



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
APPROVED Minutes**

**Board Meeting  
October 23, 2019**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Regular Called Meeting on October 23, 2019 at the One Texas Center, 13<sup>th</sup> floor Director Conference Room 1300

Chairman, Alan Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ben Abzug, Aubrey Brasfield, Alicia Jones, Pieter Sybesma, Alan Schumann, Ashley Juraska and Timothy Arndt

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Marco Fiorilo, Bobby Johns and James Wilsford

**Staff in Attendance:** Rick Arzola (DSD), Marlin Hartmann (DSD), Tom Vocke (AFD), Mark Baker (AFD), Marvin Lewis (AFD), Richard Davis (AFD), Kendra Hamilton (AFD) and Joe Limon (AFD)

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: No Citizen Communication.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October 2, 2019 minutes were approved as written by Board member **Abzug** and second by Vice Chair **Brasfield**. Motion passed 7-0
- 3. BRIEFING WITH CITY ATTORNEY-** City Attorney Patricia Link gave the board a brief discussion on the process of appeals, posting language and public hearings. Also informed the board of their roles and in this case as a technical board is to get council recommendation on the proposed technical codes. As a board, board members can favorably recommend staff proposal or to modify with some recommendations, can also recommend to council not to approve the ordinance or postpone the proposal for further discussion. If no decision can be made, staff proposal can go with a “no vote” and will go to council without recommendation. Board staff would like to have a future discussion with the legal office with the rules of appeals.
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING- Wildland Urban Interface-** AFD Marvin Lewis briefs the board on the changes that Chairman Schumann requests. The changes that became a delay involved “ignition resistance materials as opposed to construction in 504.1. Board member Sybesma is concerned on the density of a 40 acreage on where the Wildland Urban Interface code applies for new construction and renovation when it is the exterior of the house and recommends the density to 30 acres. Chairman Schumann closes the public hearing. Board member Abzug makes a motion to approve, Chairman Schumann seconds the motion. Motion passes 7-0. Board recommends the WUI as written to council.
- 5. 2020 BOARD SCHEDULE-DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Board member Abzug made a motion to approve 2020 schedule with modifications. Move Nov 25 meeting date to Nov 18 and move Dec 17 meeting date to Dec 16. Board member Arndt approved the motion, Chairman Shumann second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** No Future agenda items were discussed.
- 7. ADJOURN –** Chairman Schumann made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. Vice Chair Brasfield seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.