I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
George E. Killian
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:
Cataldo A. Leo

Others Present:      Jim Wonder, Planning Department
                      Doug Clark, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Killian, Leddy, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Estabrook, Miller

Motion carried 4-0-2

II. *Cases

9-8-78
Randy Darrow
Maple Street Shoe Repair
9019 Maple St
Omaha NE 68134
49-636
REQUEST: Waiver of fixture count requirements.

Mr. Darrow contacted the Board Secretary before the meeting and requested that his case be withdrawn. Mr. Darrow is changing the location of his business and no longer needs a waiver of fixture count requirements.

Motion to file by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0
PETE VINCENTINI with Vincentini Plumbing appeared before the Board in order to request approval as a provider and instructor, and to request approval of a continuing education class.

Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Vincentini’s file, and read the proposed class agenda aloud to the Board Members. Mr. Wonder asked Mr. Vincentini what materials he proposed to use in order to administer his requested continuing education class. Mr. Vincentini replied that he will be using the Omaha Plumbing Code book. Those attending the class will take turns reading sections of the code aloud to the rest of the group. General discussion and a question-and-answer time will follow each section that is reviewed. Mr. Vincentini also prepared a series of quizzes which will be given to those attending the class after each section in order to demonstrate understanding of the code sections as the group reviews them.

Mr. Estabrook inquired whether Mr. Vincentini had any prior teaching experience, such as with Metro Community College or ABC Education Center. Mr. Vincentini replied that he did not; however, Mr. Vincentini has given this class for the past three years at his shop. This class was approved by the Plumbing Board in the past under the previous continuing education certification requirements. Mr. Estabrook recognized that this proposed class was previously approved by the Board; however, the Board has since made changes to its continuing education certification process.

Mr. Wonder stated that he thought continuing education classes should consist of more than reading the Code aloud, and should include some type of visual aides, such as PowerPoint or overheads. Mr. Miller concurred with this opinion. Mr. Killian defended Mr. Vincentini’s class format, stating that as an architect, he has attended lunchtime reviews of code and found it to be valuable. Mr. Reed stated that his office has a similar practice.

Mr. Miller stated that during the discussion that took place before the new continuing education certification requirements were put in place, there was a concern with classes such as the one that Mr. Vincentini is proposing. The Board agreed at that time that they wanted to see more structured classes, which used visual aides and had more interaction between instructors and those attending the class. The intent was to eliminate classes where Master Plumbers read the Code Book aloud to their employees.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division had no objection to Vincentini Plumbing as a Provider of continuing education. Mr. Killian agreed

Motion to approve Vincentini Plumbing as an Approved Provider by Mr. Killian. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0
Mr. Miller read from the file Mr. Vincentini’s credentials.

**Motion** to approve Peter J Vincentini as an Approved Instructor for Plumbing Code by Mr. Killian. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Miller stated that he wanted to see more structure with continuing education classes, and less reading the code book aloud. Mr. Killian suggested some ways in which Mr. Vincentini could create a better curriculum for future classes, including the use of digital photography to illustrate proper and improper methods of installation for various fixtures and piping.

Mr. Miller stated that he would be willing to approve Mr. Vincentini today with the understanding that he must provide more information and structure in future classes. Mr. Killian sympathized with Mr. Vincentini, and stated that the quizzes that Mr. Vincentini submitted showed an effort to ensure that those attending the class retained the information that was being read. Mr. Miller stressed the importance of visual aides and demonstrations during classes, citing his personal experiences as an instructor of continuing education.

**Motion** to approve the requested four hour continuing education class by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

9-8-80
Peter J. Vincentini
Vincentini Plumbing
2308 S 16 St
Omaha NE 68108-3948

REQUEST: Approval of continuing education class.

49-215

Pete Vincentini with Vincentini Plumbing appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller read from the file the materials and subjects to be covered during the proposed four hour class.

The Board Secretary cautioned Mr. Vincentini to remind those attending his class before the class began that they may only receive credit once per class – they cannot attend the same class multiple times and receive credit each time. Mr. Vincentini stated that he would announce this to those attending his classes.

