



Fire Code Review Committee
March 12, 2015 @ 3:00 pm
Large Room 266
300 S Fire Central Place
Tucson, AZ 85701

Steven P. Herzog, Chairman

Mark S. Favara, Vice-Chair

Minutes of March 12, 2015 MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Steve Herzog called the meeting to order at Tucson Fire Central, Large Meeting Room 266, at 300 S. Fire Central Pl. Roll call was conducted by Glenn D'Auria and recorded as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Favara
Steve Herzog
Lynn Kastella
Robert Brack
Jim Kazal
Leo Quesada

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Carsten,
Fire Marshal
Glenn D'Auria, Inspector

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stan Adams

Dan Uthe

STAFF ABSENT

Ken Brouillette, Fire Code
Administrator
Rachel Duarte, Secretary

GUESTS:

Chris Keil, Jennifer Peel-Davis, Dan Matlick, Burt Wright

A quorum was established.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the audience introduced themselves (refer to attached sign-in sheet).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 9, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2014 was made by Ms. Kastella; with a second by Mr. Quesada.
Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS:

No report.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Herzog received an email from Mr. Brouillette on January 1, 2015 concerning the "2015 IFC Significant Changes". Staff will work on obtaining copies for committee.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER/RE-APPOINTMENTS:

The committee received four applicants for the vacancy from the City Clerk's office. Mr. Herzog read portions of section 202 of Bylaws to committee (concerning membership, appointments and vacancies (Par. A, D, and E) noting the committee's recommendation for a nominee goes to the Fire Chief who will forward it to the City Manager. Members of the audience voluntarily excused themselves to allow the committee to discuss the nominees.

Ms. Kastella made a motion to nominate Mr. James Palmer, the motion was seconded by Mr. Kazal. Discussion followed. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The guests rejoined the meeting.

- 6.1** Mr. Brack's term expires April 11, 2015. Mr. Herzog asked Mr. Brack if he was willing to continue serving Mr. Brack declined. The committee will need to consider applicants for his replacement. Mr. Herzog said he would check with staff to see if the applicants already on file needed to resubmit or if the committee could nominate from that pool. No action taken.

7. WEB BASED INSPECTION REPORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Deputy Chief Carsten read the following statement prepared by Mr. Brouillette; *"Fire prevention has asked for a budget line item for a web based report management system for the next fiscal year. If the \$18,000.00 is approved, then a new RFP will be requested from Procurement. This will allow all ITM companies to submit online at no cost. TFD will absorb the cost to help with the efficiency and coordination with property owner's and ITM companies. We are continuing to use IROL as of this date. Companies are still voluntarily providing information to the website. We are currently putting all of our City Buildings into IROL. Facilities are signed up as a "Property Owners". All inspection reports will be tracked using IROL. In addition, we are looking at using IROL's fire inspection form for all City buildings in lieu of our current form in ZOLL'S FRMS. We will be reaching out to the Property Management companies to inform them of the possible change to the*

inspection forms. The MAITS Inspection form may also be added to IROL for record management.”

8. VOICE EVACUATION FOR DAY CARE OCCUPANCIES

Mr. Kazal made a motion to continue this item at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Favara and passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. STREET CARS IMPACT ON FIRE/BUILDING CODE

Mr. Kazal noted that traffic and congestion west of the underpass poses a serious problem for response of emergency vehicles and the street cars aerial hinders fire fighters access. Mr. Kazal believes the City is setting precedence and limiting options for the way we fight fires along the street car route which is not in the best long term interest of the City. Inspector D’Auria read the following statement prepared by Mr. Brouillette:

“Conversations between the TFD and TDOT are occurring with regards to the ability to terminate power and cut lines to allow ladder access to all buildings. No more details are known at this time.”

Discussion continued on requiring all new buildings to meet the “High Rise” standard of the IFC.

The Chair recognized Mr. Matlick who noted that cutting the power line may require recertification of the entire track by the D.O.T.
No action taken.

10. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Inspector D’Auria read the following statement prepared by Mr. Brouillette:

“The Fire Code Administrator would like to know if the committee would like to continue to review the 2015 IFC for adoption. The Significant Changes to the 2015 IFC” was given to the chair for distribution to members for review. The county Building Official has changed his mind since the last FCRC meeting and now is stating that he will not be going forward with review of the 2015 I-Codes. The City Building Official is supporting the County’s position. The Fire Code Administrator would like guidance from the FCRC based on the “Significant Changes” document. He will support the committee’s decision if they would like to go forward with review for adoption or not. The Fire Code Administrator would like to keep current on the IFC process, as he sees value in keeping up to date with the latest edition of the Fire Code and the NFPA Standards. The City Building Official has stated that if we go forward and conflicts exist with the 2015 IFC and the 2012 IBC, then they will look at making appropriate amendments to the IBC.”

The Committee requested staff obtain copies of the “Significant Changes” book for review.

Mr. Wright noted that the meeting minutes of October 9 referenced the “audio tape”. Mr. Wright said the tape was not available from the office of the Clerk and asked where they are being kept. Mr. Herzog said he believed the secretary was in possession of all the tapes from previous meetings.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Web Based Inspection Report Management
- Voice Evacuation Day Care Occupancies.
- Street Cars’ impact on Fire/Building code.
- Committee Member appointments.
- Review of “Significant Changes” Book
- To be determined.

12. BURT’S SERVICE PLAQUE:

The Committee presented Mr. Wright a plaque recognizing his many years of service and thanked him for his dedication.

13. Next Meeting Date:

October 8, 2015.

14. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.