Lozada stated that he does not know if they were made aware of the fines and that they purchased the home via quit claim deed which usually does not require a lien search. Mr. Lozada stated that they were made aware of the liens when Ms. Lozano mailed out the Notice of Lien letters just recently. Mr. Austell asked if they received any notices from the time they purchased the home. Mr. Lozada stated that as far as he knows they did not. Mr. Cannon asked if when the work was completed that got the premises into compliance. Mr. Lozada stated that he could not say, but that for as long as he has been working here the house has been in compliance. Ms. Lozano stated that if it helps any, when they received the notice of lien from her, they contacted her and that the stop date on the fine is May 5, 2022, which is when they made contact for Mr. Lozada to inspect for compliance. She stated that what this means is that because they were unaware and the previous property owner did not remember to call staff to do an inspection for compliance, the official inspection for compliance is the May 2022 date when contact for the request for reduction was made. Mr. Wilson stated that the house looks great, and asked if permits were obtained to make the repairs. Mr. Ramirez stated that he did obtain all of the necessary permits and stated that when he obtained the permits no one made him aware of the fines. Ms. Lozano stated that the two departments do not communicate in that manner, and that if the property owner applies for a permit, that action does not trigger anyone to look for fines in the code compliance side, and that the code compliance action would not stop them from obtaining a permit. Mr. Bennett stated that we would not want the issue of liens to hold up the permit to get it in compliance. Ms. Schmitt stated that she is

trying to get as low possible because they seem like they truly don't deserve this. Ms. Schmitt stated that she was calculating at 0.001 % and that the amount she gets is \$767.50. Mr. Wilson asked if that is inclusive of the costs of enforcement that cannot be reduced. Ms. Schmitt stated that she would have to add that in, but also wondered if the reduction could just be the costs of enforcement. Mr. Cannon stated that since the costs of enforcement is the lowest that it can be reduced to, he would recommend just the costs of enforcement. Ms. Lozano stated that she would like to remind the Board that the tiered system from Ms. Jones is just a suggestion to assist them in reaching an amount but that they can always do something different. Mr. Gibson stated that it does not seem that the property owner should pay the fines associated with this matter, and that he is leaning toward the staff fees. Ms. Schmitt made a motion that the property owner only pay the costs of enforcement of \$97.84. Mr. Austell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano stated for the record, "Failure to make any Code Enforcement Board ordered reduction payment in full by August 11, 2022 will null and void the approved administrative lien reduction and property owner will be liable for the entire face value of the original amount of the lien(s) as if no reduction had ever been granted." Ms. Lozano then translated for the property owners the motion that passed.

8.2 Case # 2017-00514
City of Lake Wales VS Phyllis Cole
833 Sherwood Dr
PID: 28-29-31-937690-002110
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

Phyllis Cole, property owner was present to provide testimony.
Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this case stems from an earlier case that will also be heard right after we hear this case, and asked the Board to keep that in mind when they consider their reduction. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$17,100.00 to \$855.00 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$40.53 for a total settlement of \$895.53 or the Board's discretion. Ms. Cole addressed the Board and stated that she does not know where to start as she doesn't know what the violation is for. She stated that one of the violations she is aware of is a carport that was built in 2008 by her husband who did not obtain the permit for. She stated that she has since removed it and complied. She stated that all of the violations have been corrected. She stated that her husband is deceased, and that she was put in the middle of these violations for which she was unaware that they were violations. She stated that the previous Code Compliance Officer told her that because her husband did not obtain a permit, the structure needed to come down. She stated that she reached out to a company to correct all of the violations and that when the City took her to court for a search warrant, she granted access to the premises and that the violations had already been corrected. Mr. Wilson asked if all of the previous issues have been corrected. Ms. Cole responded yes. Mr. Lozada stated that as of today the premises is in compliance and Ms. Cole has been cooperative. Ms. Cole stated that the other violation was the roof, and that she told the previous Code Enforcement Officer that the roof was damaged because of the hurricane that we had and that she was dealing with the insurance company. Ms. Cole also stated that there was an

