

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

**MINUTES**

On May 13, 2021, the Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting in the City Council Chambers on the Third Floor of City Hall.

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Jim Banes, Baneco Electric	Yes	5	5
Richard Constancio, Architect	No	5	2
Tom Roller, Coldwell Banker	Yes	5	5
Joel Favela, HVAC Contractor	Yes	5	3
Frank Willburn, Plumbing Contractor	Yes	40	35
George Cumming, Missouri Valley	Yes	5	4
Jeff Bryant, Builder	Yes	17	14
Ryan Huseman	Yes	4	4

Also, in attendance were:

Johnny Scholl	Deputy Building Official, City of Amarillo
Courtney White	Attorney I, City of Amarillo
Van Dryden	Chief Electrical Inspector, City of Amarillo
Howard Hall	Chief Building Inspector, City of Amarillo
Kenneth Wagner	Chief Plumbing Inspector, City of Amarillo
Jacob Diaz	Fire Marshal, City of Amarillo
Chad Parsons	Assistant Fire Marshal, City of Amarillo
Stephanie Garcia	Administrative Specialist I, City of Amarillo
Shayla Junell	Administrative Specialist I, City of Amarillo

This meeting of the Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission was called to order by Mr. Frank Willburn, established a quorum at 4:00 p.m.

**ITEM 1: Public Forum**

The Chairman, Mr. Frank Willburn opened the floor for any public comments to speak to any item on the agenda that doesn't have a public hearing. There were no public comments.

**ITEM 2: Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings held on December 17, 2020. Motion was made by Mr. Cumming, seconded by Mr. Bryant and the motion passed with a 7:0 vote.

**ITEM 3: Staff Updates**

Discuss public engagement strategies for continuation of International Code Update Project.

Mr. Frank Willburn starts the discussion on the continuation of the international code update project. He asks Johnny Scholl, Deputy Building Official, to begin the discussion. Mr. Scholl states that this meeting is to discuss the continuation of the project. He asks the board if they would like to continue with the 2018 International Codes or if to move onto the 2021 International Codes. Mr. Willburn asks Mr. Scholl what his staffs' opinion is and how they would like to proceed. Mr. Scholl states they would like to continue with the

2021 International Codes. Mr. Willburn states that it would be a lot less confusing for everyone and ask for any opinions or comments from the commissioners. Mr. Richard Constancio states that designers are under the impression the 2018 International Codes will be adopted and asks how would the designers proceed if they are using the 2018 International Codes. Mr. Willburn states that it will take time to go through the 2021 codes so the designers will have time. Mr. Constancio asks if we will keep the 2015 codes with the 2018 amendments. Mr. Willburn clarifies that the 2015 codes will stay, and the 2018 amendments will be a part of the 2021 codes. He states that there won't be as much to do and confirms with Mr. Scholl. Mr. Willburn ask if the goal to finish the project would be by the end of the year. Mr. Cumming ask if the staff has had time to review the 2021 code version to see how it is different from 2015 and 2018 code versions. Mr. Scholl states the staff has not had time to review and will not review until the commission decides the direction they would like to go. Mr. Cumming asks about how long it would take for books to come in and if they will receive the books with the significant changes. Mr. Scholl states the city would provide the books and the significant changes books. He also states that there is not a major changes book from the 2015 to 2021 so they would have to order the book with major changes from 2018 to 2021. They would use both books to review the changes. Mr. Jeff Bryant wants to make sure they will receive the 2021 code books as well. Mr. Scholl confirms. Mr. Bryant wants to reiterate what Mr. Constancio stated it would cause problems with home builders. Mr. Constancio believes the change will bring criticism. Mr. Willburn states that the commission does not have to go with the 2021 codes. Mr. Willburn and Mr. Cumming agree that the problem with the 2018 codes is that the process will have to start soon. Mr. Constancio states his understanding was the code change to 2018 had to do with the insurance and ISO reasons. Mr. Scholl states that by adopting the 2021 codes the city can obtain a higher ISO rating. He states the more codes cycles the city is behind the lower the score. Mr. Constancio asked when the rating is to come out. Mr. Scholl states that he does not know when they show up. Mr. Ryan Huseman believes moving to the 2018 will be quicker and keep the same amendments. Mr. Scholl state that they will both take the same amount of time to go through and they still need to go through the book. Mr. Huseman state he does not know what is in the 2021 code book but has an understanding for the 2018 codes. He believes he would need time to review the 2021 codes and believes everyone else would too. Mr. Scholl suggests that he would order the significant changes from 2018 to 2021 for all the commissioners, hand them out, and set up another meeting with builders and have everyone present to make a decision. Mr. Cumming asks if it would at least be a month out. Mr. Scholl agrees and will to setup a meeting a month out. Mr. Willburn asks if he can have books in about a week. Mr. Scholl agrees. Mr. Constancio states that if the decision is to go to the 2018 codes that it will take about 3 months because they still must go through the book. This is the same amount of time it will take to review the 2021 codes. Mr. Willburn asks what will have to be done if they decide to go with 2018. Mr. Scholl states they need to review the significant changes as well as all that has been done with the amendments. Mr. Willburn believes they need to review the 2021 and believes codes could have corrected from the 2018. Mr. Willburn asks Mr. Jacob Diaz, the Fire Marshal, if he has reviewed the 2018 yet. Mr. Diaz states he has not reviewed the codes but thinks that if the commission continues with the 2018 codes, the commission will have to repeat the process of adopting the new codes sooner that if the commission proceeds with the 2021 codes. The commissioners agree they need six weeks to review the 2021 book. Mr. Scholl states he can have anything inspected with the 2018 codes until the 2021 codes are adopted. The commissioners agree that is a good idea. Mr. Willburn agrees on having a meeting a month after they receive the books. They all agree on a Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Constancio ask how long the meetings will last. Mr. Scholl states that is up to the commissioners. Mr. Scholl said another option is to have someone present the changes to the commissioners. The commissioners agreed they do not like that idea. Mr. Huseman would like more participation and feedback from the builders. Mr. Willburn states in his experience it is always the same. Mr. Scholl states he will send out information and see how many will show up. Mr. Willburn ask the commissioners if they have any more questions. He then asks Mr. Scholl and his staff if they have anything else they'd like to state. There was none.


**ITEM 4: Adjourn**

The Chairman, Mr. Frank Willburn concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4.26 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.

*Frank Willburn*

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Frank Willburn, Chairman

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Johnny Scholl, Deputy Building Official

