CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 AT 3:00 P.M.
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
CITY HALL

Board Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 10/15 through 9/16 Present	Absent
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	2	0
John Phillips, Vice Chair	A	1	1
John Barranco	P	2	0
Joe Crognale	A	1	1
Pat Hale	P	2	0
Don Larson [arrived 3:25]	P	2	0
Ian Seitel	P	1	1
Michael Weymouth	P	2	0

City Staff

Yvette Ketor, Clerk III
Jose Abin, Building Inspector
Deanna Bojman, Clerk III
Rhonda Hasan, Assistant Attorney
Jamie Opperlee, ProtoType Inc. Recording Clerk

Communication to the City Commission

None

Witnesses and Respondents

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Disposition:	The Board granted a 63-day extension to 1/21/16 for the owner to have permits for the structural repair and reroof and to demolish the shed. Board approved 6-0.	
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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:05 p.m. in the 1st Floor Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion made by Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Weymouth, to approve the minutes of the Board's October 2015 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

All individuals giving testimony before the Board were sworn in.

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BROWN HART LLC

740 NW 20 AV

MS. KETOR: First case on our agenda is case number

1 CE15081232, the property address is 740 Northwest 20 Avenue;
2 the property owner is Brown Hart LLC. The case was advertised
3 in the Daily Business Review. It was first heard September
4 17, 2015, and at that time, the Board granted a twenty-eight
5 day extension to October 15 USB and at the 10/15 USB hearing,
6 they were granted a thirty-five day extension to 11/19. All
7 mailings and postings are noted on your agenda.
8 CHAIR JARRETT: All right. Thank you Yvette.
9 Before we hear from the inspector I need to ask the question,
10 has any Board member had conversation or contact with the
11 respondent - no? -- regarding this case? Okay, Inspector
12 would you like to give us an update on what's going on?
13 INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes. Good afternoon, Building
14 Inspector Jose Abin, updating Case CE15081232, property
15 address 740 Northwest 20 Avenue. As of today, we have two
16 permits applied for. The first one was the roof permit that
17 was applied for about two months ago and yesterday the
18 respondent, Mr. Garrett, was in the Building Department
19 approximately midday yesterday, the eighteenth, to apply for a
20 permit for the roof structure. The first permit for the roof
21 obviously has not been approved yet and he just submitted the
22 other permit, the application for the other permit yesterday,
23 for the roof structure. And that's all we have, the property
24 remains in the same condition, nothing else has been done.
25 So, you know, I'll leave it up to the Board to decide how they

want to go forward with this.

CHAIR JARRETT: Inspector, was there a set of engineering plans submitted with the roof structure permit?

INSPECTOR ABIN: Apparently, he's got them in his hand right now. I kind of noticed he was over there yesterday in the Building Department, I did see he had some plans in his hands but I haven't had a chance to see them because it was a last minute thing that he, you know, yesterday. So, I mean, that's where we stand right now.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. Pat, you have a question?

MS. HALE: Yes, is number 2112-the accumulation of dust and junk and debris, is that all cleaned out?

INSPECTOR ABIN: The last time I was in the property was approximately two weeks ago. I haven't had a chance to go back there in the last couple of weeks. But everything remains the same. There's been no changes. You know, nothing's been done.

MS. HALE: So, that junk is still there?

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes, everything's still there.

MS. HALE: Okay.

CHAIR JARRETT: Michael, you have a question?

MR. WEYMOUTH: Inspector, were you able to personally examine what was submitted for permitting yesterday?

