



Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals MINUTES

**Board Meeting
February 7, 2013**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals convened in a Board meeting on February 7, 2013 at City Hall, 201 West 2nd Street, 1st Floor, Boards & Commission Room.

Board Chair Frank Haught called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Frank Haught, Michael Cannatti, Alan Schumann, Michael Thorn-Leeson, and Jake Sullivan.

Staff in Attendance: Dan McNabb, Jose Roig, Tony Hernandez, Julie Kirby, Leon Barba, Carl Wren, John Umphress, and Michael Husted.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The December 19, 2012 minutes was postponed on a motion from Board Member Schumann second by Board Chair Haught for a vote of 5-0.
3. **APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BOARD REPORT:** Board Member Schumann made a motion to approve the Report and have a future discussion item on clarification of the Board's mission for the report, second by Board Member Cannatti for a vote of 4-1 with Board Member Sullivan voting no.
4. **Conduct Public Hearings:**
 - a. **2012 IRC Residential Code** – The Board held a public hearing on the 2012 IRC. Dan McNabb, PDRD, provided staff's recommendation to approve the visitability code amendment including section R320.4 (no step entrance effective 2016), and to approve the 2012 IRC code adoption separate from the visitability amendment. Board Member Sullivan made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2012 IRC draft ordinance amending the Live/Work Units section with local amendments, and approve the visitability code amendment as a separate ordinance with Section R320.4 Building Entrance, renumbering Section R320 as amended, second by Board Member Cannatti for a vote of 4-0-1 with Board Member Thorn-Leeson abstaining.
 - b. **Noise Mitigation** – The Board held a public hearing on noise mitigation. Dan McNabb, PDRD, provided staff's recommendation to require the use of laminated glass as a noise mitigation solution for Group R high-rises in Austin and to consider the noise code amendment separate from the 2012 IBC code adoption. Board Member Sullivan made a motion to not support staff's recommendation and to not include the amendment in the 2012 IBC code amendment, second by Board Member Schumann for a 2-3 vote. Board Members Haught and Cannatti voted against. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

c. 2012 IBC Building and IEBC Existing Building Code

The Board held the public hearing. Board Member Schumann suggested amending Section 2407.1 regarding handrails/guard section. Board Member Sullivan made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2012 IBC and IEBC draft ordinance as amended second by Board Member Haught for a vote of 5-0.

d. 2012 IFC Fire Code

The Board held the public hearing. Carl Wren, AFD, provided staff's recommendation. Board Member Thorn-Leeson made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2012 IFC draft ordinance as written second by Board Member Sullivan for a vote of 5-0.

e. 2012 IECC Energy Conservation Code

The Board held the public hearing. John Umphress, AE, discussed a recommendation from the Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board to not strike Section R403.2.2 Exception which requires a leak test within the thermal envelope. This item was postpone.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- 5. ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Frank Haught and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.