



Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement Minutes
 April 11th, 2023 (11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)
 2101 47th Terrace East
 Bradenton, FL 34206

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) was at the Manatee County Public Safety Complex in Manatee County on the second floor on 04/11/2023. The following active members were present and signed in:

John Carrion	City of Tampa	Scott Ehrhart	Manatee County
Carmen Marcano	City of Tampa	Shelby Brown	City of Clearwater
Barbara Riley	City of Tampa	Stefan Burghardt	City of Clearwater
Doug Allen	City of Temple Terrace	Yusef Touray	City of Clearwater
Tom Borroni	City of Temple Terrace	Brian Simon	City of Clearwater
Jose Silva	City of Temple Terrace	Vicki Sudduth	City of Clearwater
Laurie smith	City of Temple Terrace	Wallace McMillan	City of Largo
Marie Hamm	Manatee County	Tracy Miller	City of Largo
Erik McCarthy	City of Safety Harbor	Kim Barkman	City of Largo
Elizabeth Bandy	City of Safety Harbor	Shane Rank	City of Largo
Paul Bushee	City of Safety Harbor	Antonio Costeira	City of Largo
Beth Hughes	Pinellas County	Ben Dornon	Manatee County
Diane Devol	Pinellas County	Ernie White	Manatee County
James Yarnell	Manatee County	Alex Kogel	Manatee County
Jason Sabol	Manatee County	George McCorkle	Manatee County
Brian Johnson	Manatee County	Kelvin Albritton	Manatee County
Brad Szink	Manatee County	Sean Ambrose	Manatee County
Jason McConell	Manatee County	Nick Riffe	Manatee County
Cody Linderman	Manatee County	Jared Swetnich	Manatee County
Christine Zien	Hillsborough County	Larry Hoffman	Hillsborough County
McCombs			
John Spicuglia	Pasco County	John Swartz	Manatee County
Cory Hayden	Manatee County	John Howard	Manatee County
David Saldivar	Manatee County	Tom Wooten	Manatee County

CALL TO ORDER:

President Doug Allen called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM and introduced VP Christine. Christine Zien-McCombs introduced Fiona Mills, Sr. Franchise Business Coach with the Spaulding Decon Company.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Introduction:

Fiona Mills introduced herself. Fiona stated that she has a background in the medical field, and that she currently works for the Spaulding Decon Company. Fiona introduced the educational program on “Hoarding.”

Topics:

1. *5 levels of Hoarding:* Fiona began her educational program by stating that there are 5 levels of Hoarding and explained the different circumstances of the different levels. Fiona stated that at level 3 is when the “odor” is present. Fiona described the level in which there is structural damage, mold or mildew, fleas bed bugs, and that, more than one exit is blocked. Fiona described level 5 odor being like “landfill hottest day in Florida.” Level 5 clutter is up to ceiling.
2. *“All types of people can be hoarders.”* Fiona proceeded on the next topic of the educational program “different types of hoarders.” Fiona described the “collector and researchers” being the type that commonly collect books, magazines, newspapers, etc. She then described “Non-wasters.” Fiona stated that the “Non-wasters” hold on to trash. Next, Fiona described the “Recyclers” as being organized and that they hoard “recyclable” items. Animal hoarders were next, and Fiona stated that this type of hoarding is triggered by traumatic experiences. Fiona then described “OCD hoarding” and that it is very common with PTSD, linked to trauma genetics, and that there’s “no root yet located by the scientific community.” Fiona described two more types of hoarders “mail order shopping hoarders,” and “Food hoarders.”
3. *Types of complaints:* Fiona talked about “handling the hoarders” and about not being judgmental, being empathetic, and that “you’re there to help them.” Fiona described Spaulding’s approach being a “one stop shop.” Fiona described four different types of complaints that Spaulding Decon receives:
 - a. Code Enforcement referrals
 - b. Neighbors’ complaints
 - c. Police referrals
 - d. Fire agency referrals.
4. *Hazards:* Fiona described different types of hazards that hoarding poses, such as, fires, heath, structural, snakes and critters, etc. Fiona stated that smoking cigarettes are fire hazards in hoarding houses. She also talked about “Sharp” hazards (needles, broken glass). Fiona described “Biohazards (human blood, dead animals)” and that it is very important to wear proper PPE.

Questions:

Fiona opened up for questions. Fiona talked about how much it costs doing a clean-up. Fiona talked about how she got into Spaulding Decon. She talked about how she wants to “work with people.” She briefly talked about her background. She stated that her motivation is to make their house a “home again.” Fiona stated that Spaulding Decon partnered with a company called “better health,” a company providing mental health services. Fiona stated that sometimes it can take weeks to months before someone will “let them in” and gain their trust, and that, it takes a lot of trust building before hoarders “open up to you.”

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Secretary: Announced the launch of new website and requested for Officer featurettes.

Treasurer: Report that the current balance on the treasury is \$5,942.67

Vice president: Introduced her “Case Study” initiative and requested for guest speaker ideas.

President: Thanked Manatee County for hosting the meeting and motioned for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Carrion

Secretary,

Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement

April 18th, 2023