**Motion** to approve the requested four hour continuing education class by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0
Chris Reed recused himself from voting and appeared before the Board representing Morrissey Engineering. Mr. Reed stated that his waiver request was in regards to Building 1 of the Midtown Crossing Project on 33rd and Dodge Streets. This building is one of seven that are being erected on the property. These buildings are in excess of seventy feet in height, and were designed without a redundant roof drain system in accordance with Table 1210 of the Plumbing Code. Due to the differences in site grade, a portion of Building 1 was later discovered to be only sixty three feet above grade. Mr. Reed appeared before the Board today to request a waiver of the required overflow drains and scuppers for buildings less than seventy feet in height.

Mr. Wonder stated that the seventy foot requirement listed in the Plumbing Code was put into place partially due to system designed by Alvine & Associates, in which additional drains and larger piping were installed on the roof, and an overflow drain system was eliminated. Seventy feet was agreed upon as a logical height requirement for this type of roof drain system, in that there is less chance that debris will make it up to the roof and plug the drains.

Mr. Reed stated that the roof drain system installed on Building 1 and on each of the other six buildings within the development was designed to be oversized as per Code requirements for buildings in excess of seventy feet in height. Building 1 is fronted by a parking garage, Dodge Street, and 33rd Streets. There isn’t an excess of trees or vegetation in the area that could potentially plug the roof drains.

Motion by Mt. Killian to approve a waiver of overflow drains and scuppers on Building 1 of the Midtown Crossing Development. Second by Mr. Leddy

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Gardner contacted the Board Secretary before the meeting and requested that his case be held over to the next meeting of the Board. He also informed the secretary that the applicant will be changed to Paul Frazier.

Motion to hold this case over to the next meeting of the Board by Mr. Wellendorf. Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

III. *Apprenticeship Agreements
Nicholas G. Paulsen appeared before the Board with a request to register as an Apprentice Plumber with a start date of March 9, 2009. Mr. Paulsen submitted with his application a payroll report proving that he was employed by Vincentini Plumbing at the time of his requested start date.

Motion to approve Nicholas Paulsen as an Apprentice Plumber with a start date of March 9, 2009 by Mr. Wellendorf. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Miller informed Mr. Paulsen that he and he alone is responsible for maintaining records of his schooling and on-the-job training hours during his apprenticeship, and to renew his apprentice card yearly as required by Code. Mr. Paulsen demonstrated understanding of his responsibilities and stated his satisfaction with his start date.

Kyle W. Strong appeared before the Board with a request to register as an Apprentice Plumber with a start date of June 3, 2009. Mr. Strong has entered the Joint Apprenticeship Program at Plumbers Local Union 16.

Motion to approve Kyle Strong as an Apprentice Plumber with a start date of June 3, 2009 by Mr. Leddy. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Miller informed Mr. Strong that although the Union maintains his schooling and training records, Mr. Strong is responsible for the renewal of his apprentice card yearly as required by Code. Mr. Strong demonstrated understanding of his responsibilities and stated his satisfaction with his start date.

IV. **Journeyman Plumber Examinations to be given Tuesday, August 11th**
Michael Bland
2550 Avenue H
Council Bluffs IA 51501

Precise Contracting & Plumbing
720 N Frontier Road Suite 4
Papillion NE 68046-4398

Joshua R Blasingame
210 S 16 St Apt 510
Omaha NE 68102

Carmody Plumbing
PO Box 12473
8504 N 29 St
Omaha NE 68112-2219

Matthew J Bostwick
PO Box 93
Kennard NE 68034

Backlund Plumbing
14920 Grover St
Omaha NE 68144-3238

Travis Brown
PO Box 5
Roca NE 68430

Plumbers Local Union 16
4801 F St
Omaha NE 68117

Nilo Cervantes
17613 Josephine St
Omaha NE 68136

Dave Janke Plumbing
15013 Grover St
Omaha NE 68144-3240

Robert Combs
7806 S 50 Circle
Bellevue NE 68157

Mainelli Mechanical Cont.
PO Box 12428
8701 N 29 St
Omaha NE 68112

Mark Cunningham (Practical & Plans)
5214 South 156th Street Apt. 338
Omaha NE 68135

