



Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2012**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, 12th Floor Conference Room.

Chair Jerry Garza called the Board Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jerry Garza, Stephen Cox, William Harris, Michael Nail, Thomas Combs, and Nick Dawson.

Staff Members in Attendance: Dan McNabb, Leon Barba, Rick Holloway, Chap Thornton, Julie Kirby, JB Meier, Lalo Sanchez, Lou Quiroga, Cory Harmon, Jadell Hines (AWU).

Board Members Not in Attendance: Board Member Paul Hovey was absent.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes from the meeting of October 27, 2011 were approved on Board Member Cox's motion and Tommy Comb's second for a 6-0-1 vote.

3. DISCUSSION - Alternative Method of Compliance for use of Sovent.

- 1) After discussion, staff will accept this Alternative Method of Compliance,
- 2) The sovent system will require an Engineer of the City's choice from a list provided by the Engineer of Record.
- 3) The Engineer of Record will provide a list of at least three Engineers licensed in the State of Texas.
- 4) The 3rd party engineer will provide an inspection at each level of the multi-level structure.
- 5) The engineer will provide the City with a report upon the completion of each inspection.
- 6) The City will choose an Engineer from the list prior to the approval of the plans for the structure. The owner will be responsible for compensation to the third party Engineer.
- 7) The owner will be responsible for filling, with the deed of land for the property, an addendum that clearly expresses the limitations of alteration of the sovent plumbing system installation.
- 8) A notice of a sovent system installation will be permanently and visible labeled on every floor. The notice will read as follows: "Notice, a so vent plumbing system is installed here. Any alterations or repairs to the system will require a thorough building plan review, plumbing permit and inspection, for questions, please call the City of Austin Plumbing Inspection Department at (512) 974-2027."

4. STAFF UPDATES - Water Conservation Code (Austin Water Utility)

Jadell Hines, AWU, provided an update on the drought and rewrite of the code relating to drought stage criteria.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Adopt Annual Board Report

Board Member Cox made a motion to approve the board report and Board Member Combs second on a vote of 6-0-1.

b. Board recommendation for staff regarding the draft of the 2012 UPC or 2012 IPC code for Board review.

c. Board recommendation for staff regarding the draft of the 2012 UMC or 2012 IMC code for Board review.

Staff will schedule a Public Hearing in February to discuss and have the Board make a recommendation about which code should be adopted for the City of Austin.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Combs and was seconded by Michael Nail. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.