



ELECTRICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9, 2008

2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Eddie Dunn
Vice Chairman Dennis Hathcock
Mr. John Butler
Mr. Johnny Garcia
Mr. Waldo Pendleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel McCully
Mr. Jerry Lofy

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Building Official
Mr. Jerry Miller, Senior Electrical Inspector
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel
Mr. Terry Brunette, Special Investigator
Mrs. Jan Myers, Transcriber

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Eddie Dunn called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF AUGUST 12, 2008 MINUTES

A motion was made by Waldo Pendleton to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the Minutes as written, seconded by Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously.

2. COMPLAINTS

- a) A complaint has been brought against Horst Jejjoni, licensee for Jejjoni Sign Manufacturing, by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department for allegedly failing to correct deficiencies within 30 days and finalize fifteen (15) Administratively Closed permits, in violation of Sections RBC105.9 and RBC109.2, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code. *Horst Jejjoni was requested to attend the August 12, 2008, Electrical Committee meeting, and he contacted RBD and requested that this complaint be*

postponed until the September 9, 2008, Electrical Committee because he was unable to attend the August meeting due to a military obligation.

Jerry Miller appeared and stated Horst Jejjoni has completed all of the "A" status permits and RBD **WITHDRAWS** this Complaint.

- b) A complaint has been brought against Floyd German, licensee for Colorado Signworks, Inc., by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department for allegedly failing to correct deficiencies within 30 days and finalize thirty (30) Administratively Closed permits, in violation of Sections RBC105.9 and RBC109.2, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code. *Floyd German appeared before the Electrical Committee on August 12, 2008, and the Committee postponed this complaint until the September 9, 2008, Electrical Committee meeting to give Mr. German 30 days to complete the "A" status permits.*

Jerry Miller appeared, was sworn in, and stated that currently Mr. German still has one "A" status permit, he has reopened 28 of the permits and had them inspected, 27 of the inspections failed because there is no UL label or disconnect on the signs, and one passed. Floyd German appeared, was sworn in, and stated he was not aware that 27 of the inspections failed. He stated the UL labels are on the top of the signs. Mr. Miller stated the UL labels must be visible from the ground or Mr. German must provide a means for the inspector to get up to the top of the sign to see the UL label. A motion was made by Dennis Hathcock to **POSTPONE** this complaint until the October 14, 2008, Electrical Committee meeting to give Mr. German additional time to complete the permits, seconded by John Butler; the motion carried unanimously.

- c) A complaint has been brought against Dwane Maples, licensee for Gordon Sign Co., Inc., by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department for:

Allegedly failing to correct deficiencies within 30 days and finalize forty-four (44) Administratively Closed permits, in violation of Sections RBC105.9 and RBC109.2, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code; and

Allegedly giving the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department fraudulent information to obtain a number of permits in violation of Sections RBC105.5 and RBC105.10, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code. These acts could result in the revocation or suspension of Mr. Maples' registration pursuant to Section RBC201.11.1. These acts may also be punishable under Section RBC201.11.3, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code. *Dwane Maples appeared before the Electrical Committee on August 12, 2008, and the Committee postponed the complaint until the September 9, 2008, Electrical Committee to give Mr. Maples 30 days to reach an amicable resolution of the complaint with RBD staff.*

Jerry Miller appeared, was sworn in, and stated Mr. Maples initially had 44 “A” status permits and currently there are 25 “A” status permits, so Mr. Maples is making progress. Dwane Maples appeared, was sworn in, and asked Mr. Miller if they were following correct RBD procedure with the new permits, and Mr. Miller confirmed that Mr. Maples is currently following the correct RBD procedures in obtaining new permits. A motion was made by John Butler to **POSTPONE** the complaint regarding the “A” status permits until the October 14, 2008, Electrical Committee meeting to give Mr. Maples 30 additional days to complete the remainder of the “A” status permits, seconded by Dennis Hathcock; the motion carried unanimously.

- d) A complaint has been brought against Gale Selvage and Jay Fisher, owners of T-N-T Electric, by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department for allegedly failing to correct deficiencies within 30 days and call for final inspections, in violation of Section RBC109.2, 2005 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code. *Gale Selvage appeared before the Electrical Committee on August 12, 2008, and the Committee postponed this complaint until the September 9, 2008, Electrical Committee to give Mr. Selvage 30 days to complete the “A” status permits.*

Jerry Miller appeared, was sworn in, and stated that currently there are still two “A” status permits; the permits have been reopened, but the inspections have not been completed. He stated there are nine permits that Mr. Selvage has failed to correct the deficiencies within 30 days. Gale Selvage appeared, was sworn in, and stated he was not aware that there were nine permits that were 30 days past due for correcting the deficiencies, but said he will complete the permits within the next 30 days. A motion was made by Dennis Hathcock to **POSTPONE** the complaint until the October 14, 2008, Electrical Committee meeting to give Mr. Selvage 30 additional days to complete both the “A” status permits and the nine permits that have not been corrected and called in for inspection, and if all of the permits have not been completed within the next 30 days, the Committee will recommend that disciplinary action be taken against Mr. Selvage, seconded by Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no variance requests on the Consent Calendar.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

4. There were no variance requests to discuss.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Homeowner Permits

Dennis Hathcock requested Todd Welch's legal opinion as to whether RBD can require a homeowner to take a test to assure he has adequate knowledge to do the electrical work on his own home. He said his concern is that if the work is not done correctly and the house is sold, the buyer then inherits the faulty work. Mr. Welch stated the Code specifically states that a homeowner does not have to be licensed to do the work on his own home. He said RBD assures the work is done correctly through the inspection process. He stated RBD has implemented a new procedure whereby the homeowner has to sign an affidavit stating that he will do the work on his house himself, and should he hire a contractor to do the work for him, he is aware the contractor must be licensed in El Paso County.

b) Sign/Electrical Permits

Jerry Miller stated RBD is proposing an implementation of a new policy by November 1, 2008, whereby RBD will be taking the sign company completely out of the electrical portion of the permit. He said sign contractors will be unable to get a permit for an illuminated sign without an electrical contractor attached to that permit.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of Section RBC106.1.1, 2003 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code, Scale and Format

Jerry Miller stated the Building Committee has requested that the Board of Review approve a 3/32" scale for CAD plans, where 1/8" scale is required by Code. He said RBD opposes the 3/32" scale due to difficulty in reading the plans by the Plan Review Department and the inspectors in the field during inclement weather. Chairman Dunn stated he opposes the 3/32" scale, and John Butler stated he would like to see the scale increased to 1/4" scale. A motion was made by Chairman Eddie Dunn to recommend to the Board of Review that the minimum scale size be 1/8" and the minimum text size be 3/32", seconded by Dennis Hathcock; the motion carried 2:2; therefore the motion died. Johnny Garcia and Waldo Pendleton opposed; and John Butler abstained. A new motion was made by Johnny Garcia to recommend to the Board of Review that the 1/8" scale remain as is, pursuant to Code, seconded by Dennis Hathcock; the motion carried unanimously.

b) RBD Appreciation of Committee Members' Time and Assistance

Jerry Miller stated that RBD knows all of the Committee members are volunteers and RBD would like to thank them for their service. He stated RBD feels the Committee is a very important tool for RBD. He said in the past there may have been the perception that some contractors were treated better than others, and some contractors think they should be treated better than others. Mr. Miller said with both the assistance and direction of the Committee and Henry Yankowski, RBD wants the public to know that all contractors are treated equally.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.