MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2019
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 October 2, 2019.

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

I. Roll Call

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

Others Present:
Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector
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II. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2019

Motion by Mr. Jeff Estabrook to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2019 meeting. Second by Mr. Terry Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

III. *Cases

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<td>19-10-105</td>
<td>Grid Architecture LLC, 2645 N 165 St, Omaha, NE 68116</td>
<td>For unisex restroom</td>
<td>1402 N 203 St</td>
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Ms. Gazala Larsen appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Jim Wonder explained the request further in regards to the specifics of the square footage and other usage. He stated that the Planning Department would support this request. Ms. Larsen confirmed that there are only two employees for this location. Mr. Estabrook asked about the interceptor. Ms. Larsen confirmed it would be installed.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve for this location and this tenant only. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. Robert Newton appeared in regards to the above request. Mr. Miller stated that his documentation is in order.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve RN LLP as an approved apprenticeship program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

Mr. Caleb Newton appeared requesting approval to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of September 9, 2019. He provided a letter providing documentation of his start date. He stated he would like to test out of his schooling. Mr. Wonder clarified what the approval could be.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Newton to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of September 9, 2019 with approval to take the test to test out of his first year of apprenticeship school. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Robert Newton appeared requesting approval to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of September 9, 2019. He stated he would also like to test out of the first year of schooling. He submitted documentation of his start date.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve Mr. Newton to the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with a start date of September 9, 2019 with approval to take the test to test out of his first year of apprenticeship school. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
Mr. John Dineen appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. Mr. Wonder clarified the waiver request and the drawings. There is discussion about the intent of the city park being similar to state parks. There is discussion about availability of facilities for campers or park attendees. Mr. Wonder clarified the hardship that sewer is not available. Mr. Miller asked if a septic could be installed. Mr. Dineen stated that they would then have to have a well. He explained that current parks do not have a restroom for employees. There is discussion about operating times. Mr. Salem clarified that there will be some sort of vehicle available for employees to utilize. Mr. Dineen confirmed. Mr. Steve Johnston asked if the park he is referencing would be similar to the state parks. Mr. Dineen confirmed. Ms. Amy Schaap explained how she doesn’t see a problem with this given other examples. Mr. Johnston stated he struggles with the distance. Mr. Wonder explained that having an unused septic system isn’t good either. Mr. Salem explained his concern about accessibility.

Motion by Ms. Schaap to approve the waiver of a restroom at the gate house at this location. Second by Mr. Estabrook.
To approve waiver of restroom at gate house at this location.

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

Motion carried: 2-3, Denied

Ms. Felicia Janovich appeared in regards to the above request at the above address. Mr. Miller read the request into the record. He read the Douglas County Health Department recommendation to deny at this time because plans were not yet submitted. Ms. Janovich explained the difficulty with the timeline that they are facing in getting their new house built. Mr. Wonder stated that she does have a point, that Douglas County told them to come to the Plumbing Board first. There is discussion about the process of getting a well permit and the role this board plays in the process. Mr. Wonder clarified that there is no city water available at this address. Mr. Estabrook asked how many acres are there. Ms. Janovich stated three. Mr. Miller offered his opinion. Ms. Janovich explained she has her plot plan done and everything is done according to what she wanted. Mr. Wonder suggested that the board grant the waiver pending approval from the Douglas County Health Department.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the request at this address pending approval from the Douglas County Health Department. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved
VI. Public Hearing for Code Changes

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<td>Permits and Inspections Division</td>
<td>1819 Farnam St Ste 1110</td>
<td>Chapter 49</td>
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Mr. Wonder explained that the board has been provided updated code changes and some last-minute suggestions as well to go through. He explained the process to notify various community stakeholders about the proposed changes to the code. He asked if the Board has anything they want to submit at this time. There is discussion about some changes as well as comments from a board member who is absent.

In regards to 49-508, there is consensus to strike the word “wear” because of the vagueness of the term. Mr. Wonder pointed out other changes that had been made and the reason behind those changes. He stated a drawing for 49-1525 was included in the supplemental packet explaining they are requirements of mechanical and fire and worked with the Chief Mechanical Inspector and Captain Thornburg, of the Fire Department, for drawings. Mr. Wonder asked if the board is ready to vote on the changes to be sent to the Legal Department.

Motion by Mr. Estabrook to approve the ordinance changes to Chapter 49 of the Omaha Municipal Code. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Approved

Mr. Wonder stated they would be prepared for the legal department.

VII. Discussion

Mr. Wonder – Christian Weeks, Apprentice Plumber, and ability to test due to deployment. He’s asking the board’s opinion on allowing him to test prior to his deployment but prior to an offered test. He stated that he has a legal opinion that would allow for this. He explained he may not have the ability to appear before the board before he’s deployed. He also explained the board would have to waive the consecutive requirement for testing. Mr. Miller stated that he personally has no problem with that. Mr. Estabrook asked if this is Mr. Weeks’ request. Mr. Wonder confirmed. Mr. Miller explained that he wouldn’t have an issue with telling him if he passed his exam or not so he could have a clear mind. Mr. Wonder stated no vote is required now, but the applicant would appear in January for the final approval. Ms. Schaap asked what the point of testing before deployment would be. Mr. Miller explained that it is the idea of forgetting.

VIII. Adjournment

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

AYES: Estabrook, Johnston, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried: 5-0, Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.