

Building Advisory Board
Yuma City Hall, Conference Room #190
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
May 4, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Campbell called meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Building Advisory members present: Campbell, DeNise, Anthony, Griffin, Collins

Building Advisory members absent: DeWald, Bowling, Adler, Harrington

City Staff: Randall Crist/Building Official; Alan Kircher/Deputy Building Official; John Montenegro/Building Inspection Field Supervisor; Kayla Holiman/Fire Marshal; Janice Hornick/Administrative Specialist

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Move (Anthony/DeNise) To approve minutes from January 20, 2016. 5-0 Motion Carried

DISCUSSION: E-Reviews

The Deputy Building Official updated the Board on E-Reviews and how it's going almost a year after implementation. It hasn't been without its challenges, especially on the City's part but the feedback has been good. Board Member Anthony asked if it was faster. The response was that the review times are the same but it saves time in that the plans don't have to be printed and brought back in. If they would have needed to be shipped, E-Reviews can save days.

The Building Official said that the system is complicated and as they learn it better, they're discovering some changes are needed from first implementation. One possible change is to no longer stamp each sheet separately. They had thought that was the best way to handle corrections, so only corrected sheets would need to be submitted but they are finding the entire plan is generally re-submitted anyway. If the system will allow it, they may instead of stamping each page, group them together by structural, architectural, etc.

Another issue they are re-thinking is inspection cards since with E-Reviews, the inspector has needed to bring them out for the first inspection. They are still working on a solution for that.

DISCUSSION: CODE COMPLIANCE

The Building Official said they don't often talk about code compliance but he wanted to let the Board know that there are two new code enforcement specialists. They've adopted the City's philosophy which is to gain compliance but to do so in a respectful manner.

They are starting to see more issues with commercial buildings. In some instances, there have been people living in the business while the business is in operation without a proper means of egress, fire separation, shower facilities, etc.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION:

The Building Official informed the Board that they have hired people to replace some of the recent resignations. He introduced John Montenegro, the new Building Inspection Field Supervisor and Carlos Ochoa, the new Plans Examiner who were present at the meeting.

He went over the permit statistics, stating the numbers had increased substantially from last year.

Board Chairman Campbell asked where the Fire Department was on the Compliance Engine for Fire Inspections. Fire Marshal Holiman said that the Legal Department is currently reviewing the Ordinance and accompanying guidelines. Once it has been through that process, it will be taken to Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

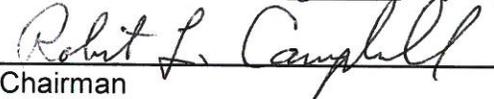
Motion (DeNise/Griffin) To adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Motion Carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:



Randall Crist, Staff Liaison

Minutes approved this 3rd day of August, 2016



Chairman