I. Roll Call

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

Others Present:
Mike Connor, Douglas County Health Department
Jim Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Members Absent:
Brian Barrett
Amy Schaap

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

II. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2016

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the minutes from March 23, 2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

III. *Cases

16-3-31 Held over from 3/09/2016
Andrew Kohler
3706 SW 36 St
Des Moines IA 50321

REQUEST Approval of continuing education provider, instructor, class(es)
49-218

Mr. Andrew Kohler appeared before the Board today requesting approval of continuing education provider, instructor and classes regarding fire hydrant installation. Mr. Kohler has taught fire hydrant classes in the state of Iowa for Iowa DNR, Iowa Rural Water Association, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, and Iowa AWWA. These classes range from 10-100+ attendees. He has eight years of waterworks hydrant and valves sales experience.

Mr. Estabrook inquired if the class would include test procedures. Mr. Kohler stated it will not. Mr. Kohler does not deal with testing of fire hydrants. Mr. Kohler’s presentation includes installation and problems that do come up out in the field and how to fix them.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Clow Valve Company as a provider for continuing education for the City of Omaha. Second by Mr. Salem.
Mr. Jim Wonder stated that the Plumbing Code requires the person testing fire hydrants be “hydrant certified.” There are no classes set up at present to do this. If Mr. Kohler would like to coordinate with the City, there could be a class for contractors to become hydrant certified. Mr. Wonder asked Mr. Kohler to contact him to further discuss the details.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Andrew C Kohler as an instructor for continuing education for fire hydrant installation, operation and maintenance for master and journeymen plumbers. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

Discussion included the number of hours Mr. Kohler’s class would last. Mr. Kohler stated his PowerPoint class takes approximately one hour. Mr. Wonder stated that if the City of Omaha was included in this presentation, it could be extended to a three hour class.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve Mr. Kohler’s one hour fire hydrant class with the option to extend it to three hours if he involves the City of Omaha Planning Department and makes it a hydrant-certified class. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

16-3-40 Held over from 3/23/2016
Jose Diaz de Leon
7900 Regent Drive
Lincoln NE 68507

REQUEST Waiver as regards unisex restrooms
Location: 711 Saddle Creek Road
49-708

Mr. Diaz de Leon was not present for this case. Mr. Wonder notified the Board that this has been settled, and a urinal will be installed in the front restroom.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file case 16-3-40. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0
16-4-51  Held over to 4/27/2016
Dave McArdle
12110 Portal Road #500
LaVista NE 68128
REQUEST  Approval of grease interceptors
49-1120

Mr. David McArdle with Jay R. Smith Mfg. Co. appeared before the Board to request holding over this product until the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to hold over Case 16-4-51 until April 27, 2016.  Second by Mr. Reed.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried:  5-0

16-4-52
Dave McArdle
12110 Portal Road #500
LaVista NE 68128
REQUEST  Approval of linear drains
49-624

Mr. David McArdle with Jay R. Smith Mfg. Co. appeared before the Board to request approval of his company’s linear shower drain.  The product is 14 gauge type 304 stainless steel construction and is presloped to outlet.  Mr. Estabrook inquired about the clamping ring.  Mr. McArdle stated there is a flashing flange and clamp to prevent seepage around the drain.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Jay R. Smith Mfg. Co. model 9666 stainless steel ADA shower drain to be an approved shower linear drain.  Second by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried:  5-0
Mr. Dan Dolezal and Ms. Kylie Von Seggern with Alley Poyner Macchietto appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards fixture requirements at the Blue Lion Center at 2423 N 24 Street. This is an existing building which is being renovated and occupied by The Union for Contemporary Art, a nonprofit art program, and four tenant bays will be rented out. Mr. Dolezal stated there are three floors to the building: the lower floor has three art studios used by the youth, the main floor will primarily be an art gallery, tenant spaces and administrative functions, and the upper floor will be resident studios with private offices. Mr. Dolezal stated they are requesting two waivers. The first waiver is regarding the lower level. There are two restrooms down there that will be used by the youth. He is requesting the adult restroom be located on the main level.

Mr. Wonder stated from a Code standpoint, the restrooms are not required on each floor in a classroom setting; however, for the staff, it does. Mr. Dolezal is asking for a waiver of restrooms on the lower level for staff. There will be five mentors with the students which will leave sufficient supervision should one staff member need to use the restroom. There is also transparency between the lower and main levels with an opening to maintain visual connection between the spaces. There are no issues with the upper level.

