

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On November 18, 2021, 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	14	13
Richard Constancio, Architect	Yes	14	5
Tom Roller, Coldwell Banker	Yes	14	14
Joel Favela, HVAC Contractor	Yes	14	10
Frank Willburn, Plumbing Contractor	Yes	49	44
George Cumming, Missouri Valley	Yes	14	13
Jeff Bryant, Builder	No	26	18
Ryan Huseman	Yes	13	8
Russ Glaze	No	9	3

Also, in attendance were:

Kenneth Wagner
Howard Hall
Leslie Schmidt
Jacob Diaz
Bryce Hanson
Stephanie Garcia

Chief Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector, City of Amarillo
Chief Building Inspector, City of Amarillo
Senior Assistant Attorney , City of Amarillo
Fire Marshal, City of Amarillo
Plans Examiner, City of Amarillo
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 1:22 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 November 4 , 2021. Motion was made by Mr. Favela, seconded by Mr. Constancio and the motion passed with a 7:0 vote.

ITEM 3: Staff Updates

1. Discuss and consider the adoption of the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)

The commissioners read the handout provide by Mr. Wagner. The commissioners discussed the handout and agreed it sounded like a sales pitch. The commissioners asked what Building Safety thought regarding the adoption of the Uniform Mechanical Code. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Hall agreed it was a sales pitch and the do not believe it should be adopted. The commissioners agreed to not adopt the Uniform Mechanical Code. A motion was made by Mr. Cumming, seconded by Mr. Constancio and the motion passed with a 7:0 vote.

2. Discuss requiring a permit to obtain gas service if service has been disconnected for a year or more.

Mr. Wagner explain that the discussion was brought about after a meeting Mr. Wagner and Mr. Johnny Scholl, the Building Official had with Atmos. Mr. Wagner explained that currently there are no requirements for either Building Safety or Atmos. Mr. Willburn said there should be no need because Atmos does a test before turning service back on. Mr. Favela agreed a permit should not be required due to Atmos not requiring it and because of time restrains concerning Building Safety inspections. Mr. Favela also said the state does require that if an inspector becomes involved a permit must be pulled. Mr. Diehlmann, the Dumas City Official, stated that in Dumas they are requiring a gas service inspection if service has been disconnected. He also explained the benefits of having a permit and inspection before providing gas service. Mr. Willburn asked how Building Safety is going to know if service has been shut off for more than a year or regulate it. Mr. Hall explain that most times the customer is the person who calls stating Atmos has told them to obtain a permit. Mr. Favela agreed that he has received the same call from customer. Mr. Hanson asked if Atmos keeps a record of the test they do before turning on service. Mr. Willburn stated that Atmos does not. They just will not turn service back on and then require a permit to fix the leak. He also said Atmos does not inspect inside of the structure. Mr. Favela asked the Building Safety Staff what their thoughts on the matter was. Mr. Wagner stated he believe it should be required. Mr. Hall also agreed but stated it is the commissioners' decision to make. Mr. Huseman asked if the plumbers will have to pull a permit. Mr. Willburn explained the process. The commissioners agreed to requiring a permit to obtain gas service if service has been disconnected for a year or more.

3. Review the 2021 Significant Changes to the International Mechanical Code. Incidentally, the Commission may discuss the 2018 Significant Changes to the International Mechanical Code, which the Commission has not yet reviewed.

The commissioners agreed Mr. Cumming would read from the 2018 Significant Changes to the International Mechanical Code book and the commissioners would read from the 2021 Significant Changes to the International Mechanical Code book. Mr. Cumming began by reading 202 from the 2018 Significant Changes book and explained the section. Mr. Willburn read 307.2.1.1 from the 2021 Significant Changes to the International Mechanical Code book. The commissioners and Building Safety staff discussed the section. Mr. Favela read 401.2 and 403.1 from the 2021 book. The commissioners and Mr. Wagner discussed the section. Mr. Constancio read 401.4 and 501.3.1 from the 2021 book. Mr. Huseman read 403.3.1.1 from the 2021 book. The commissioners discussed the section. Mr. Bryant read 403.3.1.3 from the 2021 book. Mr. Roller read 403.3.2.1 from the 2021 book. Mr. Cumming read 403.3.2.4, 403.3.2.5, and 404.1 from the 2018 book. The commissioners discussed 403.3.2.5. and 404.1. Mr. Willburn read 502.2 from the 2021 book. Mr. Cumming read 504.4.1 from the 2018 book. Mr. Constancio read 504.4.1 from the 2021 book. The commissioners continued reading from the 2021 book. Mr. Cumming read 504.8.2 from the 2018 book. The commissioners discussed the section. Mr. Cumming read 506.3.13 and 506.5.2 from the 2018 book. Mr. Bryant read 507.1 from the 2021 book. Mr. Cumming read 507.2.6 from the 2018 book. Mr. Roller read 514.2 from the 2021 book. Mr. Wagner explained the section. Mr. Willburn read 602.2.1.8 from the 2021 book. The commissioners discussed the section. Mr. Cumming read 603.5.2, 603.8.2, and 603.9 from the 2018 book. The commissioners and Mr. Wagner discussed section 603.9. Mr. Cumming read 607.3.1 from the 2018 book. Mr. Favela read 607.5.2 from the 2021 book. The commissioners and Building Safety staff discussed the section. The Building Safety staff agreed to gather more information on section 607.5.2. The commissioners continued discussing the section.

4. Review the 2021 Significant Changes to the International Plumbing Code. Incidentally, the Commission may discuss the 2018 Significant Changes to the International Plumbing Code, which the Commission has not yet reviewed.

The commissioners did not discuss this item due to limited time

5. 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, December 2, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.

ITEM 4: Adjourn

The Chairman, Mr. Frank Willburn concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 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