

**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING  
September 17, 2009**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals convened in a regular meeting on September 17, 2009 at One Texas Center located 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 500

Alan Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Alan Schumann, Frank Haught, Michael Cannatti, James Sullivan,

**Staff in Attendance:** Dan McNabb, Leon Barba, Katherine Clark, Byron Kurka, Ron Menard, Carl Wren and Chief Don Smith.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approval of minutes postponed until everyone agrees with amendments.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None

**3. DISCUSSION** - Retroactive Alarm System requirements for multi-family dwellings

- **4603.6.6** noted as being the same as **907.3.1.7** in 2003 code regarding alarm systems per Carl Wren. There is no change to this code. Adopted January 1, 2006 when 2003 code was adopted. This code has not been actively enforced until January 2008. In regards to independent exits, would have to determine what would be considered an independent exit and which would comply and not comply in regards to the retroactive alarm systems required for multi-family dwellings. Currently fifteen apartment complexes have been identified as having this retroactive alarm system.
- Apartment Association does not require retro-active alarm system. Chief Smith would like to get addresses of all apartments built in the 80's to find out which complexes would need this system.
- Kristen Gast (AAA President) requested a table decision to put a committee together and come back with more information prior to implementation of the retroactive alarm system requirements. She's concerned about the dollar amount involved with the noted retrofits.
- Discussion regarding 2009 International Fire Code:
- **105.6.48** – Fire protection system permits: Board Member Frank Haught questioned inspections that are not allowed to access condos to inspect for fire so they are now yellow tagging buildings.
- **105.7.14** – Temporary membrane structures and tents
- **Independent Exits:** Leave language as is and have interpretation from Board in regards to how it will be enforced. Goal: September 30<sup>th</sup> to craft language for presentation to Board.



- 2009 International Fire Code – Color coded Article 7: Fire Code handout provided with color coded changes as noted below:
  - Black text is consistent with previous amendments
  - Red Strikeout that's NOT italicized reflect deletion from 2009 code
  - Blue underline with no italics is current amendments
  - Red strikethrough italics is new language of IFC that is being deleted
  - Blue italics underline is added text that was never in previous amendments
  - Green Italics ( *inaudible description* )
  - Maroon changes indicate why changes are there and if it reflects previous codes.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

Next meeting set for Wednesday, September 30, 2009

4. **ADJOURN** - Michael Cannatti made a motion to adjourn and Alan Schumann seconded the motion to adjourn with a vote of 4-0-2. Board Members Scott Stookey and Steven King were not present. Meeting adjourned at 3:35PM