Mr. Reed inquired if there enough fixtures for the entire building. Mr. Dolezal stated there are. Therefore, he is not asking to waive the amount of fixtures, just the location for staff members. The main floor waiver is a request to be based on business occupancy instead of using assembly occupancy.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to waive the fixture count for staff on the lower level and to consider tenant space C for fixture count as business occupancy. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Salem

ABSTAIN: Reed, Miller

Motion carried: 3-0-2

Mr. Kyle Kellner appeared before the Board requesting a waiver as regards a unisex restroom. He presently has one restroom consisting of two stalls and one urinal. The building was built in 1955. Mr. Kellner stated this is a recycling business in an industrial area. The male to female ratio is low. Mr. Kellner stated there is not much female traffic that comes into his business. He does not employ any females at the present time. Four to five customers at one time would be a high estimate. Usually it is just Mr. Kellner and one other employee for the majority of the day.

Mr. Estabrook inquired what the business was before Mr. Kellner’s recycling business. He stated it was Americana which built overhead garage doors and shopping cart wheels. Prior to that it was the Falstaff Brewery maintenance building.
Total square footage is 7260. The finished space is 1350 square feet. The rest of the building is warehouse space. Mr. Miller asked what the hardship is for not bringing the space up to Code. Mr. Kellner stated finances and the number of female customers that come into his business is minimal. The amount of time a customer is in the office is less than 10 minutes.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to deny this waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0. Waiver Denied.

Mr. Matt Pierson and Mr. Don Peters appeared before the Board requesting a waiver regarding travel distance to restrooms and fixture requirements. This new building is a trucking warehouse with a limited amount of employees (three drivers who clock in and then drive all day, two male and one female office staff). The employees move through the warehouse on forklifts, therefore, foot travel through the warehouse is minimal. The required plumbing fixtures are located near the office area and are accessible from the warehouse. An additional restroom added to solely satisfy the travel distance requirement in the warehouse would not be used.

A second waiver is requested regarding fixture requirements. Due to the limited number of employees, Mr. Pierson wishes to reduce the women’s water closet count from (2) to (1) which would be equal to the number of water closets provided for men.

Mr. Peters clarified to the Board that they are going to add a urinal to the men’s restroom. Discussion included changing the ratio from 50:50 to 75:25 men to women.

Motion by Mr. Reed to waive the 200’ travel distance requirement and a waiver to allow the ratio of 75% men to 25% women for this tenant, owner, and business only at 10330 I Street. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0
REQUEST

Approval of continuing education provider

Mr. Corey Moore is requesting to be a provider for continuing education. Mr. Moore has already been approved as an instructor, and his classes are also approved.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Corey Moore as a provider for continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements


Troy C Rieger-Mort
5961 N 154 St
Omaha NE 68116

The Frazier Company Inc
14830 B Circle
Omaha NE 68144

Mr. Rieger-Mort was not in attendance today.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to file Mr. Rieger-Mort’s case. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

Ricky L Booth, II
7310 S 69 Street
La Vista NE 68128

JTM Plumbing Service
12616 S 218 Ave
Gretna NE 68028-5985

Mr. Ricky Booth, II is requesting an apprentice start date of 3/13/2016. Mr. Miller stated documents and ratios are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Booth as an apprentice within the City of Omaha with a start date of 3/13/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0
Mr. Trent Brockman appeared before the Board requesting an apprentice start date of 9/24/2015. Documentation and ratios at 20:20 are in order. Mr. Pete Vincentini has a “retired master” license and does not count.

Motion to approve Mr. Brockman as an apprentice within the City of Omaha with a start date of 9/24/2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem
Motion carried: 5-0

Mr. Shaun Dougherty appeared before the Board requesting an apprentice start date of 6/03/2015. Documentation and ratios at 20:20 are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Dougherty as an apprentice within the City of Omaha with a start date of 6/03/2015. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem
Motion carried: 5-0

Mr. Michael Harris and Mr. Jon Miller with Pink T Inc. appeared before the Board requesting an apprentice start date of 7/14/2003. Mr. Jon Miller stated that Mr. Harris worked for RC Harris Plumbing, Heating, and A/C Inc. from 7/14/03-5/4/09. He then entered the Navy. From 8/26/13-1/29/2014 he lived in Florida while his wife was deployed. He then moved to Nebraska 5/20/15-11/20/15. Mr. Harris will get additional documentation with on-the-job training hours for his previous years of experience. The Board discussed granting him an apprentice card now so he can work until testing time.

Motion to approve Mr. Harris as an apprentice within the City of Omaha with a start date of 4/13/2016. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem
Motion carried: 5-0
Mr. Travis Larsen appeared before the Board requesting an apprentice start date of 6/16/2014. Documentation and ratios at 20:20 are in order.

Motion to approve Mr. Larsen as an apprentice within the City of Omaha with a start date of 6/16/2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

V. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals (14)

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Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the 14 apprentice renewals listed above. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

VI. Discussion
Retired journeyman license required to pay quad fee penalty. The Board agreed that since his license is in retirement he does not need to appear before the Board.
VII. Adjournment

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to adjourn at 2:39 p.m. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Reed, Salem

Motion carried: 5-0

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