

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

REGIONAL BUILDING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 28, 2012

3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sharon Brown, Fountain City Council
Vice Chairman Dennis Hisey, El Paso County Commissioner
Bernie Herpin, Colorado Springs City Council

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Regional Building Official
Mr. Bob Croft, Deputy Building Official/Development Coordinator
Mr. Jim Pepper, Deputy Building Official/Construction
Mr. Jay Eenhuis, Chief Plans Examiner
Ms. Mindy Stuemke, Permit Supervisor
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Sharon Brown called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Dennis Hisey to **APPROVE** the October 24, 2012 Building Commission Minutes as written, seconded by Bernie Herpin; the motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Coreen Toll appeared and stated she would like to see RBD develop a plan in the event of another disaster where homeowners can access information in RBD's website for sustainability building practices, and/or green building.

3. ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Rick Johnson stated the November 21, 2012 Advisory Board meeting was cancelled, so he did not have an Advisory Board Report this month.

4. **BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS**

a) Financial Statements

Henry Yankowski presented the financial statement for the month of October, 2012. He said the current operating balance is \$4,963,612.50, with a budget of \$10,651,797.00. He said the cash balance is 46.60 as a percent of budget. Mr. Yankowski said the current month revenue was \$1,274,136.51, and total year-to-date revenue was \$10,457,441.45. He said the expenditures were \$885,778.15, which resulted in a net gain of \$388,358.36, for the month of October. Mr. Yankowski said the total year-to-date expenditures were \$8,117,379.61, which resulted in a total year-to-date gain of \$2,340,061.84.

b) Building Reports

Mindy Stuemke presented the Building Report for the month of October, 2012. She said there were 213 detached house permits issued in October, which is an increase of 53.24 percent from last year. Ms. Stuemke said there were 26 townhouses permitted, which is an increase of 188.89 percent from last year. She said there were 239 single-family houses permitted, which is a 61.49 percent increase from this same time last year. She said there were 4 commercial building permits issued in October, which is a decrease of 98.33 percent. Ms. Stuemke said the total valuation of permits issued in October was \$176,107,167, which is an increase of 19.96 percent; and the total valuation of permits issued to date in 2012 is \$1,481,874,666, which is an increase of 49.53 percent. She said there have been 155 single-family permits, and 16 building commercial permits to date in November.

c) Plan Review Reports

Jay Eenhuis presented the Plan Report for the month of October 2012. He said there were 237 single family plans, which is an increase of 63.4 percent over this same time last year; 47 residential alteration plans, which is an increase of 4.4 percent; 29 new commercial plans, which is an increase of 93.3 percent; 117 commercial alteration plans, which is an increase of 5.4 percent; and 14 all other plans, which is an increase of 16.7 percent, for a total of 444 plans, which is an increase of 28.0 percent over this same time last year. Mr. Eenhuis presented a valuation chart for the Committee's review.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a) Update on Waldo Canyon Fire Rebuilding Project by Jim Pepper

Jim Pepper appeared and gave a presentation regarding the Waldo Canyon Fire Rebuilding Project. He stated one home has been completed and the homeowners are living in it, and there are approximately four to five homes that should be completed in January. Bob Croft

stated there are permits for approximately 56 single-family homes, and 2 townhomes. He stated there are permits for different phases of work for 343 of the 346 houses destroyed by the fire. Mr. Croft gave a presentation regarding information provided to insurance companies by RBD in an effort to help the homeowners start their rebuilding process. He stated the construction industry has made tremendous strides in rebuilding this area in the past five months.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Response to You Tube Video

Bob Croft showed the Building Commission members the You Tube video titled *Troubleshooting in Paradise* by Mike Petkash regarding building and rebuilding homes with sustainable technology. He said although the video stated Mr. Petkash had to wait 60 days for his plans to be approved by the City and RBD, the contractor actually got his plans approved in nine days. Mr. Croft stated Mr. Petkash's plan did not reflect any sustainable energy features and it is approximately 1,000 square feet larger in size than the original house built on the lot. He stated the new house was a Master Plan of Mr. Petkash's contractor.

Coreen Toll asked if it would be possible for RBD to distribute information regarding sustainable building in the event of another disaster. Henry Yankowski stated RBD can add this information to RBD's website regarding the Waldo Canyon Rebuilding Project.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Henry Yankowski requested that the Building Commissioners meet with him in January to discuss ideas or methods for creating projects for use of the capital account.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regional Building Commission moved into Executive Session at 4:19 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(3)(V) to discuss personnel matters.

After moving into General Session at 4:33 p.m., Chairman Brown noted that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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