



## **Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board APPROVED MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING  
April 25, 2017**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin, TX.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Robert Thornton , Stephen Cox, Joseph Cooper , Joseph Bowie, David Dixon, William Harris, Michael Lumbley and Jerry Garza. None Absent.

**Staff Members in Attendance:** Jose Roig, Julie Kirby, Carl Wren, Rick Holloway, Robert Domin, Susan Barr and Richard Anderson (DSD). Kevin Critendon, Cory Harmon and Trebor Brown (AWU). Kurt Stodgill and Michael Husted (AE)

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – none.**

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

- a. Board Member Cooper made a motion to nominate and elect Robert Thornton as Chair second by Lumbley for a 8-0 vote.
- b. Board Member Cooper made a motion to nominate and elect Stephen Cox as Vice Chair second by Bowie for a 8-0 vote.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the January 24, 2017 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Board Member Bowie second by Cox for a 8-0 vote.

**4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**

**a. Appeal of Administrative Decision for 3704 Ranch Creek Drive, Austin TX 78730 for Plan Review Number 2017-015962 related to forgoing connection to the public water system.**

Staff: Carl Wren, DSD Building Official, had denied the appeal based on a plat note requiring connection. Kevin Crittendon, AWU Assistant Director, denied so all customers connect to the infrastructure, but would allow customer to connect to 5/8" irrigation meter as an alternate method of compliance with and RPZ and hose bib.

Appellant: Mr. Rooney stated he is in the ETJ, has a water well, and a rainwater collection system and is self-sufficient, and the City Code allows exceptions in lieu of connection.

Board: Board Member Garza made a motion to Uphold the appeal second by Dixon for a 3-5 vote. The motion failed. The Appeal was denied.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**a. Discuss Solar-Ready code amendment to the 2015 Intl Energy Conservation Code.**

Board Member Cooper made a motion to approve the initial amendment with the following changes, second by Lumbley for a 8-0 vote.

1-Section R407.10 Leave requirement at 35%.

2-Section C402.6.1 Add additional exceptions:

Line 8 –Future rooftop space for future computer equipment.

Line 9 –Future rooftop space for future kitchen and cooling/mechanical equipment.

3-Section C402.6.4 Add space allowance for installation of future meter and panel.

4-Section R407.10 Add an exception for Watt/square foot versus minimum size.

5-Friendly suggestion to provide clear guidelines for clarification.

**b. Discuss the draft code amendment related to repealing the 2006 Solar Code and proposed renaming of this Board.**

Board Member Cox made a motion to approve the amendment second by Cooper for a 7-1 vote, Jerry Garza voting nay.

**c. Discuss code amendment to the 2015 UPC Uniform Plumbing Code related to adding the Reclaimed Mandatory Connection requirement from the Conservation Ordinance (City Code Section 6-4).**

Board Member Cox suggested changing 250 to 100 foot to mirror water service connection, then made a motion to Not include the language in the *Plumbing Code* second by Cooper for a 7-0 vote. Garza absent from the vote.

**d. Discuss code amendment for the adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code related to plumbing. No action taken.**

**e. Discuss the adoption of the 2015 International Residential Code and the pending ordinance related to the plumbing requirements for residential. No action taken.**

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7. ADJOURN** – Chair Thornton adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.