

BOARD OF BUILDING CODE STANDARDS AND APPEALS MINUTES

January 8, 2018

Members: Francisco Banuelos, Randy Coonrod, Brad Doeden, Randy Harder, Eric Purkey, Russ Redford, Ray Stubblefield, Gregg Wilhite, Warren Willenberg

Present: Banuelos, Coonrod, Doeden, Harder, Purkey, Redford, Stubblefield, Wilhite, Willenberg

Staff Members Present: Chris Labrum, Kortney Capello, Bret Johnston, Elaine Hammons (MABCD); Jeff Van Zandt, (City of Wichita Law Dept.); Russell Leeds, Assistant County Manager and Department Director of Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Emergency Management.

The regular meeting of the Board of Building Code Standards and Appeals was called to order by Chairman Harder on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 1:01 p.m., at the Ronald Reagan Building, Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department, 271 W. 3rd, 3rd Floor, Room 318 – Training Room, Wichita, Kansas.

Approval of the November 6, 2017, Minutes (December 4, 2017, meeting was cancelled).

A motion was made by Board Member Willenberg to approve the November 6, 2017, minutes. Vice Chairman Wilhite seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 – 0)

Chairman Harder requested that the Board and staff to introduce themselves to the public in attendance.

Public Agenda

There was no one present to speak on the Public Agenda.

New Business

Condemnations:

There were no New or Review cases for January.

Request by Dale Widiger dba Widiger Carpentry to renew his Class C Residential Contractor's License without retesting.

Mr. Widiger's Class C Residential Contractor's License expired December 31, 2016. Mr. Widiger passed the test for the Class C license in 1993, but the type of test (Block or the old City of Wichita test) is unknown.

Board Member Willenberg made a motion to deny Mr. Widiger's request to renew without testing unless the applicant can provide proof of passing the Block exam, standard for testing at that time, with the required passing score, or provide proof of passing the ICC exam, the current standard, with the required passing score. Board Member Coonrod seconded the motion. The motion carried. (9 – 0)

Briefing of legal judgement against Joshua White dba Old Town Roofing & Remodeling, LLC.

MABCD Director, Chris Labrum, shared information received from the Sedgwick County Legal Department regarding Joshua White dba Old Town Roofing & Remodeling, LLC. Mr. White was permanently banned from operating as a roofing contractor in Kansas because he did not respond to the Attorney General's lawsuit filed against him for operating as a roofing contractor without properly registering as required by the Kansas Roofing Registration Act.

WABA Code Committee request to amend Unified Building and Trade Code (UBTC), 2012 IRC, Sec 2.4.310 Guard Rail Opening Limitations.

At a meeting of the WABA Code Committee, MABCD staff was asked to investigate the possibility of lifting the restrictions imposed by the adopted amendment, which prohibited a ladder-like effect in hand railings.

Researching the number of accidents, injuries, and deaths reported that were directly related to ladder-like hand rail installations, staff was unable to gather enough statistical information to indicate that there was a need for such a restrictive amendment. MABCD staff expressed that they were in favor of removing the amendment.

After hearing the the report from MABCD staff, Vice Chairman Wilhite made a motion to recommend removal of the restriction prohibiting a ladder-like effect in hand railings. Board Member Coonrod seconded the motion. The motion carried. (9 – 0)

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Board Member Coonrod made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Willenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried. (9 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.