Burton Plumbing Inc.
8115 H Street
Omaha NE 68127

Randall L Dees (Practical & Plans)
9144 S 147 St
Omaha NE 68138

Heimes Corporation
9144 S 147 St
Omaha NE 68138

Kurt A Doyle (Written & Practical)
3779 County Road 39
Fort Calhoun NE 68023

Plumbers Local Union 16
4801 F St
Omaha NE 68117

David D Driver
2808 Wayne Street
Bellevue NE 68005

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Omaha NE 68117

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Omaha NE 68137-5325

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Omaha NE 68127

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Gretna NE 68028

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Omaha NE 68144-3240
V. **Master Plumber Examinations to be given Tuesday, August 11th and Wednesday, August 12th**

- **Dale Anderson**
  7010 Chandler Acres Drive
  Omaha NE 68147-1206
  Burton Plumbing Inc.
  8115 H Street
  Omaha NE 68127

- **Michael J Curphey (Written II & Practical)**
  2123 Dana Lane
  Papillion NE 68133
  Prairie Mechanical Corporation
  2842 Tucker
  Omaha NE 68112-1838

- **Michael A Johnson**
  37168 130th Av
  Avon MN 56310
  J-BERD Mechanical Contractors
  3308 Southway Dr
  St. Cloud MN 56301

- **Michael J Knutson**
  205 Fall Creek Road
  Papillion NE 68133
  Carmody Plumbing
  PO Box 12473
  8504 N 29 St
  Omaha NE 68112-2219
VI. **Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examinations to be given Wednesday, August 12th**

Michael J Versch  
16103 Manderson St.  
Omaha NE 68116

VII. **Sewer Layer Examinations to be given Wednesday, August 12th**

Aaron Clements  
1201 Aries Drive  
Lincoln NE 68512

Sean E. Hicks  
Kerstens & Lee, Inc.  
11050 S 204 St  
Gretna NE 68028-7977

Landscapes Unlimited LLC  
1201 Aries Drive  
Lincoln NE 68512

Kerstens & Lee, Inc.  
11050 S 204 St  
Gretna NE 68028-7977

VIII. Discussion

Mr. Wonder discussed the upcoming special meeting of the Omaha Plumbing Board to take place on August 19th from 6:00-9:00pm at the Common Grounds Community Center in Elkhorn. This special meeting is not a public forum; but rather a series of presentations for the Board members in regards to vacuum systems and siphonic roof drains. The public may ask questions about these products during this meeting. A public hearing for the purpose of discussing changes to the Plumbing Code will take place on September 9th. Mr. Wonder anticipates presenting a final draft of the proposed Plumbing Code to the Board on September 26th. The Board will vote on the proposed final draft at that time.

The Board Secretary inquired of the Board whether they wished her to make any changes or clarifications to the checklist being given out for continuing education certification applications. The Board members discussed the checklist and agreed that no changes were necessary at this time.
Mr. Wonder stated that he had been running monthly rejection reports as a way to identify trouble areas in the knowledge of plumbers in Omaha. Mr. Wonder plans to present these problem areas to the Board at a later date with the possibility of creating a list of approved subjects for continuing education.

Mr. Reed stated his concern that other Master Plumbers will appear before the Board at the end of the year requesting classes similar to Mr. Vincentini’s, where the Code book is read aloud, and there are no visual aides or demonstrations performed. Mr. Miller stated that he is unwilling to approve classes where the sole instruction is reading aloud from the Plumbing Code for four hours. The Board agreed with Mr. Miller, and expressed a desire for more formal, structured classes which include visual aides, demonstrations, and experienced, certified instructors.

IX. Executive Session

Mr. Wonder requested that the Board go into executive session to discuss scoring of the Master Plumber examinations given on August 12th and 13th.

Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

Board entered executive session at 2:36 pm.

X. Adjourn

Board adjourned by mutual consent at 2:55 pm.

*APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.

**Testing begins at 7:30am in Room 702. The exam fee must be remitted to the Planning Department at the time of application: no application will be processed without payment. Checks should be made payable to the City of Omaha.

A full, continually current agenda is available for public inspection in Room 1110 of the Omaha/Douglas Civic Center during normal business hours.

The Omaha Plumbing Board reserves the right to modify the agenda at the public meeting. If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.

Applications for the meeting to be held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 26th are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, August 13th.

TEST RESULTS WILL BE MAILED TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, AT NOON.

TEST RESULTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE OVER THE TELEPHONE.

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