

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATION EXAMINERS AND APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

March 7, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm. by Vice Chair Strait.

Board Present

Scott Bohne
Jonathan Steele
Don McCann
Craig Fredeen
Keith Sobolesky
Troy Feller
Sterling Strait
Ray Hickel
Royal Fields

Board Absent

Tyler Loken
Eric Cowling

Staff Present

Ross Noffsinger
Gary Hile
Robert Doehl

Public Participation

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Before approval of the agenda the Board asked for an introduction of the new staff member. Mr. Doehl introduced himself as the new Building Official and Director of Development Services and he looked forward to working with everyone in the room.

Vice Chair Strait called for approval of the Agenda. **Mr. Steele moved to approved. Mr. Feller seconded. Unanimously approved.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Minutes of November 14, 2018.

Vice Chair Strait summarized the November minutes and called for a motion. **Mr. Fredeen moved to approve. Mr. Steele second.**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Elections**

Vice Chair Strait called nominations for Chair. **Mr. Hickel nominated Mr. Loken. Mr. Bohne motioned and Mr Hickel second. Unanimously approved.**

Vice Chair Strait gave his gavel over to Mr. Steele, who asked for vice chair nominations. **Mr. Fredeen nominated Mr. Strait. Unanimously approved.**

- b. **Three – Member Panel**

Vice Chair Strait read through the three-member panel list and asked if there were any changes. Staff commented the Electrical Panel needed another one or two members. Mr. Fredeen and Mr. Field requested to have their names added to the panel. The Vice Chair called for a motion. **Mr. Steele motioned. Mr. Field second. Unanimously approved.**

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5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Staff commented we finally filled the Building Official position and noted our construction values are down by 8% compared to last year when we were down 10%. Structural inspections are still fully engaged in earthquake damage assessments and we continue to send them out on the weekends. Our goal is to be done by the end of March.

The Code adoption continues, and we are not as far along as we should be due to the earthquake efforts. Some code committees are making good progress, but the structural ones are a little behind. They will be working into the busy season.

House bill 76 concerns the state adoption of the Residential code. The first five sections are housekeeping for AHFC. Section 6 has several concerns with this section as it is not yet defined. MOA legal is looking at this section. Discussion continued for several minutes.

It was heard Eagle River might fall under Anchorage plan review and inspection, have we heard if this would happen soon. Staff replied politically we have not heard anything, but FEMA will issue a final mitigation report analyzing how things went. They will shine a light at the state on the lack of building to code enforcement. Municipality administration would like to see it go through a vote where Eagle River would vote to be let in, and Anchorage would vote to let them in. It is also being investigated by legal on just eliminating the service area and the building safety function would apply to the whole community.

The Board asked for an update on the solar energy code. Staff reported the state has adopted it but noted Building Safety has not formerly adopted it. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to continue later discussion at a later date and time.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. **Mr. Hickel moved. Mr. Bohne second. Approved.**

_____/_____ Tyler Loken, Chair	_____/_____ Date	_____/_____ Robert Doehl	_____/_____ Date
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