



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

Staff Contact: Lee Plemel, Community Development Director

Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Presentation and discussion regarding Motel Task Force code enforcement activities. (Lee Plemel, lplemel@carson.org)

Staff Summary: The Motel Task Force consists of several city departments, including the Fire, Health, Building, Code Enforcement and Sheriff Departments, with responsibilities in responding to complaints and conducting inspections related to motels. The task force has conducted several comprehensive inspections of motels since its creation in 2016. This item is to provide an update on motel inspection activities.

Agenda Action: Other / Presentation

Time Requested: 15 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Safety

Previous Action

An update on motel inspections was provided to the Board of Supervisors on July 20, 2017.

Background/Issues & Analysis

The Motel Task Force has initiated comprehensive inspections of seven motels since the city implemented the inspection program in 2016. Motels have been selected for inspections based on consultations with the various departments and the Sheriff's office regarding the frequency and number of complaints or Sheriffs calls that come from the motels.

The attached report from the Code Enforcement Division contains an update on five motel inspections that are ongoing. These motels include Whistle Stop Inn, Back on Track Inn, Silver Queen Inn, Silver State Inn, and Round House Inn. The motels that have been previously inspected with the cases closed are the Philips Motel and Frontier Motel.

Staff from the various departments will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions regarding particular inspection issues. For more information regarding this item, contact Lee Plemel at 283-7075 or lplemel@carson.org.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC Chapter 1.08 (Code violations)

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted?

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments:

[Motel Task Force Memo BOS.pdf](#)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lee Plemel, Community Development Director

FROM: William Kohbarger, Code Enforcement

DATE: February 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Motel Task Force Update

I. Open Cases

The Motel Task Force has four cases open. Those four are as follows in the order they were first inspected:

1. Whistle Stop Inn

1421 N Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

November 2016 (Initial Inspection)
August 15, 2017 1st Criminal Citation issued
March 2018 (1st Re-inspection)
May 2018 (30-day Re-inspection)
May 2018 (60-day Re-inspection)
June 07, 2018 2nd Criminal Citation issued

Current Status: Code Enforcement (CE) is currently awaiting communications from Ms. Brinson's attorney as to the status of this property and will continue to pursue compliance pending the outcome of court hearings regarding the matter.

2. Silver Queen Inn

201 W Caroline Street
Carson City, NV 89701

November 2017 (Initial Inspection)

Current Status: Since the initial inspection the Silver Queen Inn has had three additional complaints filed against the property through CE. The Motel Task Force has placed this property back on the agenda for discussion and possible reinspection.

3. Silver State Inn

1464 Rand Ave
Carson City, NV 89706

April 11, 2018 (Initial Inspection)
July 20, 2018 (visit)

August 10, 2018 (visit w/photos)

November 06, 2018 (visit w/photos)

November 07, 2018 – Investigation turned over to the Carson City Building Dept. per Mr. Plemel, to work with the contractor to establish a timeline for completion of improvements.

Current Status: The Building Division has been in communication with the contractor to obtain appropriate permits and complete required work.

4. Round House Inn

1400 N Carson Street

Carson City, NV 89701

August 08, 2018 (Initial Inspection)

January 18, 2019 (Re-inspection)

Current Status: The Round House Inn is in the process of making repairs and has been given until June 30, 2019 to complete all repairs pursuant to the re-inspection.

Due to the fact that these cases are active, further details cannot be provided until they come to a final conclusion since they may result in court action.

II. Closed Cases

The Motel Task Force recently closed a case involving the Back On Track Inn. A summary of the enforcement case is provided.

1. Back On Track Inn

801 N Carson Street

Carson City, NV 89701

May 2017 (Initial Inspection)

August 15, 2017 1st Criminal Citation issued.

March 2018 (1st Re-inspection)

May 2018 (30-day Re-inspection)

May 2018 (60-day Re-inspection)

June 07, 2018 2nd Criminal Citation issued

September 22, 2018 – Criminal Case Dismissed

Current Status: On January 25, 2019, the Back On Track Inn was sold, therefore this case is now closed. The new owner has agreed to a re-inspection of the property after 60-days of ownership, within which time he expects to make progress on the required code violation corrections for the property. A new Code Enforcement case will be opened after that inspection, if necessary, with appropriate time given to complete the remaining required corrections.

The Task Force first inspected the Back On Track (BOTI) in May 2017. A total of 170 violations were noted including 111 from Carson City Building Department (CCBD), 37 from Health and Human Services (HHS), and 22 from Fire Department (FD). The

violations ranged from simple fixes to major structural repairs. After Code Enforcement exhausted all avenues of trying to obtain compliance, the BOTI owner (Ms. Betty Brinson) was criminally cited for allowing a chronic nuisance. The property was re-inspected in March 2018 and 95 violations were noted including 77 CCBD, 5 HHS, and 15 FD. Another re-inspection occurred in May 2018 and a new misdemeanor citation was issued for non-compliance. During the pendency of the criminal case, the competency of Ms. Brinson was challenged and the case was dismissed as a result. The property was sold on January 25, 2019.

Since the BOTI was sold and there is a new owner, inspections will continue and new violations will be cited as necessary.