MINUTES
BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW
1:00 P.M., MARCH 9, 2015
Third Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room
Omaha Civic Center - 1819 Farnam Street

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Jack Ryan, Chairman
Ron Feuerbach – Vice Chair
Michael Naccarato
Ted Ramm
Jerry Standerford
Thomas Thibodeau

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:  
Cheryl Kiel

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Michel Mason, Plans Examiner
Jennifer Taylor, Attorney - City Law
Clinette Warren, Board Secretary

Mr. Ryan, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., introduced the board members, as well as the staff, and explained the procedures for hearing the cases. Mr. Ryan informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law was available for review on the north wall of the room. He noted that only those items on the agenda could be discussed at the public hearing.

Mr. Ryan explained that the Board does not have the authority to waive any requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Federal Fair Housing Act, or NFPA Life Safety Code. The Board does have the authority to hear appeals of the International Fire Code, Nebraska Accessibility Guidelines and the Nebraska Fair Housing Act. Life Safety Regulations are administered by the State Fire Marshal.

Roll call was taken and six members were present.

Motion by Mr. Feuerbach to APPROVE the minutes for the February 9, 2015 meeting. Mr. Thibodeau seconded the motion.

AYES:  Feuerbach, Naccarato, Standerford, Ramm, Thibodeau, Ryan

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
CASES:

Case No. 15-08
Mike Eckmann
Holland Basham Architects
119 South 49th Avenue
Omaha, NE 68132

LOCATION: 135th Street & Millard Avenue
REQUEST: Waiver to use the currently adopted codes that are in effect and enforced in the City of Omaha jurisdiction.

At the Building Board of Review meeting held on February 9, 2015, Steve Kuzelka (Holland Basham Architects) and Mike Eckmann appeared before the Board.

Mr. Feuerbach stated that he would be recusing himself from this case.

Mr. Kuzelka requested that the project, which includes 9 separate buildings, be designed under the current International Building code.

Mr. Ryan noted that the Planning Department did not object to the request.

In response to Mr. Standerford, Michel Mason – Plans Examiner, stated that the Permits and Inspection does not want any permits issued to the building owner to expire, resulting in the need for another waiver. There was some discussion about how much time should be allowed for construction of the project. It was discussed that the project should be permitted by no later than October of 2016, but ultimately the Board agreed on December 2015. If additional time was needed, the applicant would reappear before the Board.

Mr. Ramm moved to APPROVE the request, subject to permits being applied for by December 2015. Mr. Thibodeau seconded the motion.

AYES: Naccarato, Standerford, Ramm, Thibodeau, Ryan

ABASTAIN: Feuerbach

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-1
ADJOURNMENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 p.m.