

MINUTES

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024, the Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission met at 10:00 a.m. for a regular meeting in room 306 on the third floor of City Hall.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Jim Banes, Electrical	Yes	25	23
Richard Constancio, Architect	Yes	25	13
Tom Roller, Resident	Yes	25	25
Frank O Willburn, Plumbing	Yes	1	1
Jared Fuller, Irrigation	No	1	0
Jeff Bryant, Builder	Yes	37	28
Ryan Huseman, Engineer	No	25	15
Russ Glaze, Insurance	No	20	4
Gary Ward, HVAC	Yes	10	7

Also, in attendance were:

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| Brad Hofmann | Deputy Building Official, City of Amarillo |
| Howard Hall | Chief Building Inspector, City of Amarillo |
| Lori Stewart | Administrative Specialist I, City of Amarillo |

This meeting of the Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman, Jeff Bryant, established a quorum at 10:11 p.m.

1. Minutes

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meetings held on November 21, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. Roller, seconded by Mr. Constancio and the motion passed with a 6:0 vote.

2: Construction Advisory and Appeals Commission reviewed the following items:

- Nomination and Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.
Mr. Roller nominated Jeff Bryant for Chairman, Mr. Constancio second the motion.
Motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.
Mr. Roller nominated Frank O Willburn for Vice Chairman, Mr. Constancio second the motion.
Motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.
- Consider Appeal of the Fire Marshal's decision concerning 850' SE of Soncy Rd. & Amarillo Blvd.
ZONING: HC LOT: 50 BLOCK: 2 ADDITION: Canode-Corn Park Unit No. 51
NARRITVE OF REQUEST: A variance is being requested to increase minimum fire hose length from 150' to 200'.
Mr. Bryant read the description of the item and opened the floor for Mr. Hall to read the section of code pertaining to the Fire Marshal's decision. The floor was then opened to Mr. Ethan Johnson with OJB Engineering, who filed for the appeal. Mr. Johnson provided an overhead view of the site plan as well as a description of why they would like to appeal the Fire Marshal's decision. Mr.

Surin Patel took the floor at this time to present more information about the design of the building as well as provide information about the potential impact of this project to the Amarillo community regarding the number of jobs & revenue from hotel taxes.

Deputy Fire Marshal, Mr. Jeffery Harbin, gave his presentation as to what the Fire Marshal's decision was and the concerns that informed this decision. He stated that due to, the design of the building as well as the access points to the building, will make any emergence response to this facility challenging. Then to add the need for extra hose, this will add unnecessary challenges to the Fire Department's response time in the event of an emergency. Therefore, the Fire Marshal's Office respectfully request that their decision to not grant the exception to the original code be upheld by the commission.

Mr. Bryant asked if there were any motions from the members. Mr. Roller moved to approve the appeal, sighting exception #1 of Code 503.1.1, that the building would be fitted with an automatic sprinkler system. Mr. Ward second the motion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-1.

ITEM 3: Public Forum

Mr. Bryant opened the floor for any public comments to speak to any item on the agenda that doesn't have a public hearing.

Mr. Dipak Patel took the floor and expressed his grievances with having to move through this process as well as expressing his desire to see Amarillo continue to grow to a thriving community.

ITEM 4: Adjourn

Mr. Bryant concluded the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the Department of Building Safety.



Jeff Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST:



Johnny Scholl, Building Official