INSPECTOR ABIN: No, I was not able to personally

1 examine it. Like I said, it was a last minute thing. He just
2 submitted that yesterday. So --
3 MR. WEYMOUTH: I'm just curious if it's a typical
4 re-roof permit --
5 INSPECTOR ABIN: Well --
6 MR. WEYMOUTH: -- or whether there was additional
7 submissions with the permit application to address the roof
8 joists and items that were deteriorated.
9 INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes, like I said, he applied for a
10 roof covering permit about a month ago before the last USB
11 hearing we had and yesterday he, I just saw here last night
12 that he applied for structural repairs for the roof. That's
13 all the permit application says. So I wasn't --
14 MR. WEYMOUTH: When we hear from the respondent,
15 would you be able to call somebody in the Building Department
16 and ask if there is something more than a traditional re-roof,
17 you know, with a re-nailing affidavit and all that? If there
18 was something more submitted in the way of some sort of
19 engineered roof system that addresses the roof joists that are
20 bad that need to be replaced? Is there anybody you can call
21 to see?
22 INSPECTOR ABIN: I would think that would probably
23 be, that no one's really looked at that application yet, so I
24 don't think there would be anyone that could tell me that
25 information right now. I mean, it was just submitted

yesterday so I'm sure it hasn't gone to any of the reviewers, I'm sure no one's looked at it yet.

MS. HASAN: [inaudible]

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes, the valuation for the permit was thirty-seven hundred and twenty dollars, that's what --

MR. WEYMOUTH: That's what the permit value was?

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes.

MR. WEYMOUTH: That was the value that was posted to re-roof it?

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes. For the structural part, yes.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay.

INSPECTOR ABIN: You know, for the roof part, I don't know what value he put on it. I believe he put like five hundred square feet.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Where did you come up with the thirty-seven hundred?

INSPECTOR ABIN: He came up with the thirty-seven hundred.

MR. WEYMOUTH: On the permit application.

INSPECTOR ABIN: On the permit applicant.

MR. WEYMOUTH: And so, I'm assuming that that would-- well I'll ask him I don't want you to assume. I'll ask him. Thank you.

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes, okay.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay.

MR. WEYMOUTH: If there's any way to find out what was presented to the City -- I know you say that it's just turned in -

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes.

MR. WEYMOUTH: It's probably sitting on the same shelf that it was delivered to yesterday. I don't know if one of the inspectors that's in there could do you a courtesy, to just go pull it and say there's nothing beyond a re-nailing affidavit and a typical re-roof.

INSPECTOR ABIN: I could attempt to make the call but, you know, that, you know --

MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. I'm curious.

INSPECTOR ABIN: We'll be here for it while, while I, someone chases that permit down.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay.

MR. WEYMOUTH: If the attempt could be made, it would be interesting for me to know, so.

INSPECTOR ABIN: Yes, okay, well, I can make the attempt

MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay

INSPECTOR ABIN: All right.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay, no, don't go away Jose. John has a question for you.

INSPECTOR ABIN: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

MR. BARRANCO: Inspector Abin, was there a

demolition permit to applied for for the shed in the back?

INSPECTOR ABIN: There's no demolition permit application on file sir.

MR. BARRANCO: So that shed in the back as far as you know hasn't been addressed in any of the permits.

INSPECTOR ABIN: No sir, it has not been addressed.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay, any more questions for the Inspector? All right, thank you. Did you have something?

MR. WEYMOUTH: No, I said not for me. Sorry Chair.

CHAIR JARRETT: Can we hear from the respondent? And please state your name and connection to the property for the record.

MR. GARRETT: Good afternoon, Steve Garrett, owner of the property.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. You own the company Brown Hart LLC?

MR. GARRETT: Yes.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. All right, would you like to tell us what's transpired since the last meeting?

MR. GARRETT: Thank you for the extension first of all from the last meeting. So, I have plans that I've submitted the City yesterday morning, actually, it was around nine in the morning. I tried to get them through for a walk-through. I'm not sure if you're familiar with that, it's

where you, as opposed to dropping them off, you can walk them through and talk to the, have them looked at right then. But I didn't, I was under the impression they would do it but they won't. The only two simple permits, shutters, doors and windows, re-roofing for a roof coating. So I couldn't do that so I had to drop them off and that's where they are now.

CHAIR JARRETT: Right. What are those plans you have?

