MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 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 December 31, 2018.

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

I. Roll Call

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

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Doug Clark, Douglas County Health Department
Frank Reida, Plans Examiner
Autumn Drickey, Board Secretary

II. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2018

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

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

Motion carried: 5-0-1, Approved

III. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to appoint Mr. David Miller as Chairman. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Miller to appoint Mr. Jeff Estabrook as Vice-Chairman. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
### 19-1-1

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**City of Omaha Inspectors**

**Plumbing Board Members**

1. David Miller
2. Jeff Estabrook
3. Brian Barrett
4. Terry Salem

**ABC Instructors**

**Metro Community College Instructors**

**Plumbers Local 16 Instructors**

1. David Clements
2. Aaron Grell
3. Matt Roth
4. Kevin Nieto
5. Shawn Nelsen
6. Mitch Sainovich
7. Nathan Steele
8. Ben Bradley
9. Shane Farley
10. Jason Farley
11. Gil Balboa
12. Scott Dai
13. Pat Wonder
1. Aaron Lee
2. Jerry Saint
3. Mike Podjenski
4. Jim Evans
5. Josh Gruhn
6. Brad LeClair
7. Matthew Simet
8. Anthony Bewley
9. Daryn Dimmitt
10. Douglas Hedges
11. Noah Holmsedt
12. Sean Kalasky
13. Thomas Rotundo
14. Benjamin Morgan
15. Carly Parry
16. David Rock
17. George Rybin
18. William Shadden
19. Joe Virgil
20. William Shadden
21. Stephen Vogel Jr
22. Robert Woodard
23. Christopher Morrison
24. Jeffrey Gurwell
25. Steven Barrett

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the exemption of continuing education hours for the above inspectors, board members, and school instructors. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Robert Woodard appeared before the Board requesting approval for the above request. Mr. Jim Wonder asked about the instructor.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Harold Moret as the instructor for Copper Piping. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Miller asked how long the class would last. Mr. Woodard stated that it would be a two hour continuing education class that is taught in two to three hours.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Copper Piping as a continuing education class for two hours. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Woodard appeared before the Board requesting the renewal of this class. Mr. Miller asked how long the course would last. Mr. Woodard stated four hours and summarized the instructors.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew the above class for four hours of continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Woodard appeared before the Board requesting the renewal of this class. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Woodard stated that they are requesting four hours of continuing education.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to renew the above class for four hours of continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
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Mr. Woodard appeared. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Woodard requested that this be included for Water Conditioning.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of Jeff Reichart as an instructor for the above classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Wonder stated that he has a little problem with two hours of continuing education for this topic. Mr. Woodard presented a PowerPoint for the class to the Board. He stated that the instructor has expanded upon the class from when it was previously approved. Mr. Chris Reed asked if there was a hands-on training component. Mr. Woodard confirmed. He explained that the instructor goes into some of the history of the product more than what was previously done. Mr. Wonder asked if the PowerPoint reflects certain aspects. Mr. Woodard stated that the instructor discusses how to adapt to the non-code conforming products that the plumbers find in the field. Mr. Brian Barrett stated that he doesn’t know how much time needs to be given to that. Mr. Wonder stated that if Uponor is saying two hours, he would want to see more of what is going on, but believes they could. Mr. Reed stated that if there is hands-on instructions, it would be more than an hour. Mr. Barrett stated that a lot of this is outside their control because of the code requirements.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of the above class for two hours of continuing education. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

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Ms. Gazala Larsen appeared before the Board in regards to the above request at the above address. She stated that she has never done a tenant improvement project like this before and wanted to get clarification on the required fixture count given the unique intended use of the tenant. Mr. Wonder stated that the issue is that the tenant doesn’t want to count the space towards the fixture count given they intend to use some space for flying drones. Mr. Barrett stated he understands. Mr. Wonder stated he would want to see a waiver in place for future use if this tenant moves out. Mr. Frank Reida stated that the issue is that the use is split between classroom and open space for the drones. Mr. Barrett asked if the students would go from one space to the other. Ms. Larsen stated that they would be happening simultaneously. Mr. Reida detailed the use. Mr. Reed asked about the space. There is discussion about the space. Mr. Miller asked if there is a common restroom in the strip mall. Ms. Larsen stated that they have their own restroom, they just want clarification on the fixture count and stated that there is no sharing restrooms with other tenants. She detailed the number of individuals in the space at any given time. There is discussion about the space and the fixture count. Ms. Larsen stated a full occupancy would be 53, 56 with more instructors. Ms. Amy Schaap stated that she would not consider this a school, but more of a business, relating it to Do Space. There is discussion about which table in the code to use based on the use.

Motion by Mr. Reed to define this space for this use as a retail space and use the fixture count for retail space with the stipulation that it is tied to this tenant at this location and if another tenant were to move in that they use the appropriate fixture count table.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
IDEAL CONSTRUCTION
Jeff Hartung  
PO Box 241339  
Omaha, NE 68137

REQUEST
For waiver of Type I Interceptor
Location: 11147 Mockingbird Dr
49-1140

Mr. Michael Patterson appeared before the Board in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Wonder summarized the historical requirements and stated that this would have been tagged due to the historical requirements. He stated that the City of Omaha does not oppose this request. Mr. Barrett asked about the age of the cars that are being adapted. Mr. Patterson stated they are mostly new. Mr. Miller asked if the cars would be left overnight. Mr. Patterson stated that the individuals typically wait for the work to be done on-site. Mr. Barrett asked about the installation. Mr. Patterson clarified and stated that they have a floor drain, but it is not in the service area. He stated that they have contacted ESI about what would happen if they were to have a spill. He provided that letter for the containment plan.

