MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 9, 2018
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

Board Members:
Brian A Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Steve Johnston
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap
Russell Hadan, Douglas County Health Department (non-voting)
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector, City Planning Department (non-voting)

A current copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted in a white binder on the north wall of the Jesse Lowe Conference Room. The secretary certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on April 30, 2018.

Mr. David Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Brian Barrett
Jeff Estabrook
Steve Johnston
David Miller
Christopher Reed
Terry Salem
Amy Schaap

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2018

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2018 Plumbing Board meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0-1, Approved
III. Cases

18-4-48
ASAP Plumbing Inc
Shawn Gomez
1114 Hackney Dr
Papillion, NE 68046

REQUEST
Request for approval of unisex restroom and a urinal waiver.
Location: 4626 S 20 St

Mr. Diomedes Perez appeared for the request. Mr. Christopher Reed stated that this case is a carryover. Mr. Estabrook stated that they had requested a drawing that showed the square footage of the space. Mr. Perez shared the plans. Mr. Estabrook asked about the plans. Mr. Perez stated that the back restroom goes with the room that the owner is renting out. Mr. Brian Barret stated he understands the size, however he does not know how it would work because the restroom is not ADA compliant. There is discussion about the ADA compliance. Mr. Jim Wonder stated that a building inspector would address the accessibility. Mr. Estabrook asked about the plans. Mr. Reed stated that the space is less than 1,500 square feet. He stated that they would just need to waive a urinal requirement.

Motion by Mr. Reed to waive the urinal requirement at this location. Second by Ms. Amy Schaap.

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

Motion carried: 6-1, Approved

18-5-52
ABC
Theresa Ptacek
2602 Harney St
Omaha, NE 68131

REQUEST
Request to add Tony Lukens to instructor list and waive continuing education requirement.

No one appeared on the applicant’s behalf.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Tony Lukens for 4 hours of continuing education as an instructor at ABC. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved
Mr. Jeff Starks appeared requesting a residential well waiver at 1321 S 225 Plz. Mr. Miller stated that MUD does not oppose the waiver and the Health Department does not have a problem with the request. Mr. Estabrook clarified the use.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve a well waiver at this location. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

Mr. Reed appeared before the Board making a request for approval of fixture count for a multi-family building amenity area. He summarized the reason for the request and the plans. He stated that they are looking for verification of the way that they computed the fixture count. Mr. Reed stated that there are 162 apartments and the amenity areas are for residents only, except for the salon. Ms. Schaap stated that the salon is under 1,500 square feet. Mr. Reed stated that they would just need a waiver to the urinal requirement in the salon. He stated that this will be a retirement community. Mr. Estabrook stated that for an event he does not like the limited fixture count. He asked if the building has already been built. Mr. Reed stated that it has not. He stated that there is no apartment amenity code requirement. Mr. Barrett stated that the restaurant is the part he is unable to get behind. Mr. Reed stated it is just a community space, meals are not served daily, so it is not a restaurant. He recounted what has happened for other apartment amenity requests. Ms. Schaap stated that she would prefer if there was a centrally located two stall double restroom situation. Mr. Reed stated that could work. Mr. Reed asked about making adjustments if the client did not like that suggestion. Mr. Barrett stated he could see not having one in the salon. Mr. Reed stated that it would be a separate entity and they would like that there. There is discussion about the wording of the waiver and waiving the urinal in the salon.

Motion by Ms. Schaap to approve the waiver to remove the urinal and unisex requirement in the salon and revise the plans so there is one centrally located restroom with a minimum of two fixtures for each restroom at this location and this property.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved
Ms. Stacy Johnson and Mr. Paul Kelly appeared requesting a waiver to public restroom access at this location. Mr. Miller reviewed the request. Mr. Estabrook asked what they make. Ms. Johnson stated cookies. Mr. Reed asked if it was a carry out only location. Ms. Johnson stated that there is no seating. She stated that there is an employee restroom that they do not want customers to have to walk through the kitchen to get to. Mr. Kelly stated that the location is approximately 800 square feet. Mr. Kelly described the layout of the location. He stated that the restroom will also be used for the main tenant. Mr. Estabrook voiced concerns about not having access to the restroom at all in the future. Mr. Wonder stated that this is another case of a building in Benson with limited space. He stated he does not remember if the previous owner got a waiver for their restrooms. There is discussion about a previous case.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the waiver. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

