

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Kathy De Cremer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Renee Keehan, Heidi Michel

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the May 11, 2016, 2016 Minutes of the Sex Offender Residency Board meeting

Motion made by K. De Cremer to approve the May 11, 2016 Minutes, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

- (a) Appeal of Richard Murray requesting to move to 1525 University Avenue, Apt. 5

Richard appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Richard of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Richard appeared before the board in March and was approved to live at 1735 Eastman Avenue until June 15, 2016. This was a temporary situation because he was living in his brother's basement. Richard provided a letter from the property manager, Kellie Woloszyk. Because the letter is on plain paper with no logo, D. Gerondale attempted to call Ms. Woloszyk to verify the information. He received a voice mail recording.

Richard stated things are going "pretty good." He sleeps during the day and works at night. He is employed full time at Bay Industries.

Sabrina Murray is present today to speak on Richard's behalf. She lives with him and has known him for over a decade. They are very close with his whole family. Richard helped Sabrina out years ago and she is now doing the same for him. He is a good friend and she is very proud of him.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Richard Murray, address specific, was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by B. Heiman, pending confirmation from the property manager that she wrote the letter and is aware he is a sex offender. All in favor. Motion carried.

Note: Law Department spoke to Ms. Woloszyk by telephone after the meeting and received confirmation that she is the property manager and approved Mr. Murray to live at this location.

(b) Appeal of Nicholas J. Meyer requesting to move to 2601 Appian Way

Nicholas appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Nicholas of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Nicholas appeared before the board in January and was approved at this location until today's date. He is here today to provide updated treatment documentation.

A motion is made by K. De Cremer and seconded by B. Heiman to move into closed session to discuss Nicholas' treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by K. De Cremer and seconded by B. Heiman to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Gerondale stated he, personally, is not convinced Nicholas is on the right path due to his recent parole violations. However, because of his parole officer's commitment to him (she is present at the meeting), D. Gerondale made a motion to approve the appeal of Nicholas Meyer, address specific, for a period of 30 days (until July 13, 2016). At that time, he is to provide detailed information regarding his treatment programs. Motion is seconded by K. De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

(c) Appeal of Steven Gittens requesting to move to 3569 Satellite Lane

Steven appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Steven of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

D. Gerondale checked Family Watch Dog and stated there are no schools nearby and there are no other sex offenders within a half mile to one mile radius of this location.

Steven is not employed. He is legally disabled.

Steven completed SOT and also provided a letter from his therapist. Steven gave approval to discuss his treatment in open session.

D. Gerondale stated the letter from his therapist states Steven completed a seven month intensive program in late 2015. She feels he did well in the program and

understands what he did wrong. She states, "Steven is invested in promoting community safety and being a responsible member of society."

Steven provided four letters of support from family and friends.

Note: At this point on the recording, the recorder stopped working. Minutes from this point on are from memory from attendance at the meeting.

D. Gerondale asked if anyone was present to speak for or against Mr. Gittens living at this location. A resident of this neighborhood came forward stating he was against it and provided a petition signed by approximately 25 families in the area. He stated there are at least 15 children on this street. He feels the neighborhood wasn't given adequate notification that Mr. Gittens was requesting residency here. He stated Mr. Gittens has been staying at this residence on and off for months and has been issued several citations by the police department. D. Gerondale explained the city's notification policy. This resident feels it is insufficient.

D. Gerondale asked the board for comments. K. De Cremer asked Mr. Gittens why his girlfriend purchased the home prior to having Mr. Gittens come before the board for approval at this location. Mr. Gittens this address is right on the border of an exempt area.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Steven Gittens, address specific, for a period of 30 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by B. Heiman. Two in favor, one opposed (K. De Cremer). Motion carried.

D. Gerondale encouraged Mr. Gittens to get to know his neighbors before he comes back in 30 days.

- (d) Appeal of Philip Nemick requesting to move to 905 Stuart Street, Upper Apartment, Unit C

Philip appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Philip of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Philip appeared before the board in 2012 and was approved to live on Van Buren Street. He would like to move because he and his family need a bigger house. He is now married and has an infant daughter. He was also awarded sole custody of his 14 year old daughter who will attend East High School in the fall.

Philip said things are going very well. He is no longer on paper. He finished school and obtained his welding degree.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Philip Nemick, address specific, was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by B. Heiman. The approval is not apartment specific because Philip may move into a different unit. All in favor. Motion carried.

(e) Appeal of Daniel Keith requesting to move to 1127 Cherry Street

Daniel appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Daniel of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Daniel was convicted of first degree sexual assault of an 11 year old in 2002 in the state of Texas. He served 11 years in prison. He knew the victim. They did not have sexual intercourse.

Daniel is currently homeless. He would like to live at this location with his fiancé who owns the home.

Kathryn Knutson, 1127 Cherry Street, is present at the meeting. She stated she has never met a more wonderful man than Daniel.

D. Gerondale's concern is that Daniel has not had any sex offender treatment. Daniel explained that because he served the full sentence, he was not put on probation. When he tried to get into a treatment program, they turn him down because he is off paper.

D. Gerondale would like Daniel to get into some types of programs.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Daniel Keith, address specific, for a period of 60 days, was made by D. Gerondale, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

(f) Appeal of Thomas Swett requesting to move to 1825 Frank Street

Thomas appeared in person. D. Gerondale advised Thomas of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

In 2001, Thomas was convicted of indecency with a child by contact in the state of Texas. The victim was 14. He served 5 years in prison.

Thomas completed sex offender treatment in August 2015. The victim was a friend of his cousin. He did not know she was underage.

Thomas is employed at Home Town Installation.

Thomas' parents and brother are present at the meeting and spoke on Thomas' behalf.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Thomas Swett, address specific, was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of July 13, 2016 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. De Cremer, seconded by B. Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.