MR. GARRETT: These are the plans that I dropped off, this is a copy.

CHAIR JARRETT: How did you drop them off and have them in front of us?

MR. GARRETT: Because I got three copies, I had three copies.

CHAIR JARRETT: I see. Okay. I understand now.

MR. GARRETT: Well, sort of, I can explain I guess.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. So, you're in the process of pulling the permit and are those plans, do they, as Board Member Michael asked, do they address the structural issues?

MR. GARRETT: Absolutely, yes sir.

CHAIR JARRETT: They do?

MR. GARRETT: Yes.

CHAIR JARRETT: And they're sealed plans.

MR. GARRETT: Yes.

CHAIR JARRETT: I see.

MR. WEYMOUTH: And those are the -- I'm sorry -

CHAIR JARRETT: No, go ahead.

MR. WEYMOUTH: -- and those are the plans that were submitted?

MR. BARRANCO: Could you bring those up?

MR. GARRETT: Yes and no. Yes, go ahead. There are two sets there. What I did is, I went to pick them up from the engineer and he sealed them and I was in a hurry and --

CHAIR JARRETT: Give that one to Michael.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Thank you.

MR. GARRETT: -- so he sealed them all. Well, I started to look through them and I said this isn't right, we have to make changes to it. So I made changes the following day and that's the other set. So the copy that he has is the set that was submitted but it is not sealed because I just went and got a copy today.

CHAIR JARRETT: So these are corrections that you have to take to the City, is that my understanding of what you just said?

MR. GARRETT: Yes, this is what was submitted to the City.

CHAIR JARRETT: This is just a copy of what was submitted to the City.

MR. GARRETT: Yes.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay.

MR. GARRETT: And this is the first draft that, I circled the things in red. The only --

MR. BARRANCO: So this is all the mistakes. [inaudible]

MR. GARRETT: Yes. The mean, that's what I did for him I just redid what I did for him. You know, he has the addresses wrong and zip codes wrong and the draftsman, page numbers wrong, and --

CHAIR JARRETT: The address is wrong on the plans? Is the legal description correct?

MR. GARRETT: It is now, on the one I submitted, yes. But it was wrong on this one, you know. It's, he wrote Liberty and not liberty Park for the legal description.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay.

MR. GARRETT: So, the surveyor, oh, he did the same thing, he wrote a fifty-foot lot width on the lot. If you look at the front page it shows that. But the lot's only twenty-five feet so I had to go back to him and get another survey.

MR. BARRANCO: That was a big mistake there.

MR. GARRETT: Cut and paste, right?

MR. BARRANCO: Twenty-one thousand five hundred counts.

MR. GARRETT: Oh, exactly, there you go. So I read

through them and the draftsman said, you're very detail oriented and I said well, I have to be.

CHAIR JARRETT: And this was an architect or an engineer that prepared these?

MR. GARRETT: He's an engineer.

CHAIR JARRETT: Engineer?

MR. GARRETT: But what happens is --

CHAIR JARRETT: Do I detect some bias there?

MR. GARRETT: The engineer typically has a draftsman draw the plans, he doesn't draw the plans. So, they were draftsman mistakes is what it was.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. But of course the engineer should have reviewed them before he signed and sealed them.

MR. GARRETT: He's busy.

MR. BARRANCO: Excuse me, would you be agreeable to tear down that shed in the back?

MR. GARRETT: Absolutely. And I was told I did not need a demolition permit because it was built without a permit, so.

MR. BARRANCO: I would advise you get a demolition permit.

MR. GARRETT: Okay.

MR. BARRANCO: Why did they say you didn't need a demolition permit?

CHAIR JARRETT: That's the code John.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Because it was built without a permit.

CHAIR JARRETT: If it, anything that's done without a permit --

MR. BARRANCO: Oh yes?

CHAIR JARRETT: -- you don't need a demolition permit to take it down.

MR. BARRANCO: Oh, so --

MR. WEYMOUTH: It's as if it was never built.

