

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

ELECTRICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 12, 2012

2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dennis Hathcock
Vice Chairman Waldo Pendleton
Mr. Mark Mahler
Mr. Daniel McCully
Mr. Ashton Randall

MEMBERS ABSENTS: Mr. Ronald Holladay

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Regional Building Official
Mr. Dean Wemmer, Chief Electrical Inspector
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Official
Mr. Matt Seebach, Senior Electrical Inspector
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Dennis Hathcock called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE MARCH 13, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Waldo Pendleton to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the March 13, 2012, Electrical Committee meeting as written, seconded by Mark Mahler; the motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE MAY 8, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Waldo Pendleton to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the May 8, 2012, Electrical Committee meeting as written, seconded by Mark Mahler; the motion carried unanimously.

3. COMPLAINTS

a) A complaint has been brought against Troy Tucker, licensee for Mister Sparky Electric, by Regional Building for the work he performed at 3914 Browning Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado for the following Code violations:

- (1) Overcurrent devices shall not be located over steps of a stairway, in violation of Section 240.24(F), 2008 National Electrical Code (“NEC”).
- (2) Conduit between meter and panel not properly bonded, in violation of Section 250.92(B), 2008 NEC.
- (3) Electrical continuity of all metal raceways and enclosures, in violation of Section 300.10, 2008 NEC.
- (4) Raceways and cable are to be secured to the box in an approved manner, in violation of Section 314.17(A) and (B), 2008 NEC.
- (5) NM cable cannot be installed in wet or damp locations, in violation of Section 334.12(B)(4), 2008 NEC.
- (6) Utilizing EMT for an equipment grounding conductor when installed utilizing appropriate fittings, in violation of Section 358.2, 2008 NEC. CHECK LETTER TO MAKE SURE ALL VIOLATIONS ARE LISTED.

In addition, Mr. Tucker and/or his company has an “A” Status Permit at 5060 Park Vista Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado, in violation of Section RBC105.9.1, 2011 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code.

Terry Brunette stated the details of the Complaint. He stated the work performed at 3914 Browning Avenue was done five years ago without a permit. Troy Tucker appeared, was sworn in, and stated he is currently the licensee for Mister Sparky, but he was not the licensee at the time the work was done. He stated the licensee at that time was George Donaldson. Mark Weaver appeared, was sworn in, and stated he is the General Manager for Mister Sparky. He stated they are scheduled to look at this project tomorrow, and they will be repairing all of the Code violations at no charge. Dean Wemmer appeared, was sworn in, and stated he was contacted by another contractor and notified of the Code violations performed by Mister Sparky. He said the homeowner has been deployed, which is the primary reason for the delay in bringing this issue before the Electrical Committee. He said Mister Sparky tried to schedule the repairs when they were notified by RBD of the complaint, but there were some scheduling problems, which have now been resolved. Mr Weaver said part of Mister Sparky’s agreement with Troy Tucker is that the company could use his license for one year after his departure from the company. He said Mister Sparky will do whatever has to be done to bring the project up to Code.

Mark Heacox, appeared, was sworn in, and stated he is the owner of the property. He stated he was deployed to Afghanistan when the work was done, and was not able to follow up to have the work corrected. He stated he had renters in the house, and they “trashed” the house. Mr. Heacox said he went in to clean up the house, and had electrical contractors come in to do repairs, when this issue was brought to light. He stated he will be available next week to work with Mister Sparky to complete this project.

Waldo Pendleton stated Mister Sparky is willing to correct the work that was done by previous employees in the company five years ago, so he would recommend that an Incident Report be put in the contractor’s file. Mark Mahler stated he would like RBD to contact the State Electrical Board to notify them of the work done by George Donaldson.

A motion was made by Mark Mahler to recommend to the Board of Review that an Incident Report be placed in the contractor file of Mister Sparky for one year, which indicates the willingness of the General Manager to resolve the problem within three weeks, and that RBD staff be notified when the work has been completed and inspected, seconded by Waldo Pendleton; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar Variance Requests to discuss.

5. **VARIANCE REQUESTS**

There were no Variance Requests to discuss.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Proposal to Combine the Electrical Committee and the Mechanical Committee to Form an MEP Committee

Dean Wemmer stated RBD has proposed combining the Electrical and Mechanical Committees and forming an “MEP” Committee, because of lack of activity for both Committees during the past year. He stated it has become difficult to fill the Committee member positions. He said RBD is proposing eliminating the Journeyman Plumber position and the Mechanical Contractor B position from the Mechanical Committee, and adding two people from the Electrical Committee, i.e. an Electrical

Contractor and a Citizen at Large position. He stated this issue is in the process of being presented to each of our jurisdictions for approval.

Jim Vernon stated there has been a lack of agenda items this past year for both the Electrical and Mechanical Committees. He stated there are several shared committee members, i.e. an architect, an engineer, and a citizen at large position. He stated if a board member is unable to attend, we are able to ask alternate or past board members to fill the position for that one meeting, so each technical position will be represented. Todd Welch stated he believes amendment of the Code should take place by July 1st, and implemented in August.

b) Small Business Development

Jim Vernon stated he has been moved into the position of Deputy Building Official for Small Business Development, and he is trying to streamline the permitting process for small businesses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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