



Village of El Portal Code Enforcement Committee Meeting

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Councilperson Mathis: Today's the sixth?

City Clerk Jacobi: No, fifth.

Councilperson Mathis: Fifth.

City Clerk Jacobi: It says the sixth

Councilperson Mathis: Yes. At 7:22. We already had a moment of silent meditation for pledge of allegiance. May I get a roll call Madam Clerk?

City Clerk Jacobi: Roll call. Councilperson Mathis.

Councilman Mathis: Present.

City Clerk Jacobi: Vice Mayor Nickerson.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Present.

City Clerk Jacobi: Councilperson Roman.

Councilwoman Roman: Present.

City Clerk Jacobi: Okay.

Councilperson Mathis: Can I get an approval of the agenda? Are there any additions or deletions?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: No, motion to approve the agenda as is.

Councilperson Mathis: Properly moved. Can I get a second?

Councilwoman Roman: Second.

Councilperson Mathis: It's been properly moved and seconded. All in favor, aye.

Participants: Aye.

Councilperson Mathis: Opposed? Okay, approval of the minutes.

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City Clerk Jacobi: [inaudible 00:00:51]

Councilperson Mathis: It says public works on this.

City Clerk Jacobi: [inaudible 00:00:58]

Councilperson Mathis: There are no minutes. This is public works, community minutes on here. We're going to Good and Welfare. Anyone? I'm hearing none. Going to the agenda item. There are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 items on the tracking report for code enforcement. The first one--

Councilwoman Roman: Chair, if I may, the date on the agenda needs to be changed to--

Councilperson Mathis: It's not the sixth, it's the fifth. Also, it says public works on the agenda. Number 1, code enforcement workshop. I'm in the process of scheduling this. It's going to deal with a summary of the code. Within that, it's going to be a scenario then the information on why, how it's a violation and it's a detriment and so forth and then a proactive approach solution to making sure that everyone stays code-compliant. I'm working on that with David Masters from California. He has a doctorate in code. I didn't know they offered that degree but Berkeley gives you whatever you want.

[laughter]

Councilperson Mathis: It's California. Item number two--

City Clerk Jacobi: Is there something you want to tell me, Councilperson Roman?

Councilwoman Roman: No.

City Clerk Jacobi: It looks like it because you're pointing out the mistakes to Vice Mayor Nickerson and I'm right here, so if you want to point it out really, what--

Vice Mayor Nickerson: We're okay.

City Clerk Jacobi: No. Let's address it.

Councilperson Mathis: All right.

City Clerk Jacobi: No, let's address it because I need to know.

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Vice Mayor Nickerson: We're okay. She was just pointing out the changes that need to be made on the--

Councilperson Mathis: We're going to number 2 item was Home of the Month program. Councilperson Roman?

Councilwoman Roman: Yes. The committee-- I saw some emails go back and forth with the February. I don't have them with me because I asked them to finalize them. I think there was one house that they were going to recommend for the home of the month but it was a house that's up for rent or sale so they needed to change it but I'll get an update and then at the council meeting, I'll let you guys know who won.

Councilperson Mathis: Okay. I thought the mayor would be here. I am actually going to be getting with Attorney Powell to discuss and draft a bus ordinance that will give a specific route that the school buses should travel within the village because of those tiny roads, the tight streets.

Councilwoman Roman: Is that code enforcement or [unintelligible 00:04:03]?

Councilperson Mathis: It's code enforcement because we're probably going to have to do it as an ordinance because we're going to tell them that they have to go this certain route.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Do you have a proposed route in mind?

Councilperson Mathis: I wanted to get with Chief and see what route he would suggest, would be the safest and the best. Number 4, we have two known uninhabitable structures in the village. One is in Sherwood Forest and the other one's on Northeast 89th Street. I'm meeting with the county to have them come and take a look at these two particular properties to let us know what is the next step and what should be done because I don't want us going in in case it's uninhabitable and it isn't so. I'll let the county handle that.

The final one is I spoke with, I'm forgetting her name, Liliana Vasile in Miami Shores. She's on the historic home preservation board and I'm going get some information from them to get into works with us because I believe there's four or five homes-

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Yes.

Councilperson Mathis: - that could qualify for that.

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Councilwoman Roman: I know some homes-- Some people don't want to do it because then you can't really-- We can't modernize it.

Councilperson Mathis: Yes but if you research your home and then the--

Councilwoman Roman: Exactly. My home is 1926 but there's been so many adjustments to it so that it wouldn't fall under it. I think it's great for us to maybe put it on the website too.

Councilperson Mathis: Yes, because we have the Blue Home, that's what I call it. It served as a hospital and a library at one point.

Councilwoman Roman: Oh really?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: [inaudible 00:06:23]

Councilperson Mathis: The McC Corey home which is on our street, the two-story. I believe the home that's two doors down from that. There was a famous family that lived there. Also, but I don't know if it would qualify, Jasper Sweet's home because Flip Wilson lived there or whatever, I don't know.

Councilwoman Roman: Those are maybe some great things to find out and maybe public affairs could-- We can incorporate that into the website and then have a, "Did you know" about El Portal history.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Definitely with the native American history and El Portal used to be a huge banana plantation at one point in time.

Councilperson Mathis: El Portal was a sum of everything.

Councilwoman Roman: That's awesome.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: It was a huge plantation too, part of the South American.

Councilperson Mathis: That concludes the tracking report. Just so the committee knows, code enforcement is on fire. There's violations out there. I've gotten calls and some people aren't happy but we have to do what's in the code and Carlos is doing a great job. I would not want to be in it.

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Councilwoman Roman: If I may, Councilperson Mathis, I was just tallying up the violations for the month of February. We're in 35. [unintelligible 00:08:05] bonfire where we had 16, 15.

Councilperson Mathis: [unintelligible 00:08:09]?

Councilwoman Roman: Not to say that's a good thing.

Councilperson Mathis: Again, code enforcement is not to be punitive. It's for correction and compliance.

Councilwoman Roman: Well good job, Chair.

Councilperson Mathis: I'm trying. It's a lot of work, a lot of weekends. Would anybody like to add anything?

Vice Mayor Nickerson: If I could for a second Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that it's going to be really good for you holding that code enforcement-

Councilperson Mathis: Workshop.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: - workshop that you want to do. I think that those things are really important. I just want to give a shoutout to Councilperson Roman, yourself, Mayor Cubillos because that workshop that we had about the fences a couple of weeks ago, that Saturday was really good. Those type of things, we had a good turnout for that. Those type of things, following line of code, show what kind of fences, what you can use, what you can't use, the materials. That was really good for everybody who came to that. Those type of things are good for following the code enforcement so I appreciate both of you for those things.

Councilperson Mathis: Thank you. I know you appreciate it. With that, we're going to Good and Welfare. Anyone? Hearing none. Can I get a motion for adjournment?

Councilwoman Roman: Motion.

Vice Mayor Nickerson: Second it.

Councilperson Mathis: Properly moved and seconded. All in favor?

Participants: Aye.

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Councilperson Mathis: All opposed? Code enforcement is adjourned at 7:31 PM.

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