



City of Santa Barbara

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2018

2:30 P.M.
Public Works Main Conference Room
630 Garden Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

BOARD MEMBERS:

Paul Spieler, *Chair*
Bonnie Elliot
Nick Koonce
Eric N. Pedersen
Vincent E. Wood

STAFF:

Andrew Stuffer, Chief Building Official
Joe Poire, Fire Prevention Division Chief
Greta Walters, Executive Assistant

ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIR

Motion: The board elected Paul Spieler to chair the meeting.
Action: Koonce/Elliot, 4/0/0. Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m. by Chair Paul Spieler.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Elliot, Koonce, Spieler, Pedersen
Members absent: Vincent Wood
Staff present: Stuffer and Walters

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Comment:

1. Jim Marston expressed concern about wheelchair access for elevators in general.
2. Will Rehling, of Accessible Santa Barbara, reminded the members about the importance of the Board of Appeals and its lasting impact on the community since its decisions are final.

B. Approval of the Minutes

Andrew Stuffer advised the Board that the October 19, 2018, minutes will be struck from the agenda and added to a future Board agenda.

NOTE: Agenda schedule is subject to change as cancellations occur.

- C. Announcements, requests by appellants for continuances and withdrawals, future agenda items, and appeals.

Mr. Stuffer announced that the appellant withdrew their appeal of item three of the Agenda “Denial of Building Permit Appeal — 118 State Street”. He advised the Board that the item will be struck from the agenda.

SUBJECT ITEMS

1. Ratification of Hardship – 1532 Anacapa Street

Description: Elevator Exemption

Present: Scott Branch, Architect

The meeting opened for public comment.

Will Rehling of Accessible Santa Barbara stated that the board’s approval standards should be higher for a medical facility and, therefore, accessibility to medical equipment should be considered relevant to their decision. He recommended the Board request a recorded agreement or temporary occupancy until the elevator could be done. Jim Marston concurred that a binding agreement should be in place to ensure patients with disabilities have the same access to equipment as the general public.

The meeting was closed for public comment.

Motion: Approval of the ratification of hardship contingent upon the appellant recording a covenant stating that no more hardship waivers are applied for until the elevator is installed.

Action: Koonce/Spieler, 3/1/0. Motion carried.

2. Notice of Violation Appeal – 3 Francisco Drive: ENF2017-00781

Description: Retaining Wall Permit Required

Present: Thomas Miller, Owner

The meeting was opened for public comment.

Will Rehling of Accessible Santa Barbara reminded the group that permits are important because they ensure work is safe and meets standards. Additionally, plans are kept in the city’s archive as a record of the work.

The meeting was closed for public comment.

Motion: Uphold the decision of the building official requiring a permit for the retaining wall at 3 Francisco Drive.

Action: Pedersen/Koonce, 0/4/0. Motion did not carry.

Motion: Find the retaining wall at 3 Francisco Drive does not require a permit.

Action: Pedersen/Koonce, 4/0/0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paul Spieler adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.