

City Hall 555 Santa Clara Street Vallejo, CA 94590

# **AGENDA**

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.

May 25, 2017

**City Council Chambers** 

George Roth, Chair Wanda Madeiros, Vice-Chair

Board Members
Patricia Bernard
Fred Cavalli, Jr.
Lee Lancaster
Edward Taylor
VACANT

Robert McConnell –City Council Liaison

This AGENDA contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. The posting of the recommended actions does not indicate what action may be taken. If comments come to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board (Board) without prior notice and are not listed on the AGENDA, no specific answers or response should be expected at this meeting per State law.

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# CODE ENFORCEMENT Code Enforcement Appeals Board (CEAB) AGENDA

May 25, 2017 6:00 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 5. READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE: None

#### 7. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM

Anyone wishing to address the Board on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the agenda, and which is within the jurisdiction of the Board to resolve, is requested to submit a completed speaker card to the Board Staff Person. When called upon, each speaker should step to the podium, state his/her name, and address for the record. The conduct of the community forum shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, with each speaker limited to three (3) minutes, pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.20.300. The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items will be heard at the Second Community Forum listed later on the agenda.

- 8. GUEST SPEAKER: None
- 9. PRESENTATIONS: None
- **10. NEW BUSINESS:** 
  - A. Special Assessments Refresher and Q & A Staff

Review the Code Enforcement process handout that was presented last year with the Board Members and answer any questions the Board Members may have on what to expect at the Special Assessments Hearing

- 11. OLD BUSINESS: None
- 12. SECOND COMMUNITY FORUM
- **13. STAFF COMMENTS: Reminder -** The 2017-2018 Special Assessments Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 22 2017 at 6:00 pm, in the Council Chambers.
- 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- 15. ADJOURNMENT

I, Dong Yoo, Staff, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Code Enforcement Appeals Board, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Dated: May 18, 2017

Dong Yoo, Staff

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson George Roth (Chairperson Roth) 6:06 pm.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Chairperson Roth
- 3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson George Roth

Vice-Chairperson Wanda Madeiros

Board Members: Patricia Bernard (late), Fred Cavalli, Jr., Lee Lancaster,

**Edward Taylor** 

Absent:

Staff: Senior Code Enforcement Officer (SCEO) Dong Yoo, Code Enforcement

Officer Anthony Castillo, Lt. Kenny Park, Code Enforcement Secretary

Karen Ang, Chief Assistant City Attorney Donna Mooney

- **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Board Member Taylor motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Board Member Lancaster, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice Chairperson Madeiros motioned to approve the February 23, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes, seconded by Board Member Taylor, and the motion carried unanimously.
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
- 7. FIRST COMMUNITY FORUM: Jimmy Genn and Karah Karimah

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8. GUEST SPEAKER: None

9. PRESENTATIONS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Code Enforcement Appeal Hearing:

Hearing for the Demolition Permit for the Concrete Smoke Stack Located at 1025 Nimitz Street - Staff

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Building Division Staff recommends that the Code Enforcement Appeals Board take the following actions:

 CERTIFY that the Code Enforcement Appeals Board has reviewed and considered this staff report, all exhibits attached thereto, and all testimony received during the hearing;

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- 2) Take one or both of the following actions:
  - a. DISMISS this Appeal as moot; AND/OR
  - b. DENY requested Appeal and UPHOLD the demolition permit issued on February 15, 2017 based on appellants failure to appeal on the grounds laid out in CBC § 113.2.

Action: Board Member Lancaster motioned that the matter is moot because of the demolition and the appeal is dismissed. The motion was seconded by Board Member Bernard. The motion was passed with five (5) AYES and one (1) NAY vote.

Contact: Lonell Butler, Chief Building Official, 648-4387, Lonell.Butler@cityofvallejo.net

## **B.** Code Enforcement Appeal Hearing:

## Hearing on the First Citation for 1927 Louisiana Street - Staff

<u>Recommendation</u>: Uphold the First Administrative Citation for the accumulation of dirt, vehicle parked on an unpaved surface, and overgrown weeds on the property.

