

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On January 27, 2022 the Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission met at 1:15 p.m. for a regular meeting in room 306 on the third floor of City Hall.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Jim Banes, Baneco Electric	Yes	16	15
Richard Constancio, Architect	Yes	16	6
Tom Roller, Coldwell Banker	Yes	16	16
Frank Willburn, Plumbing Contractor	Yes	51	46
George Cumming, Missouri Valley	Yes	16	15
Jeff Bryant, Builder	Yes	28	20
Ryan Huseman	Yes	15	9
Russ Glaze	No	11	3
Gary Ward	Yes	1	1

Also, in attendance were:

Kenneth Wagner	Chief Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector, City of Amarillo
Howard Hall	Chief Building Inspector, City of Amarillo
Leslie Schmidt	Senior Assistant Attorney , City of Amarillo
Bryce Hanson	Plans Examiner, City of Amarillo
Stephanie Garcia	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 1:18 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. No one spoke.

ITEM 2: Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings held on December 2, 2021. Motion was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Constancio and the motion passed with a 6:0 vote.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

1. Review the Analysis of Changes, NEC 2020, which the Commission has not yet reviewed.

Mr. Willburn started by asking for any suggestion on how to review the Analysis of Changes, NEC 2020. Mr. Dryden suggested to go past the articles and begin on page 15. He also suggested to read the change at a glance, 2017 requirement, and 2020 requirement. He also explained what the code language was and analysis of change. The commissioners agreed with his suggestion. Mr. Dryden explained the history and how National Electrical Code works. He also explained that the state regulates code by what is currently adopted not by what the municipality currently has adopted. Mr. Ward asked Mr. Dryden if there was anything that should be looked at. Mr. Dryden said on the residential side, NEC 210.8(F) was removed from the code book and explained what the code did and why it was removed. Mr. Willburn

asked how much of the code the commissioners are able to change. Mr. Dryden explained ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) and the requirements. The next code Mr. Dryden explained was 230.62(C) on page 121. Mr. Dryden move on code, 230.71, on page 126. He explained the impact of the change. The commissioners discussed the change. Mr. Banes said the next change that should be discussed is 230.85 on page 129. Mr. Dryden explained the code. The commissioners discussed the code with Mr. Dryden. Next, Mr. Dryden explained code 230.71 on page 126 which pertain to both residential and commercial structures. Mr. Dryden next spoke about and explained code 240.87 on page 134. The commissioners discussed the section. Mr. Dryden spoke about and explained code 250.122(B), Exception. Mr. Dryden asked if the commissioners had any questions and if the commissioners wanted to go through each code book. The commissioners agreed they did not. Mr. Cumming state that it was very helpful the way Mr. Dryden spoke about major changes and took time to explain each. He asked Mr. Dryden if there was anything he wanted to add to make more restrictions or anything else he needs help with. Mr. Dryden said making the code more restrictive he did not have anything. But he did ask for there to be more regulations on the electricians and what they can work on. Mr. Dryden explain what the issue currently is and the need for more regulations. All the commissioners agreed it was a good idea.

Mr. Willburn asked Mr. Dryden to come up with something in the next meeting and they could all discuss that further in that time. Mr. Huseman asked for more information on the different levels of electricians and the requirements. Mr. Constancio asked Mr. Dryden an electrical question regarding the rewiring of a portable building. Mr. Constancio wanted to know why if the building was only relocated did the portable need to be rewired. Mr. Dryden explained what needed to be done and why it was a requirement.

2. Discuss and consider an amendment regarding drinking fountains, service sinks, and eyewash stations

The commissioners decide to start by discussing and considering an amendment regarding drinking fountains, service sinks, and eyewash stations. Howard Hall, the Chief Building Inspector, began the discussion by explaining that they would like the commission to increase the occupancy load that requires a drinking fountain. Mr. Huseman joined the meeting. Mr. Hanson continues to explain the changes that would be made and what it would affect. He also explained that they would like to allow the business to instead handout bottled water. Mr. Roller asked what Building Safety suggested it should be increased to. Mr. Hall answered that Building Safety would suggest it be raised to 30. Mr. Roller said he agrees. Mr. Hanson said it would not be used for all occupancy types such as a doctor's office. Mr. Cumming said he knew of an establishment already handing water bottles and asked if any health code would be violated. Mr. Hanson stated we was unaware and would have to contact Environmental Health. It was agreed that more information would be obtained. The commissioners continued to discuss allowing to handout water bottles instead of drinking fountains. Mr. Ward joined the meeting. Mr. Hanson said the next to discuss where service sinks and eyewash stations. Mr. Hanson read the code for eyewash station from the 2015 International Plumbing Code. Mr. Willburn asked what was in the 2021 International Plumbing Code. The discussion continued over the eyewash stations and Mr. Willburn asked that more information be researched into the eyewash stations. Mr. Hall and Mr. Hanson agreed to find more information.

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

The commissioners discussed the next meeting date. The commissioners agreed to set the date of Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 1:15 p.m.

ITEM 4: Adjourn

The Chairman, Mr. Frank Willburn concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:48p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.

Frank Willburn
Frank Willburn, Chairman

ATTEST:

Johnny Scholl
Johnny Scholl, Building Official