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:
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Others Absent:
Allen Brown, Douglas County Health Department

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

II. Approval of Minutes from May 27, 2015

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Reed, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Feyerherm, Miller

Motion carried: 5-0-2

III. *Cases

15-6-87
Christian Gray - inCOMMON Community Development
1340 Park Avenue
Omaha NE 68105
REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain

Location: 1340 Park Avenue 49-636

Mr. Christian Gray representing inCOMMON Community Development appeared before the Board as regards drinking fountain at 1340 Park Avenue. This is a community center which is renovating one-half of the lower level. Total square feet is 3000 per level with approximately 1200 sq. ft. being renovated on the lower level. The other half will remain storage space. The only drinking fountain at present is an existing cup-fill station which is permanent on the main floor.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve this waiver. Second by Mr. Barrett.

AYES: Barrett, Reed

NAYS: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion denied: 2-5
REQUEST
Waiver as regards 1:1 ratio

Location: 1420 Read Street
49-636; Table 5A

Mr. Paul Kelly with Paul Kelly Architecture appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards 1:1 ratio at 1420 Read Street. The owner of the property, NBG Enterprises, Inc., requests a variance to the standard 1:1 gender ratio based on the majority of employees for this business (construction debris salvage) being male. The current staff consists of twelve males and one part-time female employee. Mr. Wonder stated the square footage and the fixture count came up to where they needed a second water closet in the women’s restroom. The men’s fixture count is fine. Mr. Kelly requests a 3:1 ratio. Mr. Wonder stated the City does not oppose this waiver.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the waiver changing the ratio to 2 men to 1 woman ratio for this occupant only at 1420 Read Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

REQUEST
Waiver as regards travel distance;
ratio 1:1 men to women

Location: 11300 North Post Road
49-634 (d); 49-636

Mr. Stephen Smith with Kenneth Hahn Architects presented before the Board requesting a waiver as regards travel distance to the men’s restroom and 1:1 ratio at Ponca Elementary School located at 11300 North Post Road. This is an existing building. The project consists of relocating the principal’s office and administration to give more visibility. The City requested putting both a men’s and women’s restroom at the front of the building. Due to the shape of the building, there is not much room for an additional restroom in the front area and thus would be taking away from the needed educational space. The Plumbing Code states 200 feet is required for travel distance to the restroom, but this renovation measures 300 feet travel distance.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver allowing 300 feet travel distance to the men’s restroom. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

NAYS: Estabrook

Motion carried: 6-1

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the waiver for a ratio of 2 men to 5 women. Second by Amy Schaap.

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

NAYS: Estabrook Motion carried: 6-1
REQUEST Approval of address correction as regards Case #15-5-86
Location: 1221 S 71 Street
49-1206

This is a clarification of address regarding Case 15-5-86 from the Plumbing Board meeting on 5/27/2015. The motion was passed regarding 1200 S 71 Street which was an incorrect address listed on the application. The correct address for that business as listed on the building permit is 1221 S 71 Street.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to correct the address from 1200 S 71 Street to 1221 S 71 Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

IV. Apprenticeship Program Agreements

REQUEST Approval of apprenticeship program

Mr. Bernard Vacek is requesting approval for City of Omaha Apprenticeship Program. The files are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve In-Law Plumbing & Drain Services LLC for the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0

V. Discussion

Mr. Wonder stated he has the final draft of the new plumbing code from the Law Department. There was a change to the occupancy/fixture requirement tables for schools. Mr. Michel Mason - City of Omaha Plans Examiner and Metropolitan Community College assisted with a system to better determine the occupancy of toilet requirements. The only other changes were cosmetic in wording and punctuation. Mr. Wonder requested approval from the Plumbing Board for the changes modified.

Mr. Reed made a motion to allow Chairman David Miller to sign a letter supporting the changes in the plumbing code with any comments from the Plumbing Board to him before June 16th. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 7-0
VI. Adjournment

Motion by Amy Schaap to adjourn. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.

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