MINUTES OF THE SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION.

1. This item contains documents which provide call in information and instructions for the Zoom meeting.

B. ROLL CALL.

Voting: Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, Excused: Alex Kaker

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

1. Approval of the agenda for the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Sex Offender Residency Board.

Moved by Board Member Pete Shedlosky, seconded by Board Member Craig Coleman to Motion to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Approval of the minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting of the Sex Offender Residency Board.

Moved by Board Member Craig Coleman, seconded by Board Member Pete Shedlosky to Motion to approve.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

E. REGULAR BUSINESS.

1. Appeal of Juan M. Zayas-Cortes requesting to move to 750 Bellevue Street (Ald. Galvin)

Moved by Board Member Dominique McQueen, seconded by Board Member Pete Shedlosky to enter closed session.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Board Member Craig Coleman, seconded by Board Member Dominique McQueen to return to regular session.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

Moved by Board Member Craig Coleman, seconded by Board Member Pete Shedlosky to Motion to Approve address specific.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

2. Appeal of Anthony M. Reed requesting to move to 536 S. Webster Avenue (Ald. Galvin)

Moved by Board Member Craig Coleman, seconded by Board Member Pete Shedlosky to Motion to Approve address specific.
Motion Passed.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

G. INFORMATIONAL.

1. The next meeting date is April 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Board Member Craig Coleman, seconded by Board Member Pete Shedlosky to Adjourn.
Motion carried.
Yes- Heidi Michel, Pete Shedlosky, Dominique McQueen, Craig Coleman, No- None, Abstain- None

VERBATIM MINUTES

Do we need a roll call?

- Let's see, I see four board members present. I will document the roll call in the notes.

- Okay. And then if I could get a motion to approve the agenda for the March 16th, Sex Offender Residency Board Meeting.

- I'll make a motion.

- Oh, go ahead, Pete.

- Yeah, I'll make a motion to approve.

- Okay, second it?

- I'll second.

- Okay, all in favor, Aye?

- [All] Aye.

- Okay, then if I can get an approval of the minutes from the February 16th meeting.

- Move to approve.

- Is there a second?

- I'll second that.

- Okay, all in favor, aye?

- [All] Aye.

- Okay, all right. So our first regular business is the appeal of Juan Zayas-Cortes, who does have an interpreter present. Mr. Cortes, you were seen with us back in December, correct?

- That's correct.

- Okay, and have you since been released from prison?

- Excuse me?

- Has he been released from prison?

- Yeah, in January.

- January, okay. I do know, Craig, you're new to the board. We were all present when Mr. Zayas presented his case. Would you like us to have him present his case again?

- No, I read the notes, so thank you very much for those.

- Okay. All right. So we asked you to come back after being released from prison, and we wanna show that you have been enrolled in a treatment program and that you're attending, insured and have a job. Where are you right now Mr. Zayas and your ?

- Right now I'm home. I'm working full time. Okay, I'm enrolled in a treatment plan once a week. And unfortunately that whenever we talk about church the church is still closed. So because COVID so I can't do that. But here at home my mom is a Bible study teacher so she has a group and she teaches via zoom. So I'm part of that group, so.

- Okay. And I'm sorry, where is he working full time at?

- Hansen Foods.

- Okay.

- All right. Does any of the board have any questions about that before we ask him anything about his treatment?

- None here.

- Okay. Mr. Zayas, you have the opportunity to talk about your treatment in closed session or public session, which would you prefer?

- If it is private there's no problem.

- So he would prefer private?

- Yeah, yeah, there's no problem.

- Okay, then I need a motion to go into private session.

- I'll make a motion-

- I'll make a motion to go to private session.

- Okay, second that?

- I'll second it.

- Okay, all in favor, aye?

- [All] Aye.

- Okay, just give a moment to-

- We just need for Deanna to get everybody out of the meeting.

- Okay, just a moment. I'll let you know when we're ready.

- Please do get back on.

- Okay?

- Okay.

- I'll let you know when everyone's in. Okay, looks like everyone is back. You can proceed.

- Okay.

- Everyone's back in. You can proceed.

- Okay, all right. So we're back into public session. after speaking to Mr. Zayas, regarding his treatment, does the board have any further questions regarding his crime or anything they would like to know about him at this moment?

- No.

- No.

- Is there anybody that would like to make a motion?

- Move to approve address specific.

- Is there a second?

- I'll second that.

- Okay, all in favor, aye?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Okay. Mr. Zayas, you've been approved to reside at 750 Bellevue Street. If you choose to move from that location you will need to come back before the board again.

- I thank you very much. I'm really thankful for it.

- All right. Thank you.

- Thank you, Mario.

- Thank you.

- Yap, you're welcome.

- Okay, next on the agenda is Anthony Reed requesting to move to 536 South Webster.

- Sorry, Michel. Before you continue, am I done?

- You're done. Thank you, Mario.

- Thank you, Mario.

- You all have a good day.

- You too.

- Thank you.

- Yeah, Anthony. So you are requesting to go to 536 South Webster?

- Yep.

- Correct?

- All right. And we saw you back in November and we approved you to stay at your address of 900 Eastman Ave for a period of 60 days. Oh, I'm sorry. And then you came back in January and we wanted to see documentation for your treatment. And let's see, did you provide us that?

- There is a letter-

- Anthony, did you provide us in your packet?

- Yes

- Heidi, there's a letter in the packet from Hanger Enterprises, from Pablo?

- Yeah, let me verify here. I see that. Oh, yes. Okay, all right. Well, first of all, Craig, would you like him discuss his treatment? I mean he has that case with us since here?

- No, I read the notes, they provided me those.

