

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Indiana Fire Prevention and
Building Safety Commission
Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Conference Center Room B

March 6, 2018

Pursuant to IC 22-12-2-6, the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's regular monthly meeting was opened by Chairman Nicoson at 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2018.

(a) Commissioners present at the Commission meeting:

Michael Corey
Greg Furnish
Kevin Goeden, representing the Commissioner, Department of Labor
Joseph Heinsman
David Henson
Todd Hite, representing the Commissioner, Department of Health
James Jordan
Robin Nicoson, Chairman
Scott Pannicke
Michael Popich
Jessica Scheurich, Vice-Chairman

(b) Commissioners not present at the Commission meeting:

(c) The following departmental staff were present during the meeting:

James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General
Douglas Boyle, Director of Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
Craig Burgess, State Building Commissioner
Denise Fitzpatrick, Code Specialist
Blake Haley, Code Specialist

2. Roll call was conducted, and it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Minutes Approval

Chairman Nicoson called for approval or corrections of the minutes for the January 3, 2018, meeting. Commissioner Popich noted he had abstained from voting on 18-03-22 Hoyt, Indianapolis, 18-02-32 Trinitas Office Renovation, Indianapolis 18-02-34 Indiana Humanities Facility Upgrade, Indianapolis, 18-02-37(a)(b)(c) World of Beer Bar + Kitchen, Indianapolis, and 18-02-45(a)(b)(c) Stadium Facility for Tabernacle Presbyterian, Indianapolis, but the minutes did not reflect it. 18-02-56 Precision Rings, Indianapolis, showed (c) and (c) being approved, and 18-02-58 Morgan Building, Lafayette, did not show the action. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with amendments. Commissioner Popich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

4. Rulemaking Updates

Doug Boyle reported that Commissioner Corey, Justin Guedel and he had met with the Elevator Code Committee for the orientation. The next meeting will be March 27th, which has been posted online, where they will begin reviewing the code. Mr. Boyle and Commissioner Corey had been contacted regarding committee member J.W. Moore. Noting that he had taken administrative leave