CHAIR JARRETT: Yes, yes. It's there's no record of it ever being built so you can take it down.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay.

MS. HALE: Did you take it down?

CHAIR JARRETT: That's come up many times in the Board meetings in years past.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay. This looks great.

MR. GARRETT: I did substantially clean out the house though, the inside.

MS. HALE: You did clean up the house but you didn't tear the shed down.

MR. GARRETT: No, but I did clean the inside out.

MS. HALE: Okay. You ought to point that out to the Inspector.

CHAIR JARRETT: Do we have questions? Additional questions? John, you look like you have some, no?

MR. WEYMOUTH: So --

MR. BARRANCO: Well, the only thing that I was going to say is that we could put a motion to demolish the existing shed structure. It looks like he has everything in order and if those plans were submitted to the Building Department, you should be in good shape as far as --

MR. WEYMOUTH: I just want to be clear. A signed and sealed copy of what you provided us here was submitted for your permit yesterday.

MR. GARRETT: Yes, absolutely.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Not just a roofing permit with a re-nailing affidavit and --

MR. GARRETT: No. This was submitted. This is a copy pretty much I made for you guys.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I don't want pretty much, it's got to, I, you know.

MR. BARRANCO: Do you have that permit number for that?

MR. GARRETT: Yes. Actually, I have an indication that it says structural repairs or something. I think that's [inaudible] structural repairs, structural repairs for the roof is indicated.

CHAIR JARRETT: Show it to John.

MR. GARRETT: I don't think I circled in the right spot, I'm sorry.

MR. BARRANCO: I see it.

MR. GARRETT: It says structural repairs for roof, is that right?

MR. BARRANCO: Yes. Permit number's 15111438, applied, it's a building permit at the address 740 Northwest 20 Ave. by Brown Hart LLC, structural repairs for roof.

MR. GARRETT: These are engineering calculations, I mean, for the structure also.

MR. BARRANCO: And he's got the re-roof here too.

MR. WEYMOUTH: And you pulled these as the general contractor and you pulled the permit yourself as the GC?

MR. GARRETT: Yes, yes.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Did they give you any kind of an indication how long it would be before they would issue a permit?

MR. GARRETT: They said one or two days.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Huh?

MR. GARRETT: They said one or two days. It was my -- I apologize -- it was my intent to get these plans approved for this meeting.

MR. WEYMOUTH: And do you intend to do the work yourself?

MR. GARRETT: Yes.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Do you have an idea how long you

1 think it might take you to do the work?
2 MR. GARRETT: To do everything? Or just to get it
3 safe? That's --
4 MR. WEYMOUTH: To do, to have a new roof and those
5 permits closed out.
6 MR. GARRETT: As far as closing it out, it's going
7 to take longer. To get the new roof on it, probably a month,
8 couple of weeks to a month. It shouldn't take that long.
9 There are other things that, I need drywall inspections,
10 drywall screw inspections, installation inspections --
11 MR. WEYMOUTH: The drywall isn't, that's not part of
12 the unsafe structures that we look at. It's the windborne
13 debris, it's the roof and that kind of stuff. The shed, as
14 Mr. Barranco points out, so.
15 MR. GARRETT: As far as the permit amount, you
16 were questioning that. That was only structural. The thirty-
17 seven hundred, that was only the structural portion, because -
18 -
19 MR. WEYMOUTH: So you put the roof value on the roof
20 permit, on the re-roof permit?
21 MR. GARRETT: Yes, exactly. It was already on the
22 roof permit so it didn't make sense to include it in that
23 permit.
24 MR. WEYMOUTH: I agree, I agree.
25 MR. GARRETT: What happened was, I had, it became a

