

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2006 9:37 AM
To: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: opinion from ethic board

Sensitivity: Confidential

Ms. Castillo,

Based upon the information Mr. Holness has provided, there is no conflict of interest that would bar him from subdividing the properties and seeking the necessary permits and approvals from various County departments. Unless such properties are strictly private investments, he is engaged in outside employment, which needs to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Department.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 5:03 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Marko, Benigna (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: opinion from ethic board
Sensitivity: Confidential

Good Afternoon,

Please see response from Mr. Holness below. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank You,

Hilda Castillo, PHR, Sr. Human Resources Manager
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From: Holness, Damon (DP&Z)
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:44 PM
To: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: Information Request
Sensitivity: Confidential

The properties were not held through a corporation or other business arrangements. Both properties were financed through a bank with a mortgage in my name.

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 10:02 AM
To: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Subject: RE: opinion from ethic board
Sensitivity: Confidential

Ms. Castillo,

I apologize for not responding sooner. As I understand it, Mr. Holness owns one property in Florida City and another property in Miami-Dade County and he wishes to subdivide both properties. There is an application process, which involves seeking initial approval through the Public Works Department and plat review by sixteen other departments, including the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Before I can answer the question, I need to know whether Mr. Holness holds these properties through a corporation or some other business arrangement. The applicable standard is that County employees are not permitted to appear in front of County boards or meet with County employees on behalf of third parties unless the matters under consideration are routine in nature. If Mr. Holness is representing himself and he owns the properties, as opposed to a corporate entity owning the properties, the rules are somewhat different.

Once he supplies me with this information, I should be able to get to you a response within 24 hours.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 11:43 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Marko, Benigna (DP&Z)
Subject: FW: opinion from ethic board
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Good Morning,

I have not received a response regarding the below request-- Could you tell me if an opinion has been issued to the employee?

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From: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 10:38 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Marko, Benigna (DP&Z)
Subject: FW: opinion from ethic board
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Good Morning,

Please see below request for opinion from Mr. Damon Holness. Mr. Holness supervises the Information Center within the Zoning Division of our Department.

Thank you for your assistance and please advise if further information is required.

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From: Holness, Damon (DP&Z)
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 2:13 PM
To: Castillo, Hilda (DP&Z)
Subject: opinion from ethic board

Dear Ms. Castillo,

I am hereby requesting an opinion from the Ethic Board regarding one property that I own in Florida City and another in Miami-Dade County. Both properties are already zoned residential and will not be needing any approvals through a zoning public hearing for a zone change or variances.

Since the properties does not require any approvals through the Department of Planning and Zoning for variances, I intend to submit an application for a Tentative Plat approval with the Public Works Department to subdivide both properties into different buildable lots, the plat will be reviewed by sixteen (16) different departments that will check the plat to make sure that it complies with the minimum standards of their specific codes. In this process, the Planning and Zoning Department is one of the sixteen (16) departments that will check the plat to verify compliance with the zoning code.

If I should submit this application with the Public Works Dept., will this be a conflict of interest even though I have nothing to do with platting in the department, and knowing that the zoning department is only one of the sixteen departments that will review the plat for accuracy with the code.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Damon Holness

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