issue with her fence and a tool shed and she was being instructed to remove them. She stated that the only thing she did to the tool she was add a roof in 2005 or 2006. She stated that the fence was there when she purchased the home in 1996 and that all she did was replace it with a better fence but was unaware that a permit was needed to replace the fence. Mr. Cannon asked if everything is currently in compliance. Mr. Lozada responded yes. Mr. Cannon made a motion to reduce the fine to 1% which equals \$171.00 plus the costs of enforcement of \$40.53. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano stated for the record that payment must be made by August 11, 2022.

8.3 Case # 2013-00005
City of Lake Wales VS Phyllis Cole
833 Sherwood Dr
PID: 28-29-31-937690-002110
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

Phyllis Cole, property owner was present to provide testimony.
Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$373,000.00 to \$18,650.00 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$85.34 for a total settlement of \$18,735.34 or the Board's discretion. Mr. Lozada stated that these two cases are related and they are the same violations, and that what happened is that the previous officer stopped the liens on one case to change the fine amount and the second case was started. Mr. Wilson stated that essentially this is the same case. Mr. Lozada responded yes. Mr. Wilson made a motion reduce the fine to just the costs of enforcement of \$85.34. Ms. Schmitt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano restated the motion and also stated that payment must be made by August 11, 2022.

8.4 Case # 2013-00014
City of Lake Wales VS Bles Partners LLC
514 9th Street S
PID: 27-30-12-926000-002120
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

Joao Silva aka John Silva, property owner was present to provide testimony.
Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$464,250.00 to \$23,212.50 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$70.34 for a total settlement of \$23,282.84 or the Board's discretion. Mr. Silva addressed the Board and stated that the outcome does not matter, but that he would like to say thank you to Ms. Lozano for an outstanding job, and that it is a joy to work with her and everyone on staff. He stated that he purchased this lot as vacant land and that from the moment

that he purchased it he has kept the grass mowed weekly. He stated that he is shocked with the pictures as he has not seen them before. He stated that he appreciates what staff and the Board do and that he works a lot with affordable homes in the area and he thinks that homeowners have a responsibility to maintain properly each home. He asked the Board for a reduction to the administrative costs and stated that he would appreciate it if they did. Mr. Colburn asked if there was a structure when the property owner obtained the property. Mr. Silva responded it was demolished and stated that he believes that at the time of the sale a couple thousand dollars had been sent to Code Enforcement in surplus funds. Mr. Wilson asked if the City recouped any funds from the demolition. Mr. Lozada stated that this was actually a county demolition and they would have been the ones to receive any funds. Mr. Colburn made a motion to reduce the fine to zero and retain the costs of enforcement of \$70.34. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano restated the motion and stated that the payment is due on August 11, 2022.

8.5 Case # 2005-00003
City of Lake Wales VS David Tristan Reyes
536 Washington Ave
PID: 27-29-34-872500-003040
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

David Tristan Reyes, Property owner was present to provide testimony.
Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$153,250.00 to \$7,662.50 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$89.09 for a total settlement of \$7,751.59 or the Board's discretion. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Reyes to provide his physical address for the record as this is a vacant lot. Mr. Reyes provided his physical address for the record. Mr. Reyes stated that he is shocked to see the pictures. He stated that he was aware that there was a mobile home on the lot before. He stated that the amount of the fines is extreme and requests that the Board waive fines and he will gladly pay the administration fee. Mr. Cannon stated that this seems to be the same situation as before, and asked if the premises has been in compliance since Mr. Reyes took ownership. Mr. Lozada stated that since Mr. Reyes took ownership the premises has been in violation for which the City had to abate the violations. Mr. Wilson asked when Mr. Reyes purchased the property. Mr. Lozada responded March of 2021. Ms. Schmitt asked when was the violation under Mr. Reyes. Mr. Lozada responded that the original violation was 2005. Ms. Schmitt asked since Mr. Reyes owned the property when would he have been in violation. Mr. Lozada responded the 2021 case for high grass and weeds was under the ownership of Mr. Reyes. Mr. Wilson asked if the City cut it. Mr. Lozada responded correct. Mr. Wilson asked if the abatement was paid for. Mr. Lozada responded yes. Mr. Cannon made a motion to reduce the fine to the costs of enforcement only of \$89.09. Mr. Austell seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano restated the motion and stated that payment should be made by August 11, 2022.

