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 Carie 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:
    o Significant changes within the next 10 years, more than any other code.
    o Lights in buildings biggest subject matter as they are energy drainers. Motion sensors to be incorporated as a proactive change.
    o Federal government hoping to reduce this energy consumption to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
    o Air condition and heating issues.
    o Tighter construction effects, fresh air buildings vs. sick building syndrome.
    o A living document.
    o Energy Star modeling, to lower energy consumer costs.
    o A Federal incentive of free training to get State compliances.
    o Energy rater jobs – big need in the decade to come.
    o Com check determines energy use.
    o 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
    o See all changes in red
    o 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