



ORDER OF DETERMINATION

June 12, 2013

DATE THE DECISION ISSUED

May 1, 2013

CHARLES PITTS V. LOCAL HOMELESS CORR DINATING BOARD (CASE NO. 13022)

FACTS OF THE CASE

Complainant Charles Pitts ("Complainant") alleges that during a public meeting on January 7, 2013, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board ("LHCB") walked out of the meeting before general public comment occurred.

COMPLAINT FILED

On February 4, 2013, Complainant filed a Public Meeting Complaint against LHCB for its alleged violation of Section 67.15(a) of the Ordinance.

HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT

On May 1, 2013, Complainant, Charles Pitts appeared before the Task Force and presented his claim. Respondent, Diana Christensen, Director of Investigations, Human Services Agency presented the Human Services Agency's defense.

The issue in the case is whether the Agency violated Section 67.15 of the Ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the testimony and evidence presented the Task Force finds the testimony of Complainant, Charles Pitts to be persuasive and finds that Sections 67.15(a) and 67.21(e) of the Sunshine Ordinance to be applicable in this case. The Task Force does not find the testimony provided by Respondent, Diana Christensen persuasive to this case.

DECISION AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION

The Task Force finds that the Human Services Agency violated Section(s) 67.15(a) of the Sunshine Ordinance for failing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board and 67.21(e) for the Respondent's failure to send a knowledgeable representative to the hearing proceedings. The agency shall appear before the Education, Outreach and Training Committee on July 11, 2013.

This Order of Determination was adopted by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force on May 1, 2013, by the following vote: (Knee / Sims)
Ayes: Knee, Pilpel, Sims, David, Hyland, Oka, Fischer, Grant
Absent: Washburn



Kitt Grant, Chair
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

c: Jerry Threet, Deputy City Attorney
Charles Pitts, Complaint
Diana Christensen, Respondent