

**MINUTES July 13, 2016
OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST
CONTRACTOR'S EXAMINING BOARD
KEY WEST FLORIDA**

DOMINGO CASTELLANOS, CHAIRMAN

CALL TO ORDER: 3:05 PM.

PRESENT:

Domingo Castellanos, Chairman
Rick Milleli
Merrill Sands
Raymond Vasquez

ABSENT:

Norman Wood
Frank Balbuena

STAFF:

Carolyn Walker, Secretary
Ron Ramsingh, City Attorney
JW Waite, Code Officer
James Young, Code Manager
Ron Wampler, CBO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All in favor

Witnesses sworn in.

ACTION ITEM

16CEB81 American Cooling Service LLC (hearing)

Code Officer Kenneth J.W. Waite
1211 Grinnell Street

CHARGE: Violation of Code of Ordinance Section 14-325. Installation of A/C system without permit or HARC approval.

On June 1, 2016 code received an anonymous complaint that A/C was installed in the setback at 1211 Grinnell without permit or HARC approval. On arrival Code officer J. W. Waite observed a van marked "American Cooling Service" parked in front. The officer spoke with the property owner Paul Savage whom advised he was replacing an existing A/C. Mr. Savage stated that the installation was complete. A stop-work-order was not issued. On June 2, 2016 inspector Waite observed two American Cooling work trucks at the same location. A stop-work-order was issued.

PERMIT APPLICATION: 16-2369 "Replace outdoor condensing unit with new unit to be anchored to existing concrete pad."

Applied for 6/13/16.

HARC approved 6/22/16

Approved 6/27/16

Paid for and picked up 7/1/16

As of 7/9/16 no inspections were scheduled.

LICENSING: American Cooling Service LLC, Daniel Ryan, qualifier, is a Certified Air Conditioning Contractor with active state and city license.

HISTORY: No previous violation.

Daniel Ryan spoke on behalf of American Cooling Service and did not contest the charges. Officer Waite stated that an inspection was scheduled on July 12th but failed. Brief discussion by board members. Mr. Ryan stated that unit is not in the setbacks.

Motion by Member Vasquez for written warning and \$100 admin fee.

Second by Member Milleli.

All in favor.

Motion passed.

16CEB82 Crystal Clear Pools of Big Pine Key Inc. (hearing)

Code Officer Kenneth J. W. Waite

1217 Royal Street

CHARGE: Violation of Code of Ordinance Section 14-37 Permit required; 18-117 (8) Aid or abet unlicensed person.

On June 15, 2016 code received a call from Building Inspector David Ray regarding unpermitted work at a swimming pool at 1217 Royal St. Inspector Ray had advised the workers on site to cease work and they refused. Code Officer Waite joined Inspector Ray at the site and met with Dimitrus Bisen whom stated he subcontracted the work from Charles Wicht of Crystal Clear Pools. The other men at the scene were day laborers. The workers departed the scene. Officer Waite placed a stop worker order at the property.

PERMIT APPLICATION: As of July 9, 2016 no permit application has been received by the Building Department.

LICENSING: Crystal Clear Pools of Big Pine Key Inc, Al Wicht qualifier, is a Registered Pool/Spa Contractor with active state and city license. Al Wicht's competency card is delinquent. Charles Wicht is president of the company.

HISTORY: No previous violations.

Carolyn added that as of July 12 the contractor had applied for a permit for pool refinishing at 1217 Royal St.

Al Wicht spoke on behalf of Crystal Clear Pools. Stated that his company had upgraded to a certified pool contractor, but not on record at City. Also stated that work began as a small repair but crew found problems, so decided to replaster and not obtaining a permit was an oversight. Also stated that he subcontracted the work to Turtle Pool Plastering, which holds a state license and will be in to apply to work in Key West.

JW Waite stated that Dimitrus Bisen on the job stated that he and other workers were day laborers working for Crystal Clear Pools. No one at site stated they worked for Turtle Pool Plastering. David Ray stated that when he was there they did not stop work upon his request so he called code officer to the site.

Al Wicht stated he did not know who Dimitrus Bisen was and that what he said was inarticulate. He defended the workers' decision to keep working because the project was almost complete and if they stopped the job would have been ruined.

Discussion and questions by board members. Chairman Castellanos asked Mr. Wicht if he had a copy of the contract or proposal for the job; Mr. Wicht said none existed. The value on the permit application was listed at \$1,550.

Motion by Member Milleli for written warning and \$100 admin fee.

Second by Member Vasquez.

All in favor.

Motion passed.

In Compliance: 16CEB80 Key West Boyz Company

3317 Harriet Avenue

Carolyn reported that the project was completed and in compliance: approved for final inspection 5/26/16 (David Ray).

DISCUSSION ITEM

Member Acevedo resigned and so there is a vacancy for a roofing contractor.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

CWalker

Carolyn Walker,

Secretary