

City of Lawrence

Building Code Board of Appeals Meeting

March 7th, 2018 Development Services

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Rau, Michael Brunin, Chris Cunningham, Kevin Markley
STAFF PRESENT: Development Services
Ex- Officio Janet Smalter -Plans Examiner, Ex- Officio Adrian Jones -Plans Examiner, Ex- Officio Barry Walthall -Building Official, Ex- Officio Lee Queen -Building Inspector
PUBLIC PRESENT: Bobbie Flory, Sean Reed, Curt Baumann

Meeting called to order 2:30pm.

First item of business was to approve minutes from the February 7th, 2018 meeting. **Michael Brunin moved to approve minutes as written, Seconded by Greg Rau. Motion passed 4-0.**

The next item was to review Chapters 2-5 of the 2018 IRC.

The board discussed the significant changes, modifications, and clarifications to the code.

There was general agreement that the changes were all beneficial and helpful for designers and plans examination staff.

Markley then asked if there were any comments from visitors.

Sean Reid said he wished the proposed changes in the code for greenhouses were in effect now as he has had several proposals to build greenhouses.

Markley asked if code officials were allowed to approve permits based on the fact that they knew the code would be changing soon.

Reid said that in most reasonable situations, that if we had a pending code change that has elements that will permit a situation not currently permitted by the code, it is appropriate, with proper documentation, to entertain using the new code provisions provided that the use of the new code provision isn't creating some alternative hazard that may be addressed in other portions of the code.

Reid used previous codes involving Fire Sprinkler Systems as an example.

Jones stated that the City of Lawrence will allow the use of codes after the appropriate board has reviewed, and the City Commission has approved, new codes. Between that time and the ordinance adoption date they will allow the new codes to be used.

Cunningham said that the University of Kansas has allowed the use of newer, un-adopted codes as long as the whole family of codes were used.

Markley noted the next meeting would be held April 4th, 2018, at 2:30pm.

Review at the next meeting would involve Chapters 6-11.

Rau made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Cunningham. Passed 4-0.