

## CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Construction Standards Board met Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas.

1. Call to order.

Ted Bowers, Building Official, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call and confirmation of a quorum of Board members.

Richard Welch	present
Joel Valdez	present
Bruce Kana	present
Charles Schroeder	present
Chris Kana	present

3. Consideration, discussion and possible action concerning Ordinance No. 2012-13, membership, terms and filling of vacancies on various City boards and commissions.

Place numbers and terms were voted upon and went as follows:

Richard Welch	Place 1 for 1 year term
Bruce Kana	Place 2 for 2 year term
Charles Schroeder	Place 5 for 2 year term
Chris Kana	Place 4 for 1 year term
Joel Valdez	Place 3 for 2 year term

4. Citizens' comments.

There were no citizen comments.

5. Public Hearing. The Construction Standards Board will Convene into a Public Hearing on a request as follows:

Consideration, discussion and possible action to recommend adoption of the family of the 2009 International Building Codes and 2011 National Electric Code (NEC) to the City of Bastrop Building Code.

Ted Bowers addressed the Board members explaining the purpose of this Board is to hear appeals of decisions and interpretations of the building official and consider variances of the technical codes. He went further to state a building owner or his duly authorized agent can appeal a decision of his to this Board.

Ted stated the City of Bastrop is currently under the 2000 International Building Code (IBC) and the 1999 National Electric Code (NEC) and needs to be updated. Ted stated he would like to update us to the 2009 IBC codes as well as our electric code. Ted went into some of the changes in the 2009 codes but stated the changes were too numerous to mention in one meeting. Ted also stated many of our current contractors follow the 2009 IBC codes when submitting plans.

Discussions were held between Staff and the Board members regarding the exact changes in the 2009 IBC compared to 2000 IBC, as well as what our goal is for this evening. Ted stated he is trying to bring the City up-to-date in regard to our codes as they are updated every 3 years and the changes include 2003, 2006 and 2009 updates which are numerous. He stated the biggest changes are the materials and equipment that can be used. It was suggested to send out a letter to all of our contractors on file with the City to get their feedback on these changes. Ted stated there were some updates in the 2009 IBC that he did not want to adopt at this time; private sewage disposal control, international zoning code or wildlife interface urban code.

The Board members suggested that staff check with local surrounding cities and counties to see what codes they have adopted before making a decision to change our current code. The Board should meet again with more information before holding a public hearing to adopt the 2009 IBC.

6. Director's Report.

Melissa McCollum, planning director, addressed the Board members regarding the newly adopted Ethics Ordinance No. 2012-1 and Membership Terms Ordinance No. 2012-13 giving a brief synopsis and asking the members to familiarize themselves with these.

7. Adjourn.

Bruce Kana made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Schroeder and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Richard Welch, Chair