



Municipality of Anchorage

Dan Sullivan, Mayor



ON-SITE SYSTEMS TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: December 9, 2009

Members Present: Joel Neimeyer
Linda Kovac
Lori Davey
Matt Edge

Absent: Tim Pampusch (Excused)
Scott Hattenburg (Unexcused)

Staff Present: Ross Noffsinger
Jay Crewdson
Debbie Wockenfuss
Vicki Gonzalez

Guests: Bill Rieth, State of Alaska, DEC

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. All participants introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting were approved.

Staff Report:

It was reported that Jay Crewdson is spearheading the code rewrite committee.

Compared to prior years, the number of permits are down and the number of COSAs are about the same.

Ross Noffsinger reported that he is the Engineering Services Manager in charge of oversight of the Permit Counter, Plan Review and the On Site Water and Wastewater Systems engineers.

Mr. Noffsinger went on to report that the biggest thing right now is the code rewrite. He understood the board's concern about losing the expertise of Dan Roth, but he stated the fact that both Debbie Wockenfuss and Jay Crewdson are engineers. The On Site section still maintains two engineers and a technician. The prior structure had one supervisor for three employees and it was a business decision to make the change. The transition is going smoothly.

Mr. Crewdson stated some inspection reports weren't being reviewed timely, but that was historically a project that was done in the winter. Mr. Noffsinger stated it would be changed so that reports are reviewed as they come in and not six months later. Also, he stated that when the new computerized Hansen system comes on

line, most of the clerking duties being performed now by the engineers will be transferred to the permit technicians, thus freeing up time for the engineers.

New Business:

Tech board vacancies: It was recommended that the board consider Dan Roth for the vacant engineer seat. Ms. Kovac stated she would ask Mr. Roth. Mr. Edge reported that he would also ask a few people. Ms. Kovac felt it would be good if someone from AWWU and DHHS attended tech board meetings. Ms. Wockenfuss stated that Mr. Pampusch expressed his desire to be replaced on the board, so the medical seat would also need to be filled. Mr. Neimeyer stated he knows a lot of people in the medical profession and he would put the word out for someone to fill the seat.

Code rewrite: Mr. Crewdson stated the code rewrite began in October. The goal is to have a completed document by the end of March. Ms. Davey asked if the committee was considering the Hillside District Plan in the rewrite. Mr. Crewdson replied that the committee was reviewing whatever came forward and if someone wanted to look at HDP, they can bring it to the committee for review. Mr. Noffsinger stated that if anyone on the board had any recommended changes, bring them forward now. Ms. Kovac asked about the make-up of the code committee. Mr. Rieth replied that there were four engineers (not necessarily the same four each week); two pumpers, and installers. Tom Varney from Advantex attends, as well as Steve Pannone. Mr. Rieth stated Mr. Crewdson takes the "rougher" work of putting all the changes in clear order. There is usually no dissension in the group when it comes to voting on a change. It was discussed that a board member should attend each meeting and since no one specific member was available for each meeting, they would try to rotate. Ms. Kovac will attend the December 10 meeting and Ms. Davey will attend the December 17 meeting.

Other Business:

Title 21 Rewrite: Ms. Davey sent the online link to the HDP to the board members. There was discussion on AWWU wanting to take out service areas if there were cluster systems, but Planning and Zoning said no to that change.

Public Comments:

Mr. Rieth felt everything was going well

Mr. Neimeyer scheduled the next meeting for January 13, 2010. He asked the board to come prepared to recommend future board members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.