

Minutes
ELECTRICAL BOARD OF APPEALS
Building Services Division
8 AM, Friday, May 3, 2013
Building Services Conference Room
1201 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Board Members Present:

Erik Munson, Chair; Vic Brown; Jim Spicer; Mark Robinson; John Feltes; TJ Meiners;
Scott Saylor

Also Present:

Luke Benjamin, appellant; Andy Fitzgerald, appellant; Rich Good; Kevin Ciabatti; Ray Nees;
Jason Garmoe; Dave Rickels; Jennifer Canaday

APPEAL BOARD MEETING

On May 3, 2013 at 8 AM, Board Chairman Erik Munson called the meeting to order.

1. Election of Officers. Chair Munson thanked the board members for coming, stated that we had a quorum, and asked if there were any nominations for officers.
 - a. Mark Robinson nominated Erik Munson for Chairman. John Feltes seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous.
 - b. Jim Spicer nominated John Feltes for Vice Chairman. Mark Robinson seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous.
2. Scott Saylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as reviewed by the Board; Vic Brown seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
3. Appeal 1-2013 was brought by Luke Benjamin and Andy Fitzgerald for Hawkeye Electric asking the Board to waive the electrical ordinance requirement for 150 amp panels in lieu of 100 amp panels to be used at two retirement facilities being constructed at 2415 River Bluffs Dr NW and 1290 English Lane NE. The basis for the appeal was that the Engineering firm design had performed calculations and determined that 100 amp panels were appropriate, were being used in other facilities outside of Cedar Rapids, and that Chief Inspector Jason Garmoe had indicated to Hawkeye that the City may have accepted similar exceptions to the ordinance requirement in the past.

After lengthy discussion the following *two items* were settled upon:

1. **APPEAL DENIED.** Due to the potential for varying load needs in these apartment/condo structures in the future, and the agreement that the current ordinance requirement provides the most proven safety standard, the Board chose not to make an exception to the ordinance requirements. The Board denied the appeal. Mark Robinson made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by TJ Meiners. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **RECOMMENDATION.** Jim Feltes asked that direction be given to the City to research 125 amp panels for up to 1500 sq. foot apt/condo units to see if data will support that change. This potential change to the ordinance will be reviewed prior to the next ordinance revision due in 2015. Board members agreed by consensus.

Jim Spicer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Robinson seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Canaday
Recording Secretary