1 master permit, this did. This becomes a master permit and the
2 roof becomes a sub permit under this master permit, so that's,
3 there was a discussion at the Building Department over that.
4 I had to explain that --
5 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay.
6 MR. GARRETT: -- explain that to them, so.
7 MR. WEYMOUTH: I don't know if the Inspector, I have
8 no more questions, I'm sorry.
9 CHAIR JARRETT: Does anyone else have any questions?
10 And Jose, do you have an answer for us?
11 INSPECTOR ABIN: No sir --
12 CHAIR JARRETT: No? Unable to obtain the
13 information?
14 INSPECTOR ABIN: [inaudible] the permits went to the
15 plan room, and they went to Zoning and now it's left Zoning
16 and it's somewhere else in transit, so.
17 CHAIR JARRETT: okay. All right. Thank you sir.
18 All right, any further discussion? No? Oh, I turned mine
19 down unless it's sitting there doing nothing.
20 MR. WEYMOUTH: Maybe somebody's got a comment for
21 you.
22 CHAIR JARRETT: Yes, maybe. All right, well, would
23 someone like to make a motion, to see how we -- I should ask
24 first, what are you expecting us to do today, what is your
25 request of the Board?

MR. GARRETT: An extension again. As far as, as opposed to --

CHAIR JARRETT: Extension? You know that we don't have a Board meeting in December so you're asking for sixty-day extension.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Well and, that's kind of why I was asking him the questions of how long it will take to get the permit and how long he's going to do the work. Knowing that we don't have that, my motion was going to be to give him until our next meeting to have the work complete, done. Which gives him more than sixty days for all intent and purposes he was asking south, less than forty-five, so.

CHAIR JARRETT: Well why don't you make that motion?

MR. WEYMOUTH: I was going to but I --

CHAIR JARRETT: No, go ahead. Make it.

MR. WEYMOUTH: My question, Ginger, is am I asking for a continuance or an extension? I mean, it's a case --

MS. HASAN: Well, my hair isn't so red anymore so I'm not Ginger.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I'm, geez.

CHAIR JARRETT: Rhonda.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Sorry about that. God, I couldn't remember her name if I had to if I saw her. Holy smokes. Sorry.

MS. HASAN: Lori was always good at these. To me,

1 it's half dozen of one or the other.
2 MR. BARRANCO: That's awesome.
3 MS. HASAN: I don't, I think it would be to grant a
4 continuance until the January meeting.
5 MR. WEYMOUTH: Okay. Okay.
6 MS. HASAN: Unless you're making [inaudible]
7 CHAIR JARRETT: You know, we, previously, we did
8 extensions.
9 MS. HALE: Yes.
10 CHAIR JARRETT: Yes.
11 MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, we did, I think we did an
12 extension last time.
13 MS. HALE: Um-hm.
14 CHAIR JARRETT: Yes. I think this would be the same
15 thing we did last time.
16 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's, I --
17 CHAIR JARRETT: Because we're, didn't we find that
18 the violations exited first?
19 MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes.
20 MS. HALE: Yes.
21 MS. HASAN: Okay, you did.
22 CHAIR JARRETT: So therefore, this would be an
23 extension. Had we not found the violations exist, it'd be the
24 other.
25 MS. HASAN: Absolutely. Absolutely yes. If you

found a violations already exists then it would be an extension.

MR. BARRANCO: Well hey, I've just got a question before you make a motion.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Have at it.

MR. BARRANCO: So, in the past when the applicant got a permit the cases went away. So why is this different?

MS. HASAN: There's no permit yet. There's only two applications.

CHAIR JARRETT: Just applications.

MR. BARRANCO: I thought it usually happened once they submitted for permit, is the way I remember it happening. It's always when the permit's issued?

MS. HASAN: I remember it was when they obtain a permit not apply for it.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes.

CHAIR JARRETT: I think that's been the case. Because there was a couple cases where people actually applied for permits but without proper paperwork --

MS. HALE: They didn't get it.

CHAIR JARRETT: And they didn't get the permit, and we --

MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, and the reason I'm making the motion that I'm making John is because he very well could go

pull a permit and never do the work.