Action: Vice Chairperson Madeiros motioned to uphold staff recommendation for the First Administrative Citation for the accumulation of dirt, vehicle parked on an unpaved surface, and overgrown weeds on the property, seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motioned was carried unanimously.

Contact: Anthony Castillo, Code Enforcement Officer, 648-4327, Anthony Castillo@cityofvallejo.net

## C. Code Enforcement Appeals Board Members' Certificates of Appreciation - Staff

Award certificates were presented by Staff to the Code Enforcement Appeals Board Members on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, in appreciation of their dedicated service to serving as a volunteer on the Code Enforcement Appeals Board.

# D. Statement of Findings of Fact with CEAB Decision - Staff

Per the Code Enforcement Appeals Board Members' request, Staff provided a sample Statement of Finding of Fact which includes the Board's decision. This document is mailed out to the appellant no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of the hearing.

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. SECOND COMMUNITY FORUM: None

13. STAFF COMMENTS: None

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** Board Member Cavalli motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Vice Chairperson Madeiros, and was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

#### PROPERTY OWNER NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Per the Ordinance, "A Property Owner is defined as "the owner or owners of record of real property as shown on the latest equalized assessment roll of Solano County, or as otherwise known to [a] city official by virtue of more recent and reliable information."

## What type of code violation has been reported?\*

Property Maintenance Ordinance (PMO) i.e.

violations of Section 7.54

# Warning Notice

Sent to the Property Owner(s) via regular and certified mail (no fine)\*\*

After 21-30 days, if not fixed or occupants

#### NOTF\*

In the same case file, property owners may receive multiple concurrent citations for each ordinance category. For instance, an NOV may be issued to a property owner for overgrown weeds (PMO violation) while a C1 may simultaneously be issued for an inoperative vehicle (Zoning violation).

After 30 days, if not fixed or no res

#### Notice of Violation (NOV)

Encompasses all PMO violations under one fine. Sent to Property Owner(s) via regular and certified mail; posted onto property. from owner/occupants

#### 1st Administrative Citation (C1)

Issued per violation. Sent to Property Owner(s) via regular and certified mail; posted onto property. Same process for C2-C5 below.

Invoiced to owner along w/ any late fees. Notarized lien recorded with County.

2<sup>nd</sup>

# **Administrative** Citation (C2)

Invoiced to owner along w/ any late fees. Notarized lien recorded with County.

3rd

# **Administrative** Citation (C3)

Invoiced to owner along w/ any late fees. Notarized lien recorded with County.

4<sup>th</sup>

# **Administrative** Citation (C4)

Invoiced to owner along w/ any late fees. Notarized lien recorded with County.

5th Administrative Citation (C5)

(Each case is capped off at \$10k - this includes any additional fees such as late fees, abatement costs, etc).

Invoiced to owner along w/ any late fees. Notarized lien recorded with County.

Zoning Violation i.e. violations of Section 7.64

#### **Administrative Notice**

Sent to the Property Owner(s) via regular and certified mail (no fine)\*\*

After 30 days, if not

\*\*For fine/fee amounts, please refer to the current Fee Schedule (attached).

#### PAYMENTS/LIEN RELEASE

If a payment is made by the property owner or via a demand payoff OR if a fine is successfully appealed, the lien is released by Code Enforcement.

> In May, a Special Assessments Hearing Notice is sent to the owners of these properties, for which they are allowed ten days to respond. If no response is received, then the property is automatically placed on the Solano County Special Assessments list.

Each Spring, a list of properties with outstanding fines is compiled by Code Enforcement.

If a response is received, they will be placed on the list of appellants. The list will be available in the Special Assessments Hearing agenda packet which is available online on the City of Vallejo website at www.cityofvallejo.net.

The finalized list will be available on the following CEAB meeting's minutes, which may also be found online via the City's website.