8.6 Case # 2014-00004
City of Lake Wales VS David Schonacher Jr.
219 Dr. J A Wiltshire Ave W
PID: 27-30-02-899000-012060
Violation(s): N/A (Request for Reduction)

David Schonacher Jr., Property owner was present to provide testimony.
Ms. Lozano administered the oath to all persons mentioned above.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this a request for reduction of the fine that is currently attached to this premises. He stated that staff recommends that the Board reduce the fine from \$291,750.00 to \$14,587.50 plus the costs of enforcement in the amount \$89.09 for a total settlement of \$14,676.59 or the Board's discretion. Mr. Schonacher thanked the Board for their time and stated that he is professional engineer by trade. He stated that he spends a lot of time in Polk County and that he has a lot of property in Polk County and that he has fallen in love with the area and has observed the growth. He stated that he decided to invest, and has learned a lot about tax deed sales and unfortunately this is his first tax deed purchase. He stated that he did what he thought was the proper due diligence, but he missed finding information on code enforcement. He stated that he has designed thousands of buildings, and understands the disconnect between code enforcement and the building department so it was news to him. He stated that he visited the property immediately and saw that the gentleman next door had been maintaining the lot to a decent degree. He stated that he did what he thought was best and knocked on doors to possibly sell the lot to the neighbor. He stated that he decided to wait the three years for quiet title action. He stated that he also contacted Habitat for Humanity, but he never heard back from them. He stated that he applied for quiet title and that he only knows one attorney who does this, and he applied for quiet title about two or three months ago and incurred her fees of about roughly \$3,000. He stated that he thought that the letter that he received from the City was part of that process and now he realizes that it wasn't and that it was just bad timing. He stated that as of last Friday quiet title action is final, and that his intentions are to try to secure the property, he just cannot provide a cost until he resolves this case. He stated that he has no intentions on building on the lot himself and the would like to give it to a contiguous lot owner at a very fair cost. He stated that he does not have a good feel for what the number of the sale should be relative to the sales in the area, as the numbers seem to be all over the place. He asked the Board for any grace that they could possibly give him. Mr. Colburn stated that a lot of this happened before the property owner even took ownership. He stated that during his ownership the property has been maintained by the property owner to the west. Mr. Wilson stated why not be a developer in this community. There was open discussion about Mr. Schonacher working with the City to help with development and some of the projects that he has completed. Mr. Wilson suggested that Mr. Schonacher speak with Mr. Bennett and the CRA Funding. Mr. Wilson stated that we use the term affordable housing in this country but it doesn't exist in the state of Florida and thinks that it is a disservice for the people who reside here that cannot afford to but they want to be a homeowner. Mr. Schonacher stated that as of right now he feels like they are not the right fit for the area, but may look into it. Mr. Gibson made a motion to reduce the fine to just the costs of enforcement. Mr. Colburn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lozano restated the motion and stated that payment must be made by August 11, 2022. Mr. Bennett stated that the city has CRA staff that focuses on just that neighborhood and that there are programs available to assist and that City is looking for

small developers. Mr. Galloway addressed Mr. Schonacher and stated that he should be aware that when purchasing tax deeds, you cannot wipe out a county or city code enforcement lien with a quiet title action and recommended that he check to see first if there is a lien.