MR. BARRANCO: Well that, well, and here's where I'm going with it, why don't we just put in the order to demolish, and if he gets the permit, it all goes away.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I'm cool with that.

MR. BARRANCO: And give him an extension maybe on the demolition but then it's his race against the clock. We don't have to see him again, he can just go on his merry way and do what he needs to do and not waste his time with us anymore.

CHAIR JARRETT: And you can put extension at any time you wish.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Can that be done?

MS. HASAN: I don't see why not.

CHAIR JARRETT: Yes. You can make the demolition in ten days or a hundred days.

MR. WEYMOUTH: No, I know you can adjust the amount but to have the issuance of a permit make it dissolve or disappear.

CHAIR JARRETT: Well it would but it wouldn't answer your, address your concern that it be done.

MR. WEYMOUTH: What?

CHAIR JARRETT: Well, your concern you stated, was that you wanted the work to be done within sixty days. If we go the route that John just suggested, all he has to do is

have the permit within this time period. And you have the floor to make a motion so.

[Mr. Larsen arrived at 3:25]

MR. WEYMOUTH: And I know we've done it that way the past. You know, again, I gave him credit last meeting for being here; I give him credit again for being here. So I would defer to you to make the motion and, well, you know, it's your, I'm not going to take your credit.

MR. BARRANCO: I was just asking you to consider that motion but I'll go with your motion.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I like it I'd like to have you eloquently phrase it. So that I could second it.

MR. BARRANCO: Well, it's going to be, it'll be a challenging one.

MR. GARRETT: Can I make one more comment please?

MR. BARRANCO: Oh yes, sure.

MR. GARRETT: I can do it in about thirty days, that shouldn't be a problem, to get the roof on and finished. But I don't have a permit. If I had a permit --

MR. WEYMOUTH: You said that you were able to get a permit and one or two days.

MR. GARRETT: No, he said he was going to have the plans back to me in one or two days. I don't know what he --

MR. WEYMOUTH: Who's he?

MR. GARRETT: The plans examiner, that he would look

at them in one or two days.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Right.

MR. GARRETT: I don't know when I'm going to get back. I have to go through Zoning --

MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, I also said that I wanted you to finish it. What he's suggesting is that you get the permit before the sixty-three day demolition order.

MR. GARRETT: Okay. As long as I get the permit, okay.

MR. BARRANCO: Yes.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Correct John?

MR. WEYMOUTH: Isn't that what you're going to suggest, that he get --

MR. GARRETT: I thought you wanted the work done.

MR. BARRANCO: Exactly. If I put in an order to demolish everything in sixty-three days and you are able to pull the permit before that, you beat the clock, the City isn't going to show up and knock it down.

Now, if you don't have the permit in sixty-three days, there was a problem, you can't do it, there's some code issue that it's impossible to bring that building into compliance, it's going to be demolished. Whether you do it or the City does it is up to you. I think you'd prefer to do it because the City doesn't work at your rate. I don't know how you're able to construct an entire roof for three thousand

dollars. So, I'm sure you're going to do it at a much more affordable rate and the City can.

So, you get to that sixty-three days, you can say, okay I'm going to do it myself. Get it done before the City comes in here and liens my property. So that would buy the time. Hopefully, you get the permit, hopefully, you get the work done and you're done, so.

MR. GARRETT: I'm just concerned that it wouldn't get canceled, the demolition order would not get canceled.

MR. BARRANCO: It will. I'm pretty sure. You could ask Rhonda or Ginger.

MS. HASAN: Obtaining the permit? I mean, once a permit's obtained obviously he has a hundred and eighty days to act on that permit.

MR. WEYMOUTH: He wants assurance that somebody will recognize upon the issuance of a permit that the demolition order gets canceled. If I were you, I'd march my butt into Rhonda's office or into the Inspector's office and say, here's my permit, you know, get me off the hook. Don't assume that somebody in the Building Department is going to call somebody over at the City Attorney's, I almost called you the City Manager. I'm, you're really throwing me off today.

