MEMBERS PRESENT:  
Jack Ryan, Chairman  
Ron Feuerbach – Vice Chair  
Cheryl Kiel  
Ted Ramm  
Thomas Thibodeau  
Dennis Van Mooorleghem

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:  
Michael Naccarato

OTHERS PRESENT:  
Jay Davis, Assistant Director – Permits & Inspections  
Captain Steve Thornburg – Omaha Fire Department  
Greg Hauptman, Plans Examiner  
Jennifer Taylor, City Law  
Clinette Ingram, Board Secretary

Mr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., introduced the board members and 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. Thibodeau to APPROVE the minutes for the January 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. VanMoorleghem seconded the motion.

AYES: Ramm, Van Moorleghem, Kiel, Thibodeau, Ryan

ABSTAIN: Feuerbach

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
At the Building Board of Review meeting held on February 13, 2017, Todd Heistand and Martin Kluck (Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture) appeared before the Board. Greg Hauptman, Plans Examiner, appeared on behalf of the City.

Mr. Ryan noted that Permits and Inspections did not object to the request for the waiver.

Mr. Kluck explained that the waiver was for an existing, mid-century office building. The doors into the concrete block stair shafts did not have the required push and pull clearance that is necessary for a door into a stair. The space between the doors and the stair risers is between 2” and 8” instead of the required minimum of 18”. In addition, on the exterior of the south stair from the door opening to the elevator shaft there is 6” instead of 12”. The applicant requested waivers for both issues.

In response to Ms. Kiel, Mr. Kluck stated that the issue with the doors occurs on every floor in the building. Mr. Feuerbach advised the applicant that the board did not have the authority to waive the ADA requirements. Mr. Hauptman added that if the waiver was granted, it should be for the stair enclosure doors only.

Ms. Kiel moved to APPROVE in accordance with the plans submitted for the stair enclosure doors only. Mr. Feuerbach seconded the motion.

AYES: Ramm, Van Moorleghem, Kiel, Feuerbach, Thibodeau, Ryan

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Feuerbach moved to ELECT Mr. Ryan as Chair of the board. Mr. Van Moorleghem seconded the motion.

AYES: Ramm, Van Moorleghem, Kiel, Feuerbach, Thibodeau, Ryan

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Mr. Thibodeau moved to ELECT Mr. Feuerbach as Vice-Chair of the board. Ms. Kiel seconded the motion.

AYES: Ramm, Van Moorleghem, Kiel, Feuerbach, Thibodeau, Ryan

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT:

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.