



**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

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Minutes – April 16, 2014

Building Industry Advisory Committee

Jeff Haberman, Chairman, Member at Large (*Colleen Malone, Alt*)
Jerry Homme, EDC Builders Exchange (*Denny Kennedy, Alt*)
Bill Carey, Member at Large (*Virgil Toothaker, Alt*)
Earl McGuire, SAGE (*Charles Truax, Alt*)
John Costa, North State BIA (*Vacant, Alt*)
Tom Burnette, Building Official (Technical Advisor)
Michael Lilienthal, Division Chief/Fire Marshal (Technical Advisor)

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

1:30 PM

TAC ROOM

The BIAC makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and Development Services Division regarding code interpretations, inspections, procedures, new construction techniques, product review, new codes, revised fees, and other items of industry concern (Resolution 164-2010)

Members Present: Jeff Haberman, Bill Carey, Jerry Homme, Earl McGuire, Colleen Malone

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Tom Burnette, Don Knight, Jennifer Marfe, Cara Bishop, Mike Elliott

Technical Advisors: Wally Jukes, (EDH Fire District), Rob Combs (DS Fire District)

Public Attendee's: Marc Mackay (EID), Scott Whyte, North State Builders Association

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jeff Haberman at 1:34 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES 2/5/14

Earl McGuire moved to adopt minutes. Jerry Homme seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bill Carey moved to adopt minutes. Earl McGuire seconded.

Ayes: All

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

4. PERMIT ACTIVITY REPORTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC & VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS: DON KNIGHT-OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR, EDC BUILDING

Don Knight introduced new permit activity reporting process on EDC website for public access. In the future, this program will be available to download to Excel spreadsheet.

Discussion: Earl McGuire expressed concern about law enforcement information (i.e. personal addresses) being accessible by public. Don said that the law says as long as a person is not “searchable”, the information offered through this program is public record. Tom Burnette mentioned no need for voting on this as it is just another way for the public to have an additional way of receiving needed information and showed website additions for “Permit Exemptions”. Earl discussed ways to get this information out and aware to the public community. Jeff Haberman suggested possible posting in Mountain Democrat. Jerry Homme suggested Builders Exchange. Tom said possibly advertisement through CAO’s office via Mike Applegarth.

5. STATUS OF TITLE 15 EDC GOVERNMENT CODE REVISION AND FIRE CODE UPDATE

Discussion: Wally Jukes commented this document pertains to all Fire Districts in County. Tom said this is the amendment to the Fire Code to be sent through the adoption process that can be amended by the Fire Districts. Earl expressed concerned about Fire Code as it pertains to the EDC Title 15 – FIRE SECTION 507.5.1 and about the placement and cost of fire hydrants when the buildings have such a thorough fire sprinkler systems. Wally interpreted the code regarding the placement and number of fire hydrants and the efficiency of the sprinkler systems being able to operate on the ground. Earl stated the fact that new construction fees and fire fees are costly, that the need for additional fire protection is unreasonable as a blanket requirement for new construction and stated he did not see in the code, language for the fire official to make any exceptions to this rule in certain circumstances. Wally responded possible use of different verbage in the written code. Mark McKay (EID) from a water district perspective added the more fire hydrants that are required cause awkward position for EID with higher bills, tighter requirements to follow, especially in residential construction. Chairman Haberman explained the reason for calling in Fire Dist Rep and EID Rep to get feedback on how to make this standard work for homeowners and the general public. Wally discussed the regulations of on-site storage and hose allowance with regards to residential structures. Chairman Haberman asked if there could be some consistency with the standards on regulations and Wally discussed some of the standards, and the firmness and flexibility of such standards, while still meeting the water supply needs. Rob Combs addressed the rural water issues (document 1142) and the tank standards, calculations, and water disposal and storage processes. He has written interpretations that has been adopted by his District, Diamond Springs but cannot be added to the County Ordinance Code as it would not be the most restrictive solution. Earl asked if there were any recommendations that could be made by the Committee to adopt such standards to the County Ordinance Code. Jerry Homme suggested any way that if the County (i.e. FD, EID, EDC Building,) could present concerns together to protect the County, the economy and the community. Wally suggested to present recommendations via the written interpretation by Diamond Springs FD along with the support of the BIAC to a Fire Board Meeting. Rob Combs will email resolution to Chairman Haberman so the Committee can discuss how to present this to Board for County adoption. Chairman Haberman will put together a letter and send to Committee for feedback on objection to the interpretation of the fire hydrant placement and attend FBO meeting prior to presentation to the BOS. Earl moved to send letter to BOS, and cc: Fire District to support

resolution as presented with the exception of 507.5.1 reducing distance of hydrant to distance of the building from 400 to 150 feet. Motion seconded.

****EID & FIRE DEPT. REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXCUSED FROM MEETING IF THEY WISH****

6. EMERGENCY MEASURE FOR STAFFING PROPOSAL

Earl recommends this proposal be adopted. Scott Whyte seconded.

7. ASSEMBLY BILL 2188 – EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR

Earl addressed concerns about OTC permitting for solar and suggested a possible sub-committee to look into this and bring in other Bldg Division staff consultation as well. Scott Whyte interprets this as being an encouragement of using solar. Tom Burnette explained this item added to the agenda for the purpose of the Committee to discuss whether they want to get involved in addressing this bill, which is still in the phase of public comment. He mentioned possible problems for jurisdictions that may not offer electronic payments since part of the bill is for that purpose. Earl mentioned that people that apply and pay in person can be verified they have authority to issue such a permit. The bill is not clear as to how to verify such authorization via electronic submittals and payments. Tom Burnette confirmed that this will be heard before an assembly committee meeting next week. Scott Whyte will check with CBIA of their support or opposition. Bill Carey inquired if CALBO has a lobbyist and maybe this would be a good way through the process. Chairman open up for round table to ok or deny Committee involvement. Earl suggested to wait until after the assembly committee meeting next week. Chairman Haberman goes around table for approval or opposition of Tom Burnette letter to BOS pertaining to bill, and will email for votes to submit to BOS: Jerry Homme approves conditions; Bill Carey approves; Scott Whyte approves to support staff; Coleen supports Tom. Earl makes a motion to support Tom in his letter writing. Motion seconded.

8. NORTH STATE BUILDERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Earl moves to rescind the resolution and to approve the applications of Scott Whyte and William Fisher. Motion seconded.

9. OPEN/PUBLIC FORUM

10. NEXT MEETING

July 16, 2014

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm by executive order.