- Okay, all right. Anthony, if we wish to discuss your treatment would you like to remain in public session or private session?

- It doesn't matter.

- Okay, we'll just be in public session then if you're okay with that.

- Okay.

- All right. So it looks like you're attending treatment at Hanger Enterprise. And when did you start that?

- I started in, I believe, January I was enrolled and my first class I believe was mid-February.

- So how many sessions would you say you've attended?

- Six total.

- Okay and is it weekly?

- Yes.

- And for how long?

- Until he feels that you're rehabilitated and obligated to move on.

- Okay, I mean, how long are your classes each week?

- Oh, two hour sessions. 9:00 to 11:00, every Thursday.

- Okay, and do you do that through zoom or do you do that in person?

- Through zoom for now, until further notice.

- Okay. And have you participated in Sex Offender Treatment prior to this?

- No, I have not.

- Okay. All right. And the board can ask questions at any time. I just sometimes talk a lot. Okay.

- Yeah, it was January 27th, a holiday.

- All right. In the letter from Pablo, your counselor, he indicates that you generally have been consistent with your attendance. What does that exactly mean?

- I missed one attendance due to not having internet access. And then I tried to log in. I was just like 15 minutes late and he said it wasn't fair to everybody that was on time.

- Okay, all right. So could you tell us what you've learned so far in in your class?

- Yes, I did 21 questions right away to enroll. A lot of questions pertain to family or your past or your future. I learned a lot about, a lot of these guys are remorseful. So they asked a lot of questions and your input on everything. Every question that is asked, say a guy was asked five questions and he had to it three different ways. Then you have to have your input on every single question. So you have to be there present at the time. I've been taking notes. I got a half a book almost with notes that I've been taking. Couple five ways to distort my offense, like twist the story to people that lie. And so he gives us a question, and we write 'em all down to what way that we thought we did that. And then says, when I was investigated I told her I didn't do it. That was one way of twisting. And then there was another one when my lawyer asked me about, did I do this or didn't I? And then he said, no. So there's another way. So there was five ways of just that particular question. And I've been learning a lot, trying to communicate, open up, 'cause I was pretty scared going through prison with this offense and I was in denial for the longest time until, I really had to open up with my family and sit down and talk face to face with my mom and my father and my sister and my brothers and everybody. And I came to my senses, but for the longest time I was really scared going through prison with this event. So I really never opened up at that time. But yeah, but I've been learning quite a bit.

- Okay, so when you say that you were afraid to be in prison with that offense, had you been to prison before?

- Never.

- Okay, so this was your first time going there and you got a six year sentence, is that correct?

- Correct.

- And you couldn't do any treatment while you were in prison because of COVID, correct?

- Yep. Correct.

- Okay. All right. And you said that your BA mayor, for how long until he thinks you're-

- Yeah, until he thinks you're absolutely rehabilitated.

- Okay.

- I'm sorry, Heidi, I think-

- Does the board have any other questions regarding his treatment?

- Yes, I do. Mr. Reed, I read in the notes that I received from the city, that even while you were in prison, you were in denial that this crime had happened. And I just wanted to know what changed your mind to come out and admit that what you had done to get to prison.

- Right now, it's very hard on me, especially trying to find a place and things like that. And talking to my probation officer, to my family, to the teacher at the SOT class, he basically explained, there's deniers and there's people who face up. There's so many different attributes than ways I could have went about this. But I feel obligated, to me, to the victim, to my family, just to let it out and what happened happened. And I've been trying my hardest to face things. I just really don't wanna go through anything like this ever again. And I was just remorseful, I'm gut sick and for what I've done and what happened. And I'm just trying to be there for my family and my friends and people who love me. So I just would really needed to get it off my chest and basically just let it all out. That's all.

- Any other questions?

- Yes, I have a question. According to the notes, you had a drug offense also back in 2015, how were you doing with that?

- Correct. I've been clean for, 2015, so seven and a half years now.

- Awesome.

- I went through AODA drug and alcohol treatment before I was even locked up, for nine and and a half months at all night of behavioral health and completed all of their tasks and everything I needed to do. I was clean, sobriety through prison, and I still remain till this day, hundred percent.

- Good job.

- Thank you. And I did complete a sub one program in prison too. One on one with a social worker.

- Thank you.

- You're welcome.

- All right, any other question?

- Yes.

- Would anyone like to make a motion?

- Move to approve address specific.

- Is there a second?

- I'll second it.

- Okay, all in favor, aye?

- [All] Aye.

- Opposed? Okay. Mr. Reed, you've been approved to stay at 536 South Webster avenue. If you wish to move you will need to come back before the boarding yet.

- Okay.

- All right.

- Okay, thank you.

- Thank you.

- Appreciate it guys.

- All right. Is there any other business that we need to discuss?

- Thank you, everyone for your patience while we were figuring out the regular member and alternate situation.

- So who's the alternates and-

- So, Fay indicated that she wanted to be the alternate. Alex was just unavailable last minute due to family health concerns. But yeah, Fay is going to be the alternate going forward. They have to resign and reapply and get appointed at last night's meeting so that it could be specified who was the alternate in the appointment. So we've got that all cleared up should be smooth. Thank you for your patience as we work through it.

- And Fay did call me this afternoon so she might pop in on our meetings from time to time just so she keeps up to date on what's going on. So we may see her, but she may not be voting.

- Okay, All right, that sounds good. Any other business? All right. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 20th at four o'clock. If we could get a motion to adjourn?

- Move to adjourn.

- Second?

- I'll second it.

- It all in favor, aye?

- [All] Aye.

- All right, thank you.

- Thank you. Thank you everyone.

- Bye.

- All right. Goodnight.

- Goodnight.