



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
Approved MINUTES**

**Board Meeting
July 30, 2014**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals convened in a Board meeting on July 30, 2014 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, 1st Floor, Boards & Commission Room.

Board Chair Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Alan Schumann, Frank Haught, Michael Cannatti, Scott Witt, Herman Lamme, and Ben Abzug. **Board Members Not in Attendance:** Jake Sullivan.

Staff in Attendance: Jose Roig, Tony Hernandez, and Julie Kirby.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Stuart Hersh discussed Council resolution 20131003-100 and asked the Board to consider scheduling a public hearing for an annual repair permit.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The February 26, 2014 minutes were approved on Board Member Haught's motion second by Schumann for a vote of 4-0-2 with Cannatti abstaining.
3. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. **Discuss amending the adopted International Residential Code to reduce or eliminate building permit requirements for accessible ramps less than 30-inches high.** Jose Roig presented staff's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) rather than a code amendment to create a "new" permit type. The SOP would expedite review and permitting of ramps to one to two days. Public hearing was opened at 1:42pm. Stuart Hersh provided an overview of the resolution. The Board encouraged all ramps should be processed through the expedited permits. Public hearing closed at 2:10pm. Board Member Haught made a motion to approve the SOP second by Schumann who added a friendly amendment removing the 30 inches reference for a 5-1 vote. Cannatti opposed.
4. **NEW BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Discuss Task Force recommendation for the consolidation of the three technical boards.** Jose Roig provided information on the consolidation including the composition of San Antonio and Dallas's consolidated boards. The Board discussed the complexity of the technical codes and that the Task Force consolidation report. The Board did not make a motion.
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
6. **ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Schumann and the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.