I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Others Present:
Bob Horan, City of Omaha Planning Department
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 23, 2014

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2014 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

ABSTAIN: Feyerherm, Schaap

Motion carried 5-0-2

III. *Approval of Apprenticeship Program

14-8-121
Don Frank
13009 Woodridge Circle
Omaha NE 68123

REQUEST Approval of apprenticeship program

Mr. Don Frank appeared before the Board to approve #1 Priority Plumbing apprenticeship program. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork, and it was in order. Motion to approve #1 Priority Plumbing apprenticeship program by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0
IV. Apprenticeship Agreements

Zachary S Frank
13009 Woodridge Circle
Omaha NE 68123

#1 Priority Plumbing
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Omaha NE 68123

Mr. Zachary Frank appeared before the Board requesting a June 16, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Frank with a 6-16-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

Christopher A Gambale
707 Golden Gate Circle #13
Papillion NE 68046

Backlund Plumbing
6215 Grover Street
Omaha NE 68106

Motion by Mr. Reed to hold over Mr. Christopher Gambale’s apprenticeship agreement until further notification by his employer. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

Joshua W Cox
5102 Capitol Avenue #17
Omaha NE 68132

Plumbing Specialities
11531 Portal Rd #22
La Vista NE 68128

Mr. Joshua Cox appeared before the Board requesting a December 3, 2012 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. He was employed by Integrity Plumbing from 12-3-12 through 7-2013. He then was unemployed until 4/23/14 through the present with Plumbing Specialities. Mr. Cox is done with his first year of schooling. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Cox with a 12-3-2012 start date with the stipulation that he provide documentation to the Plumbing Board secretary for his first seven months of employment. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0
Mr. Joshua Durham appeared before the Board requesting an April 2, 2014 start date in the Omaha apprenticeship program. Paperwork and ratios are in order. Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Durham with a 4-2-2014 start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

V. *Cases

14-7-115  Held over from 7/23/14
Ruben Gonzales
Hennes & Mauritz, LP
8570 West Sunset Blvd
West Hollywood CA 90069

REQUEST  Waiver as regards piping for fixture requirements
Location:  10000 California Street Space 3545
49-634, 635, 636

8/13/2014
Mr. Estabrook made a motion to file case 14-7-115. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

7/23/14
Mr. Ruben Gonzales appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding the piping for fixture requirements at the Hennes & Mauritz store at the Westroads Shopping Mall. Mr. Gonzales stated there will be restrooms in the store but the Omaha Plumbing Code is requiring more restrooms and urinals than the company wants to put in. This mercantile space is 19,609 sq. ft. He stated that there is a public restroom outside of their store 123 feet away. The Board did not see a hardship in this case. Mr. Gonzales, the superintendent on the job, requested the Board hold this over until the next meeting so other representatives could attend to discuss this case.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold this over to the next Plumbing Board meeting on August 13, 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried 5-0
Mr. Brett Petersen appeared before the Board to request renewal of provider, instructor and classes for continuing education for 2014. Mack McClain Associates has been a provider in the past.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mack McClain as a provider for continuing education classes for 2014. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Brett Petersen has been approved in past years as an instructor for continuing education. Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Brett Petersen as an instructor for backflow prevention for 2014. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve two hours of credit for backflow prevention class. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve a separate one hour of credit for pressure reducing valves. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0
REQUEST  Waiver as regards well installation
Location:  3130 Ponca Road
49-1510

Mrs. Shirley Ortman appeared before the Board requesting approval to drill a well at 3130 Ponca Road. This well will provide water for her horses. There is no house on this property, nor does she plan on building one.

Metropolitan Utilities District and Douglas County Health Department do not oppose this waiver at this time.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this well installation at 3130 Ponca Road. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0

REQUEST  Waiver as regards drinking fountain
Location:  20330 Veterans Drive
49-636 Table 5C

Angie Froehlich with REF Building and Construction appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for a drinking fountain at 20330 Veterans Drive. The office space is 1625 sq. feet. The client is proposing to provide a refrigerator with water supply. There is also a kitchen sink in the break room.

Motion to approve this waiver at 20330 Veterans Drive by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0
Jeff Krueger  
5510 N 139 Avenue  
Omaha NE 68164  

REQUEST  Waiver as regards traps and tubing  
Location:  3525 N 147 Street #211, 212  
49-703

Mr. Jeff Krueger, owner of Trios Salon, and Mr. Scott Raike with Exspurt Plumbing appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding a tilt shampoo bowl with flex hose. The Board discussed how much length of tubing should be required, i.e. 12 inches is too short.

Motion was made by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver for the manufacture-provided flexible tubing for the shampoo bowl installation as long as the flex tube does not exceed 18 inches long. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES:  Barrett, Estabrook, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN:  Feyerherm

Motion carried 6-0-1

Mark Roseland  
Backlund Plumbing  
6215 Grover Street  
Omaha NE 68106  

REQUEST  Waiver as regards grease interceptor  
Location:  2501 S 90 Street  
Bays 107 & 108; Bays 126 & 127  
49-1109

Mr. Mark and Mr. Pat Roseland with Backlund Plumbing appeared before the Board requesting two grease interceptors in Loveland Plaza at 2501 S 90 Street, Bays 107 & 108; and Bays 126 & 127. These bays have not been leased to a restaurant at present, but driveway paving is needed to be done. Discussion included traffic rating for the covers since this will be below a drive-through. Chairman Miller read a memo stating that the Health Dept has no objection to this grease interceptor. Mr. Wonder’s note in 7-23-14 Plumbing Board minutes stated that a 250-gallon interceptor would be sufficient for a 5500 sq. ft. space.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the installation of two additional Schier GB-250 grease interceptors for this property; one to serve bays 107 and 108; the other designed to serve bays 126 and 127 with the stipulation that the interceptor being installed in the parking area be a highway-rated manhole cover. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES:  Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 7-0
Mr. Jeff Estabrook appeared before the Board requesting clarification on sizing of this plan. It is a warehouse facility that will not be selling to the public. There will be a total of five people working there. The City stated the plan should be sized as a warehouse and an office. Mr. Estabrook disagrees, stating it should be sized as a warehouse only. The total area of the warehouse is 20,000 sq. ft. The office is 700 sq. ft.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow two women’s water closets and one men’s water closet for the proposed 20,000 sq. ft. facility to be located in the 700 sq. ft. office space at this location. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow the waiver for a drinking fountain in this facility. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Eric Westman presented before the Board requesting a waiver regarding temporary toilet facilities for Security National Bank. Mr. Westman stated that due to the complexity of teardown and reconstruction of the new bank facility, Security National Bank anticipates using a temporary facility for approximately 14 months. He is requesting a waiver for an extension on the timeframe and also a waiver regarding public access to the restrooms. The temporary facility that will be used is prefabricated and is not equipped to provide public restrooms with proper security separation and features required to make this work with public facilities. While under construction, Security National anticipates only short visits from clients that are vital to their business operation. They believe that the majority of customers will use the drive-through. Longer appointments and meetings will all be made in other facilities during this timeframe. Due to the nature of these concerns, Security National requests that the requirement for public restrooms be waived.
Discussion included putting a wall behind the tellers to provide security and give access to the restroom. The other option would be to find another temporary facility that would accommodate handicap accessibility. It was stated that the Plumbing Board cannot waive any ADA requirements.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to hold case 14-8-123 over until the next Plumbing Board meeting on 8/27/2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1

Mr. Reed asked to be excused from the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn to go into Executive Session at 2:37 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Plumbing examinations were reviewed. Executive session concluded at 3:15 p.m.

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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