8.7 Case # 2019-00576
City of Lake Wales VS Chelsea Gomez and Nixon A. Fiallos
106 Dr. M L King Jr.
PID: 27-30-02-906000-004222
Violation(s): Multiple Violations

Property Owner/Representative was/were not present to provide testimony.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case and its history. He stated that this case is for multiple violations and for work done without permits. He stated that although the property owner authorized access to the premises and receiving a correction notice, the property owner has not responded to the correction notice or attempted to make contact with the Division since then. He stated that the City has had to abate high grass and weeds violations on numerous occasions at this premises. He stated that:

STAFF REQUESTS THE BOARD:

- 1) Find that all cited violations were allowed to exist past the date for correction and,
- 2) Find that Proper Notice has been afforded to the Property Owner and,
- 3) Find that all Procedural requirements have been met.

Imposing the cost of enforcement of \$246.59 to present this case.

AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THE BOARD:

- 1) Impose a fine in the amount of \$250.00 (per day), every day the violation exists effective today and authorize an Administrative Lien be placed against the property until such time as all violations are corrected, and an Affidavit of Compliance is issued by a representative acting for the city and restitution is made for all fines and costs incurred by the city to present this case.

OR Board's Discretion.

Mr. Cannon asked about the property case history and asked if the high grass and weeds case is continuing to increase as it is not showing as closed. Mr. Lozada responded that the case is not closed because the City abated the violation and charged for the service, and the case stays open until the service lien is paid. Ms. Schmitt asked if there has been any contact since they authorized the walk through. Mr. Lozada responded that at the time of the walkthrough was the last time that there was any contact with the property owner, and they were provided with a correction notice of items that they needed to submit and they never made contact again or submitted anything to permitting. Ms. Schmitt asked if we know where they actually are. Mr. Lozada responded no because their mailing address shows as the violation address and the violation address is vacant. Mr. Gibson made a motion to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Cannon seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

8.8 Case # 2022-00059
City of Lake Wales VS Iran Diaz Figueroa
718 Greenbrough Dr
PID: 27-29-35-880010-000280
Violation(s): 7-8 Building Permit Required

Property Owner/Representative was/were not present to provide testimony.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that this case is for a stop work order that was issued for enclosure of garage, retaining wall, and an addition of an enclosed porch. He stated that although the property owner has made contact with the Division and expectations for compliance explained, the violations still exist. He stated that several extensions have been granted. He stated that:

STAFF REQUESTS THE BOARD:

- 1) Find that all cited violations were allowed to exist past the date for correction and
- 2) Find that Proper Notice has been afforded to the Property Owner and,
- 3) Find that all Procedural requirements have been met.

Imposing the cost of enforcement of \$129.09 to present this case.

AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THE BOARD:

- 1) Impose a fine in the amount of \$250.00 (per day), every day the violation exists effective today and authorize an Administrative Lien be placed against the property until such time as all violations are corrected, and an Affidavit of Compliance is issued by a representative acting for the city and restitution is made for all fines and costs incurred by the city to present this case.

OR Board's Discretion

Mr. Wilson asked if staff time at the hearings is being captured as a cost. Mr. Lozada responded no. Mr. Wilson stated that when you have folks that do not show up what he does not want to have happen with this case is that when the property owner comes back asking for a reduction that the Board reduces down just a site visit, because it takes time to put this case on the agenda. Mr. Wilson stated that there has been communication with the property owner both written and verbally and they did not show up and gave no legitimate reason as to why they should not be here. Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept staff recommendation. Mr. Cannon seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cannon asked if it could be included in the staff report that the property owner failed to appear when this case was first presented to the Board. Mr. Wilson stated that this would allow the Board to take in a different calculation. Ms. Lozano responded that yes, staff can provide that information in the reduction request report. Ms. Schmitt asked if they have any structure up, or just the blocks that are sitting there. Mr. Lozada responded that they attempted to take down the blocks, but that the major issue with this property is that when they put the retaining wall up, they changed the slope of the property, and now there is a drainage issue that is affecting not only their property but the neighboring properties as well, and the property owner has to hire someone to correct the drainage issue and he also has to permit the enclosure in the back.

