

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

MECHANICAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 9, 2013

10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Edward Pine
Vice Chairman Dan Rial
Mr. Curt Miller
Mr. John Martin
Mr. Neil Case

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Darrell Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jack Arrington, Chief Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector
Mr. Jim Vernon, Deputy Building Official/Small Business Development
Mr. Jon Brazier, Senior Mechanical Inspector
Mr. Russell Kauk, Senior Plans Examiner
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel
Mrs. Pattie Bengner, Contractor Licensing
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Ed Pine called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Curt Miller to re-elect Edward Pine as the 2013 Chairman of the Mechanical Committee, and Dan Rial as the 2013 Vice Chairman of the Mechanical Committee, seconded by John Martin; the motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF DECEMBER 12, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Curt Miller to **APPROVE** the December 12, 2012 Mechanical Committee Minutes as written, seconded by Neil Case; the motion carried unanimously.

3. COMPLAINTS

There were no Complaints to discuss.

4. **CONSENT LICENSE REQUESTS**

Mechanical Contractor A (Commercial)

GRANITE HEATING AND A/C – KENNETH HALL (UPGRADE)
WRIGHT TOTAL INDOOR COMFORT – KABLE HEDRICK (CO. CHANGES EXAMINEE)

Mechanical Contractor B (Residential)

AMERI-MECH LLC – TODD VALENTINE
CIERA HOMES INC – DAVID DORSEY

Mechanical Contractor C-1 (Gas Piping)

JOLLY PLUMBING & HEATING – JAMES ROCKS (CO. CHANGES EXAMINEE)
WILLIAM HOKE – WILLIAM HOKE

Mechanical Contractor E (Elevators/Escalators)

OTIS ELEVATOR – TIMOTHY DINGES (CO. CHANGES EXAMINEE)

Heating Mechanic I (Gas Fitter)

BRYAN KIRKWOOD
KYLE KUNTZSCH

Heating Mechanic IV (HVAC Service Tech)

ANDREW SMITH
ERIC KAMINSKY
JAY BERRY
JOSEPH GARCIA (REINSTATEMENT)
THOMAS LINDENMIER
WILLIAM WALLACE

A motion was made by John Martin to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the Consent License Requests, seconded by Curt Miller; the motion carried unanimously.

LICENSE REQUESTS CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY

There were no Individual License Requests to discuss.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar Variance Requests to discuss.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

6. 480 Willow Springs Road – Widefield Water and Sanitation District requests a variance to Sections 403.1 and 403.2, Exception 2, 2009 International Plumbing Code, to allow less than the minimum required number of plumbing fixtures.

John McGinn appeared and stated there are restrooms in a building that is 670 feet from this building. Russ Kauk stated that this building is an unmanned facility, so RBD does not oppose this variance request. A motion was made by Neil Case to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request, seconded by Dan Rial; the motion carried unanimously.

7. 504 East Kiowa Street, Permit I07095 – Jeff Lignon, Innovative Air Solutions, requests a variance to Section 503.5.3, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, to allow an unlined chimney to serve as a gas vent where a chimney lined with an approved material is required.

Jeff Lignon appeared and stated this project was a furnace change out, and he was unable to get a liner down the chimney; he stated the mortar in the chimney damaged the liner he was trying to install. He stated he has a letter to RBD approving the integrity of the chimney. A motion was made by Dan Rial to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request, seconded by Curt Miller; the motion carried unanimously.

8. 29 Alta Vista Road, Permit I51699 – Alex Allen, Olson Plumbing & Heating Co., requests a variance to Section 503.5.3, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, to allow an unlined chimney to serve as a gas vent where a chimney lined with an approved material is required.

Alex Allen appeared and stated he would like to **WITHDRAW** this variance.

9. 1930 West Colorado Avenue, Permit I50464 - Alex Allen, Olson Plumbing & Heating Co., requests a variance to Section 503.5.3, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, to allow an unlined chimney to serve as a gas vent where a chimney lined with an approved material is required.

Alex Allen appeared and stated he would like to **WITHDRAW** this variance.

10. 9 El Pomar Road, Permit I57477 - Alex Allen, Olson Plumbing & Heating Co., requests a variance to Section 503.5.3, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, to allow an unlined chimney to serve as a gas vent where a chimney lined with an approved material is required.

Alex Allen stated this is a brick chimney in good condition. He stated he tried to install a liner, but the chimney is 41 feet tall and he was unable to get the liner into the chimney. He stated this structure is a historic church. A motion was made by Dan Rial to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request, because Mr. Allen has submitted a letter to RBD approving the integrity of the chimney, seconded by Curt Miller; the motion carried unanimously.

11. 3020 East Bijou Street, Apt. 3C, Permit I57632 – Domingo Negron, homeowner, requests a variance to Appendix E, 2009 International Plumbing Code, to allow a 1/2 inch water pipe feed where a 3/4 inch water pipe feed is required.

Domingo Negron appeared and stated he is the owner of this rental property, and he is installing a washer and dryer and an additional bathroom sink in this apartment. He stated the apartment is on the third floor and he is unable to feed a 3/4 inch line into this apartment in this building built in 1964. Russ Kauk stated the water line will be overloaded with the additional fixtures. John Martin stated this variance would be acceptable without the installation of the second sink in the bathroom. A motion was made by John Martin to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request with the stipulation that the second bathroom sink is eliminated, and if Mr. Negron determines that a 3/4 inch line can be installed for the second bathroom sink, then he does not have to reappear before the Mechanical Committee to install the second sink, seconded by Curt Miller; the motion carried unanimously.

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Section 506.3.10.4, 2009 International Mechanical Code.

Jack Arrington stated the issue is how to get a grease duct through a non-rated single story assembly for clearance from combustibles. Dan Rial stated Section 104.7, 2009 International Mechanical Code, allows alternate methods or materials, but they are prohibited from using this Code. He stated this is only for non-combustible buildings. A motion was made by Dan Rial to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** for use of a ceramic fire blanket as a reduced clearance method, seconded by Neil Case; the motion **FAILED** 1:2. John Martin abstained. Neil Case and Curt Miller opposed. Todd Welch stated alternate methods or materials is determined by the Building Official. Mr. Arrington stated if the plans are submitted to RBD with a particular product listed, the plans should be approved by an engineer, at which time RBD can take the issue under consideration. Jon Brazier stated all plans for Type I hood installations are stamped by an engineer. Jim Vernon stated when plans are submitted under the alternate methods or materials, it is reviewed by RBD staff for consideration, and if there is any question, it is brought before the Mechanical Committee as a variance. The Committee determined that this issue should be **POSTPONED** until the February 13, 2013 Mechanical Committee meeting.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) 2013 Sunshine Act Requirements

Pursuant to the Colorado Sunshine Act, I, Dan Rial, move that the Mechanical Committee meeting be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, that the Mechanical Committee Meeting Agendas and Minutes for each meeting will be posted on the website of the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department at www.pprbd.org, and the meeting Agendas and Minutes will be maintained by the Executive Administrative Assistant, in the records of the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, seconded by Curt Miller; the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official
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