

MINUTES

On February 17, 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	17	16
Richard Constancio, Architect	No	17	6
Tom Roller, Coldwell Banker	Yes	17	17
Frank Willburn, Plumbing Contractor	Yes	52	47
George Cumming, Missouri Valley	Yes	17	16
Jeff Bryant, Builder	Yes	29	21
Ryan Huseman	Yes	16	10
Russ Glaze	Yes	12	4
Gary Ward	Yes	2	2

Also, in attendance were:

Johnny Scholl	Building Official, City of Amarillo
Van Dryden	Chief Electrical Inspector, City of Amarillo
Leslie Schmidt	Senior Assistant Attorney, City of Amarillo
Bryce Hanson	Plans Examiner, City of Amarillo
Jacob Diaz	Fire Marshal, 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 1:19 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: Election of Officers:

Election of Officers. Mr. Roller made a motion to nominate Mr. Willburn as chairman and Mr. Bryant as Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ward and the motion passed with a 6:0 vote. Mr. Glaze joined the meeting.

ITEM 3: Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings held on January 27, 2022. Motion was made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Huseman and the motion passed with a 7:0 vote. Mr. Huseman joined the meeting.

ITEM 4: Staff Updates

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

Mr. Hanson gave the commissioners a handout providing the commissioners with information over OSHA regulations regarding the eyewash stations. He then explained what he researched. The commissioners and Mr. Hanson discussed the research. The commissioners decided to let OSHA be concerned over the eyewash stations. Mr. Willburn moved on to the drinking fountains. Mr. Scholl explains the reasoning for an amendment regarding drinking fountains. Mr. Scholl and the commissioners discussed what was said in the last meeting. They also discussed the need for water fountains. Mr. Scholl suggested to increase the occupancy requirement to be increased to 30 people with the exemption of assemblies. The commissioners continued to discuss the need for exemption. Mr. Cumming made a motion to increase the occupancy requirement to 30 people across the board, seconded by Mr. Bryant and the motion passed with an 8:0 vote. Mr. Scholl spoke about service sinks. The commissioners discussed not requiring storage buildings not requiring a service sink. Mr. Hanson discussed what currently requires a service sink. Mr. Scholl explains the current code and the need for an exemption. The commissioners continued to discuss the code for service sinks. Mr. Huseman made a motion to remove service sinks for storage occupancy and any other that has an occupancy less than 30 people, seconded by Mr. Roller and the motion passed with an 8:0 vote. It was again agreed by the commissioners that the eyewash stations would remain the same.

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

The commissioners skipped the review of the Analysis of Changes, NEC 2020 and discussed Exhibit J Recommended Amendment to the 2020 National Electrical Code. The commissioners did not return to this item due to limited time.

3. Discuss and consider Exhibit J Recommended Amendment to the 2020 National Electrical Code.

Mr. Dryden explained Exhibit J. Exhibit J is an amendment to the 2020 National Electrical Code to add further regulations on the supervision of work done electricians. Exhibit J also presented Article 90.4 and would add Section 90.4.1. Exhibit J also includes an amendment to add further regulations on engineering supervision. It would add more regulations to Article 100. Mr. Cumming explained how engineers are regulated. Mr. Huseman further explained how engineers are regulated. The commissioners discussed regulating all engineers. Mr. Cumming spoke about the wording in Article 100. He disagreed with the wording particularly with the work primarily. The commissioners agreed with removing the word primarily. Mr. Dryden went on to speak about quadplexes under 13 for residential wireman. The commissioners discussed the 13 residential wiremen and did not agree with the quadplexes. The commissioners discussed the different levels of electricians and what they can and cannot do. The commissioners agreed to take a vote on the amendment in the next meeting after changes had been made. Mr. Huseman add he would like to see similar engineering requirements for other trades. The commissioners agreed they would like to see that on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Dryden again explained the different level of electricians to the commissioners and an attendee of the meeting. The commissioners concluded the discussion with repeating the changes that need to be made to Exhibit J.

4. 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, March 3, 2022 at 1:15 p.m.

ITEM 5: Adjourn

The Chairman, Mr. Frank Willburn concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.



Frank Willburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Johnny Scholl, Building Official