



Mechanical and Plumbing Board APPROVED MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2019**

The Mechanical and Plumbing Board convened on Tuesday August 27, 2019 at the DSD Ben White Location, Conference room 122

Stephen Cox, called the Meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Stephen Cox, Joseph Cooper, Basheer Mohamed, David Nichols, Bobbi Jo Foster, William Harris and Joseph Bowie, Robert Thornton

Absent members were Stephen Seaborn, David Dixon, and Joseph Hernandez

Staff Members in Attendance: Rick Arzola, Charles Ablanado and Beth Culver

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Kevin Critendon, Katherine Jashinski and Robert Stefani-AWU
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 28, 2019 meeting was approved as written. Board Member Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Board member William Harris seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.
3. **DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Interpretation Exhaust Ventilation-** Board is looking for clear direction on where the IMC identifies parking garage exhaust is environmentally exhaust and where UMC is not treated as environmentally exhaust. Staff replies as of now that DSD is following the UMC but will allow an Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) to get the exhaust out of the parking garage. Board recalls history on where COA plan reviewers were coming up with different interpretations and requiring a 30 ft. distance clearance to property lines on parking garage environment air and wanted a clear definition as what the air classification is and what the clearance requirements are. Staff will follow up with supervisors and plan reviewers and give an update at the next board meeting.
 - b. **Water Forward-** AWU Staff Kevin Critendon (Assistant Director) presents to the board the Water Forward program. The Water Forward program was developed during a drought, so City Council developed a drought taskforce and one of the recommendation that evolved from the taskforce was “Water Forward”. Water forward became our integrated water resource plan in Nov 2018. A 100 year water year resource plan includes elements of supply augmentation and conservation. Austin Water Utility staff made a presentation mainly of alternative water source and the board would like to continue discussion due to questions of reclaim water in commercial development.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. **Ventilation Exhaust Update**
 - b. **AWU Water Forward Continued Discussion**
5. **ADJOURN** – Board member Thornton made a motion to adjourn, Board member Cox second the motion. Motion pass 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.