Mr. Estabrook stated that he would be abstaining from the vote because his company is doing the work. He stated that the floor drain can be blocked. Mr. Barrett asked how long a vehicle would be in the shop. Mr. Patterson stated that the goal is one to three hours with no overnight stays. Mr. Miller clarified that this is an existing building. Mr. Patterson clarified and stated that they sell the products and the adapted vehicles. Mr. Wonder stated that they are sort of disagreeing with the City’s interpretation of the code. There is discussion about the intent of the code and the installation process they are using. Mr. Wonder restated that they do have a containment plan.

Motion by Mr. Reed to allow the waiver with the stipulation that the existing floor drain is removed or plugged. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 4-1-1, Approved
Mr. Trent Thomas appeared before the Board requesting that their classes and instructors be renewed. Mr. Miller summarized the request.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of Doug Simpson, Jon Miller, and Steve Linder as instructors. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Wonder asked how many people they anticipate being at the class.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of the irrigation design and layout continuing education class for four hours. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of the Hunter 2 Wire continuing education class for two hours. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of the Two Wire Troubleshooting continuing education class for two hours. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Craig Harimon appeared before the Board in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Wonder stated they are only requesting the approval of materials and the Board has been briefed about the specifics at other meetings. Mr. Reed clarified.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Schluter shower system as an approve material. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Wayne Dinges appeared before the Board in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Reed asked what kind of business this is. Mr. Dinges summarized. Mr. Reed asked if this is a restaurant. Mr. Dinges stated they are not because nothing is cooked on-site. Mr. Reed asked if food could be purchased and if there is seating. Mr. Dinges stated that you can purchase food and there is a dine-in option, but 80% is carry-out. Mr. Miller clarified. Mr. Reed asked what they are trying to get a waiver for. Mr. Dinges stated that they are at a maximum occupancy of 49. Mr. Reed asked about the square footage. There is debate about the size. Mr. Barrett asked if the restrooms are ADA compliant. Mr. Dinges confirmed. Mr. Reed stated that with approximately 1,100 square feet to consider, the count would be one for men and two for women. Mr. Wonder stated that the City of Omaha is also saying they cannot have customers walk through the Utility Room. There is agreement that if they don’t call it a Utility Room, since there is no mechanical equipment there, they would be fine.

Motion by Ms. Schaap to use the Fire Marshall's occupancy count in lieu of the Plumbing Code for this location and this tenant only. Second by Mr. Reed.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Kurt Hoge appeared before the Board with the above request. Mr. Miller summarized the request and identified the instructor that has not been previously approved.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Tony Shores as an instructor for continuing education for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of Craig Borland, Sean Hansen, Kurt Hoge, Patrick Miller, and Greg Tech as instructors for continuing education for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Mr. Hoge summarized the request and the class.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of continuing education seminar for Lawn Sprinkler Contractors for four hours of continuing education.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the renewal of Island Sprinkler Supply as a provider for Lawn Sprinkler Contractor continuing education.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Jose Dionicio appeared before the Board for the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller summarized the request. Mr. Dionicio provided documentation about the location. He explained the layout of the location. Mr. Wonder stated that interceptors have been waived due to the proximity and ability to install. He stated that the request would be approved, but that if they do more work that they be required to install an interior grease interceptor. Mr. Reed asked what the menu would be. Mr. Dionicio stated that it would be an American restaurant. Mr. Wonder stated they would not be able to install it in the basement due to lack of access.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the request with the stipulation that if Public Works identifies a grease problem that they install an interior grease trap or another form of grease collection. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

V. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

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Mr. Wyatt Baxter and Mr. Jim Peterson appeared before the Board requesting that Mr. Baxter be approved to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of December 5, 2018. Mr. Miller stated that the paperwork is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Baxter to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of December 5, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved

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Mr. Rory Belmudez and Mr. Peterson appeared before the Board requesting that Mr. Belmudez be approved to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of October 15, 2018. Mr. Miller stated that the paperwork is in orders.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Belmudez to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of October 15, 2018. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Approved
Mr. Ryan Diamond appeared before the Board requesting that his start date to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program be changed. There is discussion about what he needs to do. There is a general consensus that if Mr. Diamond submitted documentation of the start date he requested that the Board can reopen the request and change the start date, until then it will remain the same.

VI. Discussion

- Mr. Wonder introduced Ms. Anna Bespoyasny as the Acting Superintendent of the Permits and Inspections Division.
- Mr. Wonder – Plumbing Inspector position was posted and will be open for three weeks. He explained the process. Mr. Estabrook asked when a new inspector would be on the street. Mr. Wonder stated he hoped for 60-90 days.
- Mr. Wonder – Plumbing Code changes, expected early March due to technical difficulties.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to adjourn. Second by Mr. Salem.

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

Motion carried: 6-0, Adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

*APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING.*

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