

Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

2880 International Circle
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910

BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES

February 18, 2015

10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Larry Whittaker, Architect
Mr. Michael McShea, Engineer
Mr. Johnny Garcia, Building A, B or C Contractor
Mr. Dave Munger, Citizen-at-Large

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tom McDonald, Building A Contractor

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Henry Yankowski, Building Official
Mr. Roger Lovell, Director of Building Operations
Mr. Todd Welch, Regional Building Counsel
Mr. Jay Eenhuis, Chief Plans Examiner
Ms. Mindy Stuemke, Permit Supervisor
Ms. Linda Gardner, Executive Administrative Assistant

PROCEEDINGS:

Chairman Larry Whittaker called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Johnny Garcia to re-elect Larry Whittaker as the 2015 Chairman of the Board of Review, seconded by Michael McShea; the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnny Garcia to elect Michael McShea as the 2015 Vice Chairman of the Board of Review, seconded by Michael McShea; the motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael McShea to **APPROVE** the January 21, 2015 Board of Review Minutes as written, seconded by Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSING AND MINUTES

a) Building Committee Minutes of February 4, 2015.

A motion was made by Johnny Garcia to **APPROVE** the February 4, 2015 Building Committee Minutes as written, seconded by Michael McShea; the motion carried unanimously.

b) MEP Committee Minutes of February 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Michael McShea to **APPROVE** the February 11, 2015 MEP Committee Minutes as written, seconded by Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **DECISION APPEALS**

- a) A Complaint Update by Lisa Larochelle, licensee for Integral Mechanical Solutions, LLC, regarding the completion of all existing, past and current permits, as she was directed to do during the October 8, 2014 MEP Committee Meeting. *The MEP Committee recommended **REVOCATION** of Ms. Larochelle's contractor license during the December 10, 2014 MEP Committee meeting because they determined they had given Ms. Larochelle adequate time to complete the open permits. Ms. Larochelle failed to appear at the January 21, 2015 Board of Review Meeting, and the Committee postponed this appeal until the February 18, 2015 Board of Review Meeting.*

Todd Welch stated Lisa Larochelle notified RBD staff that she would be here today, but she is not currently present.

Break from 10:41 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

Todd Welch stated RBD staff just contacted Lisa Larochelle and she stated she is sick and will not be able to attend the Board of Review meeting today. He stated he would like to postpone this appeal for 30 days. He stated her license is currently suspended. Jack Arrington stated the notice that was sent out stated the Committee would proceed with the appeal if she did not appear today, and he would like to continue with the appeal. A motion was made by Michael McShea to proceed with the appeal today, and not postpone it, seconded by Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously. All parties testifying were sworn in. Jack Arrington appeared and gave the Committee Lisa Larochelle's history with RBD, including her business relationship with Jamie Fitzgerald; and the homeowner complaints received about Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Larochelle. He stated there are open permits that she has not completed, and he currently has three complaints against Ms. Larochelle.

Mark Mahler stated he is a member of the Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing ("MEP") Committee, and the Committee gave Ms. Larochelle more than adequate time to complete the open permits. He stated Ms. Larochelle informed the Committee that she was unable to find an electrician to complete the electrical portion of her work over a six month period of time. Pattie Benger gave a summary of the appearances of Lisa Larochelle before the MEP Committee. Mr. Arrington stated the homeowners' only option to complete their permits that were pulled by Ms. Larochelle is to hire another contractor to complete their projects, and to file a civil lawsuit against Ms. Larochelle for monetary damages.

Todd Welch stated Lisa Larochelle claims she is not working with Jamie Fitzgerald and she feels the Committee is being unfair and biased against her because of the violations of Jamie Fitzgerald.

A motion was made by Johnny Garcia to **UPHOLD** the decision of the MEP Committee and file a revocation of Lisa Larochelle's contractor license with RBD, seconded by Michael McShea; the motion carried unanimously.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Colorado Sunshine Act Requirement

Pursuant to the Colorado Sunshine Act, I, Dave Munger, move that the Board of Review meeting be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80910, Room 100-14, that the Board of Review 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 Johnny Garcia; the motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Upcoming Event Announcements

Dave Munger stated he would like to invite everyone to Neighbor Up Week, which will be April 10 – 12, 2015; and on April 17th there will be an awards ceremony at the new Ivywild School Complex from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. He said on April 18th there will be a series of workshops on “how to make your neighborhood better,” and it will be held at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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