

# **Pikes Peak Regional Building Department**

2880 International Circle  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

## **MEP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

May 8, 2013

10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Edward Pine  
Mr. Dan Rial  
Mr. John Martin  
Mr. Neil Case  
Mr. Mark Mahler  
Mr. Larry Bobo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel McCully

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Building Official  
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel  
Mr. Jack Arrington, Chief Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector  
Mr. Jon Brazier, Senior Mechanical Inspector  
Mr. Russell Kauk, Senior Plans Examiner  
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

### **PROCEEDINGS:**

Chairman Edward Pine called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

#### **1. CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 10, 2013 MEP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mark Mahler to **APPROVE** the April 10, 2013 MEP Committee Minutes as written, seconded by Dan Rial; the motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. COMPLAINTS**

There were no Complaints to discuss.

#### **3. CONSENT LICENSE REQUESTS**

##### **Heating Mechanic I (Gas Fitter)**

ANTHONY GIUS

**Heating Mechanic IV (HVAC Service Tech)**

ANTHONY GIUS  
CLARK BURGESSON  
EMMANUEL ALVARADO  
HOWARD FAUTT  
MICHAEL CLAPP  
MICHAEL RILEY  
NICHOLAS CHAVEZ  
TRAVIS ALBRIGHT

A motion was made by Dan Rial to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the Consent License Requests, seconded by Neil Case; the motion carried unanimously.

**LICENSE REQUESTS CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY**

There were no Individual License Requests to discuss.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

a) 825 North Sheridan Avenue, Permit I55172 – Alex Allen, Olson Plumbing & Heating Co., requests a variance to Section 503.5.3, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, to allow a masonry chimney, lined with an approved material, to serve as a gas vent for a single draft hooded appliance, provided the installation meets the following requirements:

- The appliance is a replacement.
- The area of the chimney does not exceed 7 times the area of the draft hood outlet.
- Not More than 1 side of the chimney is exposed to the outside.
- A licensed contractor provides a letter verifying the chimney's integrity, and approved material is defined as sheet metal, tile or clay lined.

A motion was made by Mark Mahler to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar Variance Requests as written, seconded by John Martin; the motion carried unanimously.

## **VARIANCE REQUESTS**

5. 777 Hilltop Road, Permit I51893 – Kent Lersch, Kirella Homes, Inc., requests a variance to Sections 407.1 and 417.5, 2009 International Plumbing Code, to waive bathtub/shower conformance to the standards required by the Code.

Daniel Bone, M. D. Service Plumbing, appeared and stated this is a manmade 4' x 4' sunken tub constructed with waterproof poured concrete in a kidney shape. He stated it will have the proper drain, overflow and vent. A motion was made by Mark Mahler to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request because all of the requirements have been met, seconded by John Martin; the motion carried unanimously.

6. Nathan Ohlrich requests a variance to Section RBC201.6.1, 2011 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code, to waive the requirement of the 6-month waiting period to retest following two previous attempts for a Mechanical IV License.

Nathan Ohlrich appeared. Jack Arrington stated Mr. Ohlrich got a 70% on his last test, and he has worked with Mr. Ohlrich and feels he is now ready to retest. A motion was made by Dan Rial to recommend to the Board of Review **APPROVAL** of the variance request, seconded by John Martin; the motion carried unanimously.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion to Add Terracotta Lined Chimneys With Two (2) Appliances as a Consent Variances

Jack Arrington stated RBD would like to add this variance to the Consent Variance Requests because a letter of inspection is all that is required by staff at RBD, and we do not feel it is necessary to make the applicant appear before the Committee to have this variance request approved. Jack Arrington gave a presentation why RBD staff feels it is acceptable to have two appliances drafted through a terracotta lined chimney. He stated he would like to change Consent Calendar Item #3 to add “or a single draft hooded appliance and an induced draft appliance.” Mark Mahler stated he would like to have the language presented at the June 12, 2013 MEP Committee meeting for approval. A motion was made by Neil Case to **POSTPONE** this item until the June 12, 2013 MEP Committee meeting, seconded by Mark Mahler; the motion carried unanimously.

b) Fire Wrap Insulation

Dan Rial stated he will have the detail drawing available for approval by the MEP Committee at the June 12, 2013 MEP Committee meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski  
Regional Building Official

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