

# CITY OF MARION

## MINUTES

Construction Code Review Board

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

City Hall Conference Room 136

1. Call to order:  
The Construction Code Review Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Dave Martin at 7:04 p.m.
2. Roll call:  
Members Present: JR Blok, Jim Burm, Roger Cousins, Vice-Chair Dave Martin, Mark Morgan, Allison Owen, Terry Sauer, Richard Sundermeyer  
  
Members Absent: Chair Jim Angerer, Curtis Liscum, Larry Nessel  
  
Staff Present: Building Dept: Ron Hoover, Gary Hansen, Ama Bartlett  
  
Others Present: Devin Kelly
3. Old Business:  
Approval of Minutes from last meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mark Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Richard Sundermeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. New Business:  
Recommendation for 2017 NEC as Marion Electrical Code. Ron Hoover noted that during the last meeting he presented an analysis of the changes from 2014 NEC. He requested a small work group committee be formed to review changes. Since the last meeting, two staff members attended a meeting of the Western section of the IAEI to review all the changes. He also stated that two staff members, himself and Amal Eltahir, participated in the meetings of the Iowa Chapter to discuss the changes. Ron contacted State Officials and found they did not have any concerns with new changes. After these meetings, the small group met on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Representatives at that well attended meeting were, Board Member Richard Sundermeyer, the Marion Building Department Staff and Building Officials from Linn County, Hiawatha and Robins, as well as, Jerry DePenning, Electrical Instructor. Ron presented a draft to the small group based on his thoughts about the changes in the new code. Draft was reviewed and discussed by the group. Richard commented that everyone seemed receptive to the changes. Ron commented that a representative from Cedar Rapids was unable to attend, but he did send them a copy of the draft and did not receive any negative comments from them.

Ron Hoover reviewed each item with the board and asked for questions on each item. With the mention of smoke alarms, Dave Martin brought up the question about interconnected smoke detectors, if they can be connected with RF (Radio Frequency). Ron stated that it is already in the code that if updating an existing building/remodel they can be battery operated if not removing finishes and the RF is not required, but is a plus. Ron mentioned a change in requirements for outlets near a peninsula in a kitchen. Gary Hansen demonstrated the new measurement location with a diagram on the white board.

Dave Martin requested a motion to approve draft as presented. Mark Morgan motioned to accept as written. Ron Hoover confirmed the motion was to recommend the ordinance for adoption by the council. Roger Cousins seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

5. Open Agenda:

Ron Hoover mentioned that all other codes, except Electrical, will be coming up for review this June. Planning on board meetings for the last half of the year to look at these updated code adoptions. He suggested that the goal for getting all new adoptions written and approved by January 1, 2018. Ron asked the group if they would be interested in moving up the regular meeting start time to 6:00 in the future.

6. Dave Martin requested a motion to adjourn, motion made by Mark Morgan. Roger Cousins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ama Bartlett  
Permit Technician, Building Department