Mr. Adam Christiansen appeared before the Board requesting approval as a provider, approval of instructors, and approval of classes. Mr. Miller clarified the request.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Service Reps Inc. as a provider. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Christiansen’s credentials.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Adam Christiansen as an instructor for water heaters, flush valves, and recirculation pumps. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

Mr. Christiansen shared Mr. Barba’s qualifications.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve John Barba as an instructor for pumps. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved
Mr. Christiansen shared Mr. Weir’s qualifications.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Matt Weir as an instructor for gas fired instantaneous water heaters. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

Mr. Christiansen stated that they would be requesting three hours of continuing education for the tankless water system class. Mr. Miller stated he was requesting two hours for domestic hot water circulation. There is discussion about the class. Mr. Wonder asked that when the classes are given that they should be audited. He asked if it was Mr. Christiansen’s intention to teach these three classes at the same time. Mr. Christiansen stated that it was not his original intention but can be done.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve these three classes, the tankless water heater class will be approved for three hours of continuing education and the water circulator and flushometer class will be approved for one hour of continuing education each with the stipulation that no individual is able to accumulate more than four hours of continuing education from these classes per year. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

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Mr. Christian Lacey did not appear before the Board but is requesting an April 19, 2018 start date. Mr. Miller stated that his ratios are in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Christian Lacey to the Omaha Apprentice Program with a start date of April 19, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved
Mr. Jacob Harvey appeared before the Board requesting to test out of his first and second year of schooling. Mr. Harvey detailed his history as an apprentice plumber out of state and supplied documentation of his hours. There is discussion about if schooling was required out of state. Mr. Wonder stated that Mr. Harvey would need to pass the first years test in order to get to take the second years test. He clarified that Mr. Harvey would still need to meet the requirements in order to take his Journeyman Plumber exam.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to recognize Mr. Harvey’s hours and allow him to take the first year test and if he passes allow him to take the second year test. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Approved

**VI. Discussion**

There is no discussion.

**VII. Executive Session to Grade Exams**

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to go into Executive Session to grade the exams. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 7-0, Executive Session at 2:27 p.m.

a. **Journeyman Plumber Exams**

1. Barnes, David
2. Barnes, Raymond
3. Barton-Perea, Gregory
4. Bigner, Nicholas
5. Blasingame, Joshua
6. Brockman, Tyler
7. Caldwell, Tyler
8. Cervantes, Nilo
9. Chapin, Corey
10. Clausen, Burke
11. Cornay, Jordan
12. Dahir, Josh
13. Domina, Andrew
14. Dwornicki, Mark
15. Eichler, Richard
16. Franklin, James
17. Gayman, Thomas
18. Goltl, Matthew
19. Harris, Justin
20. Henderson, Travis
21. Holmes, Nathan
22. Hytrek, Jack
23. Kier, Chase
24. Kontor, Brandon
25. Mares, Matthew
26. Matejka, Andrew
27. Mendicino, Matthew
28. Miller, Chad
29. Minturn, Jacob
30. Moody, Kiefer
31. Nemec, Matthew
32. Norman, Kristopher
33. Pratt, Billy
34. Rempe, Joseph
35. Satterfield, Chad
36. Schneider, John
37. Sharp, Zachary
38. Shirk, Taylor
39. Swierczek, Ryan
40. Swigart, Joshua
41. Vacek, Darren
42. Wageman, John
43. Weeks, Thomas
44. Zaback, Kyle

b. Master Plumber Exams
   1. Fischer, Jason
   2. Gruhn, Joshua
   3. Hackett, Robert
   4. Kudlacek, Daniel
   5. Pringle, Ken
   6. Rasmussen, Steven
   7. Sabus, Paul
   8. Wirges, Garrett

c. Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Exams
   1. Scudder, Lance
   2. Spielman, Luke
   3. Wegner, Jeffrey

d. Sewer Layer Exams
   1. Adams, Marcus
   2. Beaman, Daniel
   3. Biel, Mitch
   4. Cleaver, Kaden
   5. Cunard, Grant
   6. Dostal, Christian
   7. Dowdell, Daryl
   8. Flores, Leonardo
   9. Galvan, Cole
VIII. Adjournment 2:40 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m. by mutual consent.

*APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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