



**NOTICE OF AGENDA**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Twin Falls City Building Advisory Board  
May 19, 2011 11:30AM  
City Council Chambers  
305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East Twin Falls, ID 83301**

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<b>Darren Hall, Vice Chairman</b>	<b>James Ray</b>	<b>Jay Reis</b>	<b>Sean Knutz</b>	

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**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

1. Confirmation of quorum
2. Introduction of staff
3. Committee Member Renewal of Terms

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): **February 17, 2011**

**III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Solar Energy permit requirements
2. Reconditioning Subcommittee Update
3. New proposal of House Bill #75, adoption of the Idaho State Plumbing code.
4. Windmills for residential properties.
5. Building Department budget plans.

**IV. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD**

**V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE: May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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4. 2009 Energy Code Building Department Policy Updates

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**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

1. Confirmation of quorum – Chairman Standley called meeting to order, a quorum is present. Absent Dan Brizee and Scott McClure.
2. Introduction of staff – Raub Owens, Electrical Inspector, Steve Harr, Plumbing Inspector, Jarrod Bordi, Mechanical Inspector, Dwaine Thomson, Building Official, Mitch Humble, Director, Community Development, and Nikki Miller, Administrative Assistant.
3. Committee Member Renewal of Terms - Gary Bond, Dan Brizee, Darren Hall all have agreed to stay on board for another term.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Approval of Minutes from the following meeting(s): **November 4, 2010** – Chairman Standley asked if everyone read the minutes and had any changes. No changes were requested; Chairman Standley called for a motion to approve minutes. Darren Hall motioned to approve and was seconded by Gary Bond. Minutes unanimously approved.

**III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Low voltage electrical permit requirements

Raub Owens presented information from the staff report

The second exception includes fire and other alarm systems as “signal circuits”. Staff proposes to strike “signal circuits” and add the words “wires and apparatus” to the exception. This would bring us into alignment with the wording and permitting requirements of the State of Idaho and other local jurisdictions within the State. This would alleviate confusion on the part of licensed contractors regarding whether permits are required for installations within the City jurisdiction.

Idaho Administrative Code ADAPA 07.01.04.014 defines the scope of work allowed with each specialty electrical license. The “Limited Energy Electrical License” deals specifically with the electrical circuits this change seeks to address. Electrical wiring and equipment for one (1) or two (2) family dwellings, landscape sprinkler controls and other specified systems are exempted from licensing requirements. If the installation is exempted from licensing it is also exempted from permitting requirements. The City of Twin Falls would take a similar approach.

Staff recommends that these items be revised and that the second exception read as follows:

(B) All ~~signal and communication circuits of less than (100) volt amperes,~~ *wires and apparatus.*

Raub’s major concern is that these installations go in and he never knows about them. If he is out in the field and sees them he will look at them. We agreed to make sure they make NEC standards and at this time we are not requiring permits to be taken out and inspections are not being done. Another concern is that the alarms may not go off if they are not installed properly.

We are asking for a recommendation from the Board to the Council for a code change.

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Motion made by Darrin Hall to formalize a recommendation to be taken to City council to amend Idaho code ADAPA 07.01.04.14 (B) to read as follows: All circuits, wires and apparatus. Motion was seconded by Gary Bond. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Solar Energy permits requirements – **tabled until all information can be presented.**

Dan Brizee was not in attendance and he had some information to present. Dwaine talked about the expedited permit process for small installations. We would like to get the permit process down to the very minimum requirement for these if they meet a certain criteria. Concerns include the weight, UL Listings and there will also be electrical permits required.

3. Reconditioning Subcommittee Update – **tabled until Dan Brizee and Scott McClure can present information.**

Dwaine's concerns are the unknowns of used equipment. If they pull out a furnace why did they pull it out? If the equipment can be reconditioned who will take on the responsibility of reconditioning the appliances, can the equipment be recertified and would there be a potential for a conflict of interest if the company doing the reconditioning is also certifying it? If there is a cost savings what would it be?

Used appliances have to be reconditioned and tested in accordance with the code.

4. 2009 Energy Code Building Department Policy Updates

The City has adopted the 2009 International Energy code. We have had three or four classes on it with not a lot of participation. Attic hatches need to be sealed, wall cavities have to be minimum R-20 and the entire house ceiling plates to be sealed. Lighting is required to be 50% high efficacies.

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Sean Knutz brought up the discussion regarding personal windmills are coming, 40 ft and less windmills going into backyards. There are zoning and building concerns with these. People have made requests to put them up, residential and commercial, some out at the College. There is a Zoning issue with the height of the windmill. It is being examined by the Planning and Zoning department.

Steve Harr advised the Board of the new proposal House Bill #75, adoption of the Idaho State Plumbing code. We are currently working out of the UPC. The Idaho Code has amendments in it that the Idaho State Plumbing Board has adopted. There are some concerns from municipalities about the code. There has not been a lot of communication about the Code coming through. Jay Reis is on the Board and has worked with the code. Jay is here and can address any concerns about the new code.

One item of concern is the water softener loop. It is going to become a requirement and it will also increase the area where the water softener sits up to 24". Water heaters on direct venting will need to be tested, categories 3 & 4 on water heaters only. Fixture requirements are a building code requirement instead of the UPC which is less restrictive than the UPC.

There is special meeting in Meridian tomorrow to address the issues that Steve and Jay are going to attend.

Usually when the State adopts a new code the City typically follows suit.

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V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE:

Next meeting, Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2011

VI. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairman adjourned meeting.