

MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 EAST OLIVE STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Brown, John Meek, Michael Raikes, John Weber, Barbara Page, Larry Stevig, Edwin Neaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Dodson, Douglas Dodson

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Coombs - Acting Secretary, Commercial Inspector

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Meek called the meeting of the Building Board of Appeals to order 3:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: On page three, the last sentence of the fifth paragraph from the top 'Mr. Stevig suggested the local sprinkler language remain the same.' is to be removed. Mr. Stevig moved to approve the December 3, 2013 minutes as amended. Mr. Neaves seconded the motion which passed 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Staff and Board Reports and Concerns: Chairman Meek introduced the topic. Mr. Neaves stated meetings with home builders over the past months regarding the approved changes. He requested a checklist for the home builders and contractor's compliance. The checklist would help clarify the new changes. Mr. Coombs stated he would work on a checklist.

Mr. Coombs stated within the last few weeks, the state of Illinois has adopted the 2014 Plumbing Code. Mr. Coombs stated Mr. Hinderlitter will compile the information for this boards review. This board will ultimately need to come together to vote for a council consideration. Mr. Coombs stated the city code chapter 34 will be the location of the updated 2014 plumbing code.

Mr. Neaves requested a check list for all of the adopted changes with the intention of opening clear communications between the builders and inspectors. This could save a second inspection visit for all involved parties.

Open Meetings Act: Chairman Meek introduced the topic and encouraged all members to complete the online process before the next meeting. The clerk's office has a list of those who have completed the Open Meetings Act training.

Regular meeting time of 1.30 p.m. and dates: Chairman Meek introduced the agenda item and entertained discussion. There were neither objections nor discussion on the next regular meeting date set for Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Chairman Meek introduced the tentative dates for the 2015 regular meetings as Tuesday, June 2 and Tuesday, December 1.

Protocol for needed meetings beyond the biannual meetings: Chairman Meek introduced the agenda item and invited discussion. He stated the PACE staff has the ability to call a meeting as needed. A discussion ensued regarding the needs for such public meetings. Mr. Coombs, again, stated there will be a meeting called within the next few months for the adoption of the plumb codes as previously mentioned.

Future Correspondence Protocol (Hard Copy and/or Electronic Copy): Chairman Meek stated if the board members are comfortable with receiving packets by way of email, then the city expensive for postage would be lower. If anyone needs a paper copy, then they can request it from the PACE staff.

Educational Discussion: Chairman Meek introduced the topic and welcomed discussion on areas of interest for the home builders. A homeowner storm shelter, safe room was discussed at the previous meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Neaves complimented the city staff for reaching out to the relators and home builder's organizations to initiate discussions with some resolve so as to prevent issues arising for this board. This is a major compliment to the city and the leadership of both the organizations. Mr. Coombs stated the Interim Director, Frank Koehler, has been responsible for much of the initiative.

Chairman Meek invited any other business to come before the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Raikes moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Weber seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Coombs

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