



PALM BEACH COUNTY

BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD (BCAB)

November 20, 2024 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Robert Brown called the meeting to order at **2:06 p.m.** The meeting was conducted in Room 1W-47 at the Vista Center located at 2300 North Jog Road in West Palm Beach, Florida.

A. Roll Call

1. Members Present:

Robert Brown, *Building Official, Vice Chair*
Gregory Miller, *Aluminum Contractor*
Jacek Tomasik, *Building Official*
Wayne Cameron, *Building Official*
Joe Byrne, *Roofing Contractor*

Kristin Materka, *Architect*
Thomas Hogarth, *Engineer*
John Kuntzman, *Building Official*
Frank R Coppola, III, *General Contractor*
Gary Kozan, *Plumbing Contractor*
Donald Sharkey, *Electrical Contractor*

2. Absent Members:

Edward Lynch, *General Contractor, Chair*

3. Others Present:

Doug Wise, *PBC Building Official*
Michael Gauger, *Deputy Building Official*
Mike Shubert, *Assistant Deputy of Plan Review*

Robin Barrack, *Communications Specialist*
Bianca Filiponi, *Recording Secretary*

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tomasik made a motion to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes. Mr. Byre second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Code Interpretation – No report.

B. Code Amendments – No report.

C. Product Evaluation - No report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Model Design for Small Structures

- Mr Wise begins by stating we have done the revisions for the technical advisory and await the boards decision.
- Mr. Cameron makes a motion to approve this technical advisory.
- Mr. Kuntzman seconds the motion.
- Mr. Sharkey asks is there not an option for a direct burial post. If you don't want to have it fastened to a

concrete foundation can you dig a deep hole and use a long post.

- Mr. Brown states he doesn't believe the board would want to propose that. If someone would like to propose that then they can advise their local building official.
- Discussion ensues on the technicality of the question.
- Mr. Hogarth states there is a discrepancy between the setbacks of the edge of the concrete to the post. The top sketch shows 3 inches but then the simpson design shows 3 inches from the center of the post.
- Mr. Wise states we can white that out if the board so directs it and the 3 inch can be the minimum.
- Mr. Brown states that the option 1 detail will be the 3 inch minimum from the edge.
- Mr. Cameron revises motion to include that option 1 detail will be the 3 inch minimum from the edge and to remove the 3 inch from the simpson.
- Mr. Kuntzman seconds motion.

B. Technical Advisory in Regards to Electrical Lighting for Outdoor Fixtures

- Mr. Maher states after a meeting with Mr. Miller the HOA will not give approval without a permit. I believe what we settled on was a letter from the B.C.A.B. advising these associations of this dilemma stating we need their consent in order to obtain a permit for common elements.
- Mr. Brown agrees once given confirmation from the HOA in regards to common elements.
- Discussion ensues.
- Mr. Gauger states the technical advisory is in reference over the HOA by-laws. Mr. Brown according to the previous meeting stated that 3 words need to be removed to complete revision.
- Mr. Brown states should we table both HOA technical advisories to discuss together.
- Mr. Miller makes a motion to table both or possibly combine the two.
- Mr. Coppola seconds motion.
- Board agrees unanimously to allow PBC staff to decide how to proceed on whether to keep separate or combine.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Right Sizing Water Heaters

- Mr. Kozan ensues in discussion. Followed by stating there is no need for a bigger pipe size as there are low flows on water supply. Less water running through the faucets will be less going through the pipes. Then states a plan reviewer was sizing by hunter and expressed to me that I need 2 tank less water heaters for a SFD.
- Mr. Kozan continues in discussion.

- Mr. Rosales, PBC Plan Review, states concerning the pipe size Mr. Kozan may be a bit off as we have to consider friction on the pipe.
- Mr. Rosales ensues in discussion on the specifics of the pipe sizing and examples of why smaller pipe sizing is not suitable for homes.
- Mr. Brown interjects and ask what the technical advisory committee doing at the building code level. At some point the code will have to address this.

B. Gapping Method

- Michael Wilson, with Pipe Lining Technologies, states how pipe lining has been around since 1973. The pipe has to be installed according to two ASTM's. A 12/16 and then there's a 17/43. They're identical ASTM's except in one case I have a tank that blows it in like a sock and the other I have to pull it in.
- Mr. Wilson ensues in discussion on Pipe Lining.
- Mr. Coppola asks if there's a glitch line.
- Mr. Wilson answers yes there is a glitch fix.
- Mr. Miller asks at what point does it reduce the size and create a problem for the flow.
- Mr. Wilson answers theoretically you can go back in and line over it.
- Mr. Miller asks if some of the cast iron pipes that have to be relined already been reduced more and more.
- Mr. Wilson answers yes but we have tools for that.
- Mr. Brown asks if there are any more questions and the board does not have anymore questions.x

VI. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS

None

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

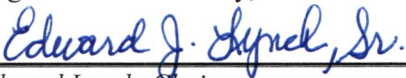
VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting – January 15, 2025

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Robert Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:31 p.m.

Signed for the board by,


Edward Lynch, Chair

Respectfully submitted by
Bianca Filiponi
Recording Secretary