



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission & Construction Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
Fire Administration Building (FAB)
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2nd Floor
410 E. 5th St., Loveland, CO 80537**

Meeting called to order at 5:55 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan Smela, Paul Pfeiffer, Jerry Ward, David Adams, William Tillman, Rural Board member Leroy (Andy) Anderson, City Councilor John Fogle, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, and Lisa Burkland

Fire Department Staff Members Present: Deputy Fire Marshal Carie Dann and Division Chief Merlin Green

CAB Present: Chair Gregg Meisinger, Blaine Rappe, Christopher Rosenberger, Jason Baker, David Stamps, Andrew Ross, and Ingrid McMillan-Ernst and Chief Building Official Tom Hawkinson

City Staff Liaison Staff Members Present: Building Services Inspector James Arnot

FRAC Absent: Vice Chair Janet Bailey and Mayor Cecil Gutierrez

CAB Absent: Vice Chair Teri Volk, Bill Stenberg and City Councilor Ralph Trenary

CAB Minutes Approval/CAB Agenda Items: Chair Gregg Meisinger initiated CAB business, the previous meeting minutes were approved, agenda items were summarized and will continue at the next meeting.

FRAC Minutes Approval: presented by Chair Jonathan Smela

Paul Pfeiffer moved to approve the October 14th, 2012 minutes and Rural Board member Andy Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- ❖ The Chief summarized how the minutes will be more streamlined to be more consistent with other commission meeting minutes.

Chief Updates: presented by Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ No questions asked about the Chief's report.

City Council Report: presented by City Councilor John Fogle in the Mayor's absence

- ❖ Congratulations on the passing of the Rural Mil Levy.
- ❖ Work on new regulations for the Fracking – oil and gas industry, has been pushed out due to the state alignment for January.
< City Councilor John Fogle left the meeting at 6:05 p.m. >

Code Amendments: presented by DC Merlin Green & CBO Thomas Hawkinson

- ❖ Model Codes addressed every 3 years.
- ❖ Mechanical Code changes:
 - It was pointed out that permits are not required for replacement or repair of furnaces or water heaters due to not being able to keep up with them.
 - Minor edits shown in red in the code handouts.
- ❖ Fuel Gas Code:
 - Minor edits shown in red in the code handouts.
- ❖ Plumbing Code:
 - Section 312.3 CAB discussion on no air test allowed on plastic pipe, as Colorado is an area where a water test may not be possible on cold winter days.
 - Safety requirements/concerns generated discussion on this test.
 - More research needed to address in more detail.
 - Possibility of special inspectors paid by the building contractor.
 - This code is not valid in every state.
 - Enforcement to have homeowners hire a plumber to do tests on the work they have completed themselves.
 - Legal aspects to consider and examine, CAB will need to continue discussion on Section 312.3.
- ❖ Fire Code 15.28: presented by Division Chief Merlin Green
 - Not going to be adopting the residential sprinkler enforcement.
 - Installers, who would do it all?
 - Political fall-out.
 - Poudre Fire is considering this with their political leaders.
 - Greeley Fire adopted this earlier, but later rescinded adoption.
 - Not in the IRC.
 - Deputy Fire Marshal Carrie Dan went over the 9 bulleted items of the Amendment Changes – 2009 to 2012 IFC
 - On note 6, clarification was given on what a standpipe is: a fixed metal hose.
 - It was noted that hose cabinets can be very old and that we don't want citizens tempted to use them; prefer not to have the hose cabinets and let the firefighters do their job and get the citizens out of the building.
 - In note 7, an example of why we would want exterior strobes on more than one side of a structure would be having them on the front and back so that the strobe identifies the unit on both sides of access to the incident.
 - Minor changes/updates are indicated in red.
- ❖ International Building Code – Adopted: presented by CBO Thomas Hawkinson
 - Noted in the S. Section 110 is information on footing and foundation inspections amended in.
 - In section 310 of Z. it was noted that Live/work units are spaces where people can live above commercial units on the main level. See minor changes in red in this section.

- ❖ Property Maintenance Code: presented by CBO Thomas Hawkinson
 - No changes other than acknowledging jurisdiction.
- ❖ International Existing Building Code: presented by CBO Thomas Hawkinson
 - No amendments made.
- ❖ Residential Code: presented by Building Services Inspector James Arnot
 - Model Energy Code:
 - Significant changes within the next 10 years, more than any other code.
 - Lights in buildings biggest subject matter as they are energy drainers. Motion sensors to be incorporated as a proactive change.
 - Federal government hoping to reduce this energy consumption to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
 - Air condition and heating issues.
 - Tighter construction effects, fresh air buildings vs. sick building syndrome.
 - A living document.
 - Energy Star modeling, to lower energy consumer costs.
 - A Federal incentive of free training to get State compliances.
 - Energy rater jobs – big need in the decade to come.
 - Com check determines energy use.
 - Res Check is a hybrid of com check and using an energy rater.
 - See changes/edits in red of the Residential Code.
 - Large details amended into the Table N1102.1: presented by CBO Hawkinson
 - See all changes in red
 - Note to CAB to not get behind on the implementation of all this.
- ❖ International Energy Conservation Code: presented by CBO Thomas Hawkinson
 - No changes.

Public Comment/Presentation: No public comment.

CAB Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

FRAC Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

- Motion to adjourn was made by David Adams and seconded by William Tillman.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Burkland, CSD Office Support Specialist

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**By: /s/ Jonathan Smela
Chair**