MR. GARRETT: I'm just concerned about a mistake, that's all, just a --

MR. WEYMOUTH: They happen all the time.

1 MR. GARRETT: I know, and that concerns me, so.
2 MS. HASAN: I mean, the only caveat, of course,
3 would be if there was any sort of further deterioration to the
4 extent that it became an emergency and then the Building
5 Official would [inaudible]
6 MR. BARRANCO: Right, that's all [inaudible]
7 MR. WEYMOUTH: That's, you know --
8 MS. HASAN: But beyond that, the property owner, you
9 have an absolute right once you obtain a permit to --
10 MR. WEYMOUTH: To give him peace of mind, John, we
11 can just make sure that he gets the permit in sixty-three days
12 and bring him back --
13 MR. BARRANCO: Yes.
14 MS. HALE: Yes.
15 MR. WEYMOUTH: -- and not attach a demolition order.
16 MR. BARRANCO: Let's do that just so he can sleep a
17 little easier.
18 MR. WEYMOUTH: I appreciate where he's coming from.
19 It's the holidays, somebody forgets something, whatever, and
20 the next thing you know he's there with a hammer and nails and
21 the house is gone.
22 MS. HALE: Yes, yes.
23 MR. BARRANCO: Right.
24 MR. WEYMOUTH: So, do you want me now to go back to
25 the motion since it's just something --

MS. HALE: Yes, yours.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I should have sat a little closer.

MS. HALE: Would you like to move now?

MR. WEYMOUTH: No, no. I'm fine thank you. All right, I move that we find the violations exist as alleged and we grant the respondent sixty-three days to bring the property into compliance by January 21, 2016. I'll amend the compliance as compliance be that a permit has been issued to you for the structural repair and re-roof of the residence at this address. Did I leave anything out?

MR. BARRANCO: I'll second that, with your acceptance of an amendment, that the shed structure be removed.

MR. WEYMOUTH: I will accept that as a, that should be demolished before the January meeting, gone. Confirmed by our inspector.

CHAIR JARRETT: And you second that John?

MR. WEYMOUTH: The foundation and everything.

MR. BARRANCO: I did second that, with that caveat.

CHAIR JARRETT Okay. All right, any further discussion? Okay, let's call the question. All in favor say aye.

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR JARRETT And any opposed say nay. So that's a unanimous ruling. So you know what you have to do. The Board

has given you sixty-three days additional extension here to get the permits and to start to work and don't forget that the shed needs to come down.

MR. GARRETT: Okay. Absolutely.

CHAIR JARRETT: Okay? All right. Best of luck.

MR. GARRETT: Thank you.

CHAIR JARRETT: All right. Do we have any more cases? That's the only case today?

MS. KETOR: And that is the end of the November 19 USB hearing. Any questions?

MR. WEYMOUTH: Before you close the meeting.

CHAIR JARRETT Yes. We'll have a couple questions.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Before you close the meeting, just to make sure if you would that they recognize that Don Larsen showed up.

CHAIR JARRETT: Oh, did you do that? Okay.

MS. KETOR: And he voted?

MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes, he was, he voted, yes, he voted.

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CHAIR JARRETT: Okay. We also have to discuss if there's any communication to the City Commission and actually I was going to raise an issue. But first of all, is there any discussion for the City Commission?

MR. BARRANCO: The only thing I would say to the

City Commission is yesterday I went to their hearing and I don't know if you heard about that fishing ban they were considering.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Yes.

MR. BARRANCO: And I heard there was a fishing ban on the books which was weird. So it's already regulated on parts of the beach. Which I thought was strange, I've been fishing all my life I've never even been called out on it.

CHAIR JARRETT Oh no, I thought that you always had to just fish at certain points.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Obviously it's not enforced.

MR. BARRANCO: It's not enforced. It's a silly ordinance and I think the Commission did a good job and I would love to see them repeal those old ordinances because there is no conflict between fishermen and bathers, so that would be the only thing I would communicate to the Commission. Has nothing to do with the Board.

MR. LARSEN: John?

MR. BARRANCO: Yes sir.

MR. LARSEN: To add to that, all those fishermen that are down there, they all have their licenses.

MR. BARRANCO: Yes.

MR. LARSEN: Because my son was down there and he had his and he was just watching the fish and the game warden come on and checked every one of their licenses and they all

had licenses.

MR. BARRANCO: Okay, great.

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CHAIR JARRETT: Well, the issue that I was going to bring up was that, you know, we voted, this Board voted probably about a year ago to interject into our meetings the question if anyone had spoke to a respondent before each and every hearing. And I just wondered what the opinion of the Board was. Has that proved necessary to do that or, you know because we never did it before.

MR. WEYMOUTH: Mr. Chair, after eleven meetings and nobody announcing that they have, I, I think it's a waste of time but if it's an exercise it's an exercise. I intentionally don't --

CHAIR JARRETT Well, that's the reason I brought it up, because no one's ever said anything so I --

MR. BARRANCO: But I will say it's worth mentioning just because of Sunshine laws and just get it on the record --

MS. HALE: Yes.

MR. BARRANCO: -- and it's going to be the same answer probably every time, nobody talked to me about it, for the record. But it's just Sunshine law and it's something, whenever they do those things about training you as a board Member --

MR. WEYMOUTH: Well, then let's do this --

1 CHAIR JARRETT: We actually have had cases where we
2 all were contacted by somebody in years past.
3 MS. HALE: Yes, yes.
4 MR. BARRANCO: Yes.
5 CHAIR JARRETT: But as soon as we came in, we all,
6 on our own --
7 MR. WEYMOUTH: Why don't you, Mr. Chair, why don't
8 you open the meeting with a general comment that if prior to
9 the introduction of any case --
10 MR. BARRANCO: There you go
11 MR. WEYMOUTH: -- or the testimony, instead of doing
12 it on every case --
13 MR. BARRANCO: Yes.
14 MR. WEYMOUTH: -- at the opening of the meeting,
15 along with roll call everything else, you remind the Board
16 that any time during the session --
17 CHAIR JARRETT: That's a good change, that cuts down
18 a lot of the time --
19 MR. WEYMOUTH: Ian, you're the attorney on the
20 Board, does that carry muster?
21 MR. SEIDEL: I'm sure that that would cover it, and
22 I think that would suffice, and it might save a couple
23 seconds.
24 CHAIR JARRETT Could you put that in the form of a
25 motion Michael?

1 MR. WEYMOUTH: No.

2 CHAIR JARRETT Well, how about Ian? Could you put
3 that in the form of a motion? Our counselor here.

4 MR. SEIDEL: Sure. I would move that prior to this
5 Board conducting its business that the Chair inquire as to all
6 the Board members whether or not anybody has any contact from
7 anybody involved in any of the cases that we will hear that
8 day.

9 CHAIR JARRETT And could you add to that, that that
10 would also, we would be voting to void the previous motion
11 where we did it before each case?

12 MR. SEIDEL: I would accept that amendment.

13 MR. LARSEN: I'll second that.

14 CHAIR JARRETT And Don, you've second it. Do we
15 need any more discussion? Let's call the question, all in
16 favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIR JARRETT: And opposed, nay? No nays?
19 Unanimous then, it carries. So we changed that whole
20 procedure today. Is there any other business to bring before
21 the Board?

22 MS. HALE: No.

23 MR. WEYMOUTH: Who's cooking the turkey?

24 CHAIR JARRETT Oh, well, everybody have a wonderful
25 Thanksgiving and the committee is adjourned, or the Board is.

And Merry Christmas. Yes, we're not going to be here for that either.

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No discussion.

[Meeting concluded at 3:36 p.m.]

BOARD CLERK

THORNIE JARRETT, CHAIR

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