

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS
Community Room – Mesa Fire Station 1
360 East First Street
March 21, 2007

| | Board Member: | | Board Member: |
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| A | Jeff Decker | A | Bill Benedict |
| A | Tom Hedges | A | Jennifer Sandstrom |
| A | Frank Jimenez | A | Sat Guru Singh Khalsa |
| A | Mike Williams | A | Spencer Arnett |
| A | Steve Sheldon | A | Steve Hether |
| | Terry Williams | | Bob Horn |

“A” denotes in attendance

MEETING MINUTES

| Item No. | Discussion Item | | |
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| A | <p>Welcome</p> <p>The Building Board of Appeals meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2007, in the Community Room of the Mesa Fire Station by Tom Hedges, Board Chair. A quorum was present. City staff and guests present included:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Board Members Present: Jeff Decker Tom Hedges Sat Guru Singh Khalsa Bill Benedict Mike Williams Steve Sheldon Spencer Arnett Frank Jimenez Jennifer Sandstrom</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; text-align: center;"> <p>Board Member Absent: None</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>City of Mesa Staff Present: Steve Hether, Deputy Building Safety Director Hal Key, Fire Protection Engineer John Pombier, City Prosecutor Cliff Puckett, Assistant Fire Chief Marcina Sunderhaus, Fire Inspections Supervisor Robin O'Donnell, Administrative Support Assistant II</p> <p>Public: Reese Anderson</p> | <p>Board Members Present: Jeff Decker Tom Hedges Sat Guru Singh Khalsa Bill Benedict Mike Williams Steve Sheldon Spencer Arnett Frank Jimenez Jennifer Sandstrom</p> | <p>Board Member Absent: None</p> |
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| 1 | <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the August 16, 2006 meeting were approved as written. | | |

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| 2 | <p data-bbox="235 239 993 266">Distribution of Title 4 Amendments and Support Documents</p> <ul data-bbox="285 302 1492 422" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="285 302 1325 329">• Title 4 Amendments and support documents were distributed to the Board members. <li data-bbox="285 365 1492 422">• Steve Hether informed the Board that the draft of the Fire Code, distributed via email, should be studied for discussion at the April meeting. |
| 3 | <p data-bbox="235 457 1057 485">Appeal – Pernice Estates – Fire Lane Identification Requirements</p> <ul data-bbox="285 520 1492 1297" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="285 520 1492 667">• Hal Key spoke to the Board regarding the City of Mesa's requirements for fire lane identification per the Administrative Code. There have been many problems in the past with signage. Signs are easily missed or ignored by motorists and cases were difficult to prosecute due to the fact that it was hard to determine where the fire lanes began and ended. Hal distributed photos to the Board depicting fire lane violations. The latest revision to the code was 5/23/06. <li data-bbox="285 674 1492 730">• John Pombier informed the Board that the City looked for a solution that could be used citywide consistently and also was very clear for everyone to understand and judges to enforce. <li data-bbox="285 737 1492 856">• Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the subdivision's CC&R would state there is to be no parking on the street and there would be fire lane signs placed every 50 feet. They are attempting to comply with the code by suggesting alternative means and methods. If this method does not work, the curbs will then be painted red after the first violation. <li data-bbox="285 863 1492 1010">• A discussion followed regarding where visitors would park in the subdivision if there is no parking on the streets. Also many signs will be no more aesthetically pleasing than red curbs. If this subdivision is allowed to make changes, then other subdivisions will also want to make changes. From the City's standpoint it is much easier to have one standard method to enforce. If developers are putting in narrow streets, then curbs should be painted red. <li data-bbox="285 1016 1492 1073">• Mr. Reese asked if perhaps a different color red could be used for the curbs. He will follow up on this discussion with the Fire Department at a later date. <li data-bbox="285 1079 1492 1136">• Hal distributed photos of a condominium project where the curbs are red with white stenciling and this does not appear to be obtrusive. <li data-bbox="285 1142 1492 1199">• Spencer Arnett noted that narrow streets (24') create a hazard for the people living in the subdivision if the Fire Department has trouble gaining access. <li data-bbox="285 1205 1492 1262">• Tom Hedges stated the proposed method has not been successful in the past. The present method takes away any gray area and has been successful in the courts. <li data-bbox="285 1268 1365 1297">• Motion was made and seconded to deny the appeal. Appeal was denied with a 7-2 vote. |
| 4 | <p data-bbox="235 1331 418 1358">Miscellaneous</p> <ul data-bbox="285 1394 1492 1451" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="285 1394 1492 1451">• Steve Sheldon thanked the Fire Department for the ride-along opportunity and he encouraged the other Board members to take advantage of the opportunity. Contact Chief Horn if interested. |
| <p data-bbox="667 1457 1057 1484">Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.</p> | |