8.9 Case # 2022-00081
City of Lake Wales VS Kevin Rosenkrantz and Norman Wong
1030 Capps Road
PID: 28-30-05-384529-000030
Violation(s): 7-8 Building Permit Required
12-72 Disposition and impoundment of vehicle(s) or vessel(s).
12-230.4 Unlawful Structure

This case was not heard.

8.10 Case # 2022-00084
City of Lake Wales VS Adrian D. Hickman
820 Tartan Loop
PID: 27-29-36-880207-000510
Violation(s): 12-233.1 Sanitation and storage of materials,
23-524 Fences and hedges, residential properties.

Property Owner/Representative was/were not present to provide testimony.

Code Compliance Officer Jose Lozada presented the case. He stated that although there has been contact with the property owner and expectations for compliance explained, violations still exists. He stated that the fence issue has been corrected, but that sanitation violations have not been corrected. He stated that;

STAFF REQUESTS THE BOARD:

- 1) Find that all cited violations were allowed to exist past the date for correction and
- 2) Find that Proper Notice has been afforded to the Property Owner and,
- 3) Find that all Procedural requirements have been met.

Imposing the cost of enforcement of \$135.87 to present this case.

AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THE BOARD:

- 1) Impose a fine in the amount of \$150.00 (per day), every day the violation exists effective today and authorize an Administrative Lien be placed against the property until such time as all violations are corrected, and an Affidavit of Compliance is issued by a representative acting for the city and restitution is made for all fines and costs incurred by the city to present this case.

OR Board's Discretion

Mr. Lozada also stated that because the fence violation has been corrected, he would like to amend staff recommendation of the daily fine to \$75 instead of \$150. Ms. Schmitt asked if the only violation right now is the fence. Mr. Lozada stated that the only pending violation is sanitation both on the outside and inside of the fence. Mr. Cannon stated that it looks like a trampoline that was broken down and turned into a burn pit. Mr. Lozada stated yes, that it looks like a big hole with a pile of wood in the hole and a torn up trampoline. Mr. Cannon stated that if the property owner had shown up, especially because of the new fence that he put up he would be more likely to grant him some time to get that cleaned up but because he is not here he made a

motion to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

9) PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mr. Wilson opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Dorothea Johnson addressed the Board and stated that she just wanted to express her concerns with the drainage issue to the property on Greenbrough Drive. She wants to make sure that the drainage issue is looked into, because the water is now just rushing down on her and she just wanted to be present to know what is being said and done.

10) BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lozano thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Lozada thanked the Board for their time and service.

Mr. Bennett expressed that he appreciates the Board's cooperation with the release of liens to facilitate lot sales and redevelopment. He thanked the Board and welcomed the new Board members.

Mr. Galloway thanked the Board for their service.

Mr. Colburn thanked the Board and stated that he looks forward to serving.

Mr. Gibson stated that he only has one comment: "Show Up."

Mr. Wilson stated that Mr. Bennett followed up on a request that he had at the last Board meeting with his environmental question. He stated that he will continue to press the issue, as he feels that Lake Wales needs to look at, even if it's a one time a year event, to host environmental collection for the residents. He stated other cities participate to get rid of spray cans, paint cans. He stated that he is not talking about collecting renovation items, he is talking about small items and that to have to drive all the way to Lakeland inconvenient, and what usually happens is people put paint in the garbage cans and when that gets compressed it leaks on the street. He stated that he is open to work with staff on facilitating the event.

11) ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was then adjourned at 6:50pm.

Dwight Wilson, Chairperson or
Ralph Marino, Vice Chairperson

Attest:

Fany Lozano, Recording Secretary