

Residential Advisory Board
Yuma City Hall, Large Conference Room #190
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malone called meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Advisory Board members present: Malone, Richardson, Lee, Alka, Wilmot, Merz

Advisory Board members absent: Eide

City Staff: Randall Crist, Building Official; Alan Kircher, Deputy Building Official; Janice Hornick, Administrative Specialist

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Motion (Richardson/Alka) To nominate Fowler Malone as Chairman. 6-0 Motion Carried

Motion (Alka/Wilmont) To nominate Mike Richardson as Vice-Chairman. 6-0 Motion Carried

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Move (Richardson/Alka) To approve minutes from April 8, 2014. 6-0 Motion Carried

Move (Richardson/Merz) To approve minutes from August 13, 2014. 6-0 Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION:

Building Official briefed the Board on 2015 permit numbers. The numbers were up 25 to 26 percent in residential housing this year. Solar activity for residential was also way up. He added that people need to be aware of what is in their solar contracts so they understand the specifics of the agreement.

Commercial permit numbers were up also, but total valuation was down a little bit. That was probably due to the large hospital project being issued in the previous year. That project has been about ninety-three million dollars in activity and has been going since 2013.

Board Member Alka asked if there are any specifications in the Building Code for solar installations and asked how they were inspected. The Building Official said the Residential Code doesn't really have anything in terms of solar. It does say that you must follow the 2011 NEC, so for residential solar the City inspects per the 2011 NEC. Commercial solar is inspected off of the 2014 NEC because the City adopted that version. The NEC has a very detailed chapter for installation of solar. The adopted Fire Code somewhat regulates how solar systems are installed on a roof for both residential and commercial.

The Building Official informed the Board that Electronic Plan Review is now a reality in the City of Yuma. It has been implemented for both commercial and residential. Several contractors are now submitting plans electronically with success. There are a few bugs to be worked out but for the most part has been a success. At some point, the plans have to be printed out by the architect, owner, etc. but there is no need for multiple copies with electronic plan review. It is a little more work for Building Safety right now, but they promised they'd do it and they have.

Chairman Malone commented that over the counter (OTC) permits are really a help and save time. The Building Official said they will continue to do those when they can. They have had a couple of faux pas with approvals over the counter, but those have been few and they plan to continue to approve plans over the counter when they can.

ADJOURNMENT

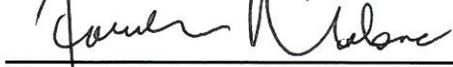
Motion (Richardson/Alka) To adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm. Motion Carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted:



Randall Crist, Staff Liaison

Minutes approved this 17th day of May, 2016



Chairman