



**Village of El Portal
Code Enforcement**

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Vice Mayor: Code enforcement committee meeting will be called to order, Tuesday, May the 1st and it is 7:28 pm. Madam clerk, we've had our moment of silent meditation and pledge of allegiance. Madam clerk, may you please have a roll call.

Madam clerk: Roll call. Vice mayor Nickerson.

Vice mayor Nickerson: Here.

Madam clerk: Councilperson Driver is not here. Councilperson Roman?

Councilperson Roman: Here.

Vice Mayor: As far as the agenda, councilperson Roman if you look at the agenda we have our tracking report. It's the only thing you have to approve. Do I have approval of the agenda?

Councilperson Roman: Approval.

Vice Mayor: Second. All in favor say I.

Speaker 2: I.

Vice Mayor: So next, we have the approval of the minutes. The minutes will be approved the next court enforcement committee meeting. Moving to the good and welfare. Do we have anybody who has to say anything right now about court enforcement that wants to come up or anything else? Here and now we're moving to the agenda items.

Let's go to the tracking report. The first thing we have here is the court enforcement and recycling workshop. I want to thank, once again, councilperson Roman for putting those on. She's put on a couple so far, at the last one we were talking about how we're going to put on the third one, as far as the recycling, waste management, things like that. As always I appreciate her putting those on. Those are very informative. Every time I've come out, both of them I have learned a lot. Each one, I don't want to speak any more of that.

Councilperson Roman: We'll take a look at probably in a couple of months any date and we'll do the next one. I do have some notes that I took that I have not sent out yet on feedback, so I'll get those over to the court so we can send them out.

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Vice Mayor: One thing I learned from the last one is when you put your recycling out, do not put it on those public plastic bags.

Councilperson Roman: It will break the machine.

Vice Mayor: Break the machine, Definitely, definitely. But those are good workshops and I appreciate you putting those on.

Councilperson Roman: Thank you.

Vice Mayor: Moving on to the next thing, this is ongoing. We'll just skip over this for this for now. The Parking in the Swirl and the grass in the Swirl area. Yes, a big issue. Skip over that for now, it's for the sake of the time. I know we have a special council meeting coming up later anyway.

Home Owner program, I appreciate that also, councilperson Roman it's an ongoing project that I see on the website and I love it. It's a great situation as far as getting the homeowners to take pride in their houses and improve their villages as a whole.

Councilperson Roman: I do have, if I may, the winners from March, which were text to me by the committee chair. It was 287 North East 90th Street and 24 North West 86th street. We will be posting, I'll be sending those over so they can get posted on the website the pictures of those homes but the homes have had signs on their front yards for two weeks now.

Unfortunately, we did not have an April. The committee was really busy and could not come together and the committee chair was ill. So we don't have April homes but because the month is already over and May is right around the corner, we're accepting nominations for May. We do invite residents and our employees here at the village, anyone that wants to nominate a home in the village for this program. What we're doing, just a reminder, is we typically have one home in the east side and one home on the west side.

We do have some nominations that came in from previous months and we'll keep those in if we do not receive enough nominations but we'd love to get some more participation.

Vice Mayor: Thank you very much for that. The next thing is the- which will put off from now, I believe the next three things we can bypass for now [whispers]. Yes, I was going to say for that. We're in number six right now.

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Speaker 2: Yes. number six. Yes. Five. I had, right. Just at the master hearing cases we've been resolving them in-house, so [unintelligible 00:04:31] at the present. We're good, we're happy about that.

Okay and then for number six uninhabitable structures. I've been in the county. Talking to the county director to figure out some programs. They have programs but the homeowners themselves have to apply. It's the housing rehabilitation program that it looks like, I'm not going to put them on the record but those homes could really utilize this. Structure repair, all kinds of things to get them in compliance with the building code but they will have to apply directly, we can't apply for them.

Councilperson Roman: Can we probably, Oh, I'm sorry.

Vice Mayor: Go ahead.

Councilperson Roman: [laughs] Can we possibly have this information on our website? Also maybe, can we reach out to those homeowners. Is that bad and recommend that? Is there something wrong with that, attorney?

Attorney: I don't think so, you can communicate with them.

Councilperson Roman: Just educating them that this is an option, that the county could assist them in getting their homes.

Attorney: There's nothing wrong with that.

Speaker 2: We'll do that this week.

Vice Mayor: It sounds perfect.

Councilperson Roman: Awesome, Thank you. That's good news.

Vice Mayor: Very good news.

?Manager: I know I'm not in the committee but I'm thinking, do you think a resident might be not happy, that there's a free program by the county. "Hey, you might be able to benefit from it." We really have to be careful with how that's worded.

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Attorney: You wouldn't be directing it to just that individual, it'd be just information put on this website, right?

Councilperson Roman: The website, but we're saying, there are particular homes that have many violations and they're constantly running.

Attorney: Madam, don't think it that way. If your home is subject to continuous violations that it's continually being sighted and is identified as such. Affording them information how they can cure it, I don't think that would be repugnant.

?Manager: Well, if it's a violation like, "Your roof is really dirty. Your roof is really dirty. Your roof is really dirty"

Councilperson Roman: No, that's not what we're talking about.

Attorney: It's uninhabitable.

Councilperson Roman: No, that's not what we're not talking about that.

Attorney: I understand what you're saying. I think this is for more serious structure that could potentially be-

Councilperson Roman: A Danger.

Attorney: -A danger.

Vice Mayor: Also, what we could do, along with putting it on the website, we could also take the information, print it out, I wouldn't mind, I could put it in every door. So everybody gets it right there in front of their face, in black and white. From there if it applies to you--

Mayor: If I may, I know that we have a court enforcement officer who is going out who deals directly with some of these structures. So he can certainly distribute that information when he gives out the warning, of violations and if you can talk about ways to distribute the information to everyone necessary.

Vice Mayor: Thank you very much, Madam Mayor. Thank you very much. We are going to move on [unintelligible 00:07:55] historical homes and we'll move on from that for now, which is a good idea. We need to definitely collect a list--[crosstalk]

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Councilperson Roman: There is something about historic home, that I heard recently.

?Manager: Yes, I don't know where I heard it from too, but if we made a concerted effort to designate like Sherwood forest, there's funding for that as well.

Councilperson Roman: I just heard something recent, was it with e-mail or something came up about a historical home. Maybe the manager remembers, hold on. Did we get an e-mail or information about historic homes?

Speaker 2: Yes, they were in the violation of the county code. but they brought it in to compliance. They wanted to do some work so they began doing so they had to go through the county to get their permits for that, but they complied.

Councilperson Roman: Okay. Do we know what year? does it have to be to fall in the history?

Speaker 2: No, there's a requirement for [unintelligible 00:08:54] research it.

Councilperson Roman: Whoever can research it, I mean my home was from 1926.

Vice Mayor: Most of them are. My home was like 1920's.

Councilperson Roman: If we can get money from the lobbies I've mentioned, it's a possibility for the village to get money on them, then why not. Just identify them.

Vice Mayor: It's a possibility for that. Which is good.

Mayor: There are two.

We might fall under [chuckles] at this particular time. That would be good, perfect.

Councilperson Roman: Thank you.

Vice Mayor: Thank you very much. That's the end of our track report. Madam mayor, do you have anything to add?

Mayor: No, I do have a lot of court enforcement but I'm not going to get into it. Not right now. I usually e-mail the manager, if I see things next door-

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?Manager: - or I see things that aren't driving by. When I saw, so funny, I was driving to work and I saw the shopping cart right, I had my top down on my car and I'm like, I just pulled over, and was like, "You're going to get in this car." It didn't fit, then I get to my office and I ask one of my employees to go do it. And then, like, then I emailed him and then he came up and next door. I said, get that shopping cart.

I try to be as practical as I can when I'm out there I pick up, I mean, I do whatever I can. I saw the Public Works new guy today out there and he was driving around picking up garbage and I was excited he puts it in the trunk and I was like, yeah, you know. Every time I don't see doggie Doo station bags I have a fit but I try to do my part and try not to complain, I try to resolve.

I sent a list to the manager all the time, what I read on next door, and what I see myself, may not reply on next door, but I make sure to resolve.

Vice Mayor: I appreciate that. Mr. Attorney, anything else?

Attorney: No, I'm fine.

Vice Mayor: Madam mayor, I mean, madam manager.

Manager: I don't know which committee this would belong, but we're having some issues with liens being misfiled in the past. What Would that be on code or should it be --I don't know.

Vice Mayor: liens is code but their being misfiled is admin and finance.

Manager: Yes, they were misfiled and now we're dealing with some issues related to, you know, large fines and people--

Vice Mayor: That are still outstanding?

Manager: No, no, no, we're not being fined, but these homeowners who want to sell or whatever they've got these large fees that they have to pay, but they when they did a search a few years ago, they didn't have any liens, now they've got liens for 1995 or, you know, these old liens. We're trying to really remedy this but it's kind of a problem right now. We had two weeks of torture and also having to work with other jurisdictions to kind of help us solve the

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problem. I just wanted to put that on your radar. But at some point, we really do need to define how we do our lin searches and process and who does it and get the proper filing.

Vice Mayor: Okay

Mayor: May I say these two things. The liens come from code and then with liens comes money. I would definitely put it here and ensure that your staff knows exactly what needs to be done because that's a really big problem. I know the two scenarios, you're talking about one is my neighbor and one is a commissioner Bay harbor. If it's an error that happened years ago my concern is that I think you should bring it up with admin and finances, because you have the administrative right to weigh these fees and if you are, we need to know. We need to know what the fees are and bring it up at admin and finance.

Mayor: So Madam Clare.

Vice Mayor: But more importantly, ensure that your staff is doing their due diligence, so this doesn't happen again. These two scenarios were from years ago. I'm not sure how that happened. But that's not the point. The point is that as we move forward, we can't do that.

Manager: Yeah, right I agree with that.

Vice Mayor: I would still like to know and be updated on this. I'll let the clerk know for the next, we need to have it on the agenda, we can revisit it.

Mayor: We want to look at it in court enforcement, admin and finance?

Vice Mayor: Yes, we want to look at it in both committees, code enforcement, admin and finance and when we meet with you tomorrow discuss it.

Mayor: Can I add one more thing? I'm curious to know, and I don't know if there's a way to find out, if those leads were actually paid, but they weren't properly processed, which is also very possible.

Manager: Yes.

Vice Mayor: All those different scenarios can be looked up to see which one we're working with right now. Okay, councilperson Roman anything else?

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Councilperson Roman: No.

Vice Mayor: Moving on, we're moving on a good and welfare. If anybody has anything to talk about right now you want to come to the microphone say anything? Feel free to do so.

Lillianna: Lillianna Pickle, 181 Northwest 87 Street. I just want to compliment a police officer that drives at nights patrolling with a big light on and it's very much appreciated because it's really, I saw him obviously 181 northwest, we live in northwest 87 Street. I saw him a couple of times. Thank you.

Mayor: I saw him last night, three times.

Lillianna: My dog jumps every time he sees him.

Vice Mayor: Thank you. Interim Chief [inaudible 00:15:26] also for that. We appreciate that. Thank you very much. Thank you Ms. Speaker. Anybody else for good and welfare?

Hearing none, the code enforcement committee meeting for Tuesday, May, the 1st--Oh Do I have a motion to adjourn?

Manager: You have a motion.

Vice Mayor: I will second it. The code enforcement committee meeting for Tuesday, May, the 1st is adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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