



Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement Minutes
December 13th, 2022 (11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.)
11250 N 56th St, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

The regular meeting of the Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement (TBACE) was held at the City of Temple Terrace Public Works building on 12/13/2022. The following active members were present and signed in:

Doug Allen	City of Temple Terrace	Barbara Basilico-Riley	City of Tampa
David Stoffit	Hillsborough County	Florentino Rodriguez	City of Tampa
Tom Borroni	City of Temple Terrace	Christine Zien-McCombs	Hillsborough County
Paul Bushee	City of Safety Harbor	Tina Heacock	City of Temple Terrace
Erik McCarthy	City of Safety Harbor	David Gonzalez	City of Tampa
John Carrion	City of Tampa	Joe Gross	Hillsborough County
Sergio Grillo	City of Pinellas Park	Nicolle Sequeira	City of Tampa
Janet Weidner	City of Pinellas Park	Jose Silva	City of Temple Terrace
Dan Green	Hillsborough County	Laurie Smith	City of Temple Terrace
Krystal Ramos	City of Tampa	Carmen Mancano	City of Tampa
Blair Green	City of Tampa	Gregg Silliman	City of Oldsmar
Nick Cox	City of Tampa	Cassandra Magill	City of Plant City

CALL TO ORDER:

President Doug Allen called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. Doug called for a motion to approve the new Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement board and a "Second" thereby carried the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Doug Allen introduced Master Deputy Krager, Team lead of HCSO Behavioral Resources Unit and her staff. President Doug then thanked the City of Temple Terrace for hosting the 12/13/2022 meeting and provided the Guest Speaker the audience.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

Introduction:

Master Deputy Krager introduced herself and her staff. Master Deputy Krager is the Team Leader of the Behavioral Resource Unit with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Master Deputy Krager stated that she has been a Deputy for 27 years and that her unit consists of 22 Deputies. Also, Deputy Brady from District 5, Deputy Footman from District 4, and Environmental Deputy Chris also attended.

Topics:

1. *Contact with the homeless:* Deputy Krager stated that they focus mostly on the homeless with the most "Calls for Service." Deputy Brady stood up and said that often, the homeless are from out of state, and that making contact with their family and friends is very helpful. Deputy Brady proceeded to say that other jurisdictions will purchase bus tickets and send over to our areas. The Deputies shared that a good network of partners consists of churches and other agencies.
2. *Partnership:* Deputy Footman, and Environmental Deputy Chris both stated that they work closely with Code Enforcement and the Rapid Response team to get properties in compliance. Deputy Footman then stated that there is a lot of homelessness in Ruskin and Wiaumama. He described that it's important to have an understanding that the homeless have problems, mental health and often, drugs addictions. Environmental Deputy Chris then stated that his team can put more pressure on homeless. Deputy Chris emphasized that their objective is to help them help them and offer resources. He then stated that unfortunately, the homeless often refuse services and would rather be on the streets. Deputy Chris said that the Environmental Deputies will determine the cubic footage of homeless camps and if they are more than a 100 sq ft. it would be a felony. He then said they rely heavily on Code Enforcement and rapid response. They then described the "revolving door" of the Homeless and that it depends on the State Attorney. Deputy Chris explained factors surrounding homelessness such as, where they get their belongings, the dumpsters, and what happens to their belongings if they are sent to jail.
3. *Trespass authorization:* Deputy Chris stated that a trespass authorization gives a legal reason to enter property as an agent. Once trespassers are told to leave and refuse, it then becomes a crime. He explained that no identification is required if they comply and commence to leave the property. Deputy Chris said that the manager of the store has more authority than a trespass authorization. A question was asked about the "percentage," and Deputy Krager stated that the number of homeless that don't want help is a "high percentage." She shared that some of the homeless have jobs but can't afford a home. Sometimes the help offered is not what they want. Deputy Krager described the rules surrounding some of the resources available, that most of housing assistance must be a "habitual homelessness (12 months)." Deputy Brady then said that a lot of the work consists of "Building rapport" with homeless, and that sometimes HCSO will even "wear a different uniform," and that "it's about the long game." Deputy Krager stated that "1 in 5" want help, and that a lot of homelessness have support so a lot of the success is by making contact with their support (family members, and friends). She said that there is only one mental health shelter in Hillsborough County. She also shared that many have different rules when considering the resources and that it is "very difficult to help families."

Deputy Brady informed the audience that a Change of ownership on a parcel voids the trespass authorization. HCSO stated that they rely on Code Enforcement because Code Enforcement will send citations which will get the trespass process started. There is a "standing a trespass authorization form" which outlines all government owned property. Hillsborough County Code Enforcement Director Joe Gross mentioned "Operation Jackpot." Deputy Krager mentioned that Pasco County does not have much panhandling. Krager stated that there are counties in the state that send homelessness and transients here on a bus. HCSO stated that if property is being maintained, that will deter homelessness. HCSO meets with businesses to discuss how to apply certain measures, such as lighting, to deter vagrancy. HCSO stated that feeding the homeless should only be done on private property. Director of Temple Terrace asked if there is a pattern for

the causes of homelessness, Deputy footman then answered by stating that the homeless today “have no shame.” Developers are causing transients and vagrants to be “pushed out,” and that some excuses from homeless are that “Florida is a warm state.”

Treasurer: Then Treasurer Doug Allen reported that the balance of TBACE treasury is \$5,899.
Secretary: NA
President Doug stated to make sure to sign-in for CEU’s. Doug reminded the audience that the applications are available, and that a membership email was sent recently. Doug also requested to be sent suggestions from potential jurisdictions that are interested in hosting the next TBACE meeting, and to get with Vice-President Christine Zien-McCombs to schedule the meeting.

Vice-President NA

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joe Gross spoke about “Sign off day Tampa Bay,” and that it was last held at Hillsborough Heights. They found a vender for the plastic of snipe signs and that they turn it into “energy.” This year’s Sign-off day Tampa Bay was put off but that there was good press coverage. Joe Gross then introduced a new snipe sign harpoon device

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Carrion

Secretary,

Tampa Bay Association of Code Enforcement

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