

BOARD OF BUILDING CODE STANDARDS AND APPEALS MINUTES

July 10, 2017

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

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

Staff Members Present: Chris Labrum, Kortney Capello, Bret Johnston, Elaine Hammons (MABCD)

The regular meeting of the Board of Building Code Standards and Appeals was called to order by Chairman Harder on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 1:02 p.m., at the Ronald Reagan Building, Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department, 271 W. 3rd, 3rd Floor, Room #318, Wichita, Kansas.

Introduction of MABCD Director.

Chris Labrum, Director of MABCD, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Labrum came to MABCD in early June after a lengthy and distinguished career in the United States military. The Board welcomed Mr. Labrum and expressed that it looked forward to working with him.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Board Member Coonrod nominated Chairman Harder to continue in the position of Board Chairman. Board Member Wilhite seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for the Chairman position. The nomination of Chairman Harder was approved. Chairman Harder was re-elected as Board Chairman. (7 – 0) (Chairman Harder abstained from voting. Board Member Crofts was not present for the vote.)

Board Member Coonrod nominated Vice Chairman Wilhite to continue in the position of Board Vice Chairman. Board Member Doeden seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for the Vice Chairman position. The nomination of Vice Chairman Wilhite was approved. Vice Chairman Wilhite was re-elected as Board Vice Chairman. (7-0) (Vice Chairman Wilhite abstained from voting. Board Member Crofts was not present for the vote.)

Approval of the May 1, 2017, Minutes (June 5, 2017, meeting was cancelled).

A motion was made by Board Member Banuelos to approve the May 1, 2017, minutes. Vice Chairman Wilhite seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (8 – 0) (Board Member Crofts was not present for the vote.)

Public Agenda

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

New Business

Condemnations:

There were no new or review cases for July.

Discussion of permit fee decrease for agricultural use buildings.

After reviewing the permit fees currently being charged for non-residential/non-commercial accessory buildings on residential property, MABCD staff concluded that the fees should be reduced to .25¢ per finished square foot, and .20¢ per unfinished square foot, within the City of Wichita and Unincorporated Sedgwick County. This reduction is to make the fees more in line with costs associated with inspections of these building types.

Vice Chairman Wilhite made a motion that the Board give its recommendation to and support for moving forward with the fee decrease for permits for non-residential/non-commercial accessory buildings on residential property. Board Member Coonrod seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (9 – 0)

Update on code reviews for 2015 IRC and 2015 IBC vs. 2018 editions.

Kortney Capello, Assistant Director of MABCD, advised the Board that MABCD staff had followed the Board's recommendation to bypass the proposed adoption of the 2015 IBC and 2015 IRC and will begin reviewing the 2018 (IBC and IRC) codes. The Wichita Fire Department is also in agreement with moving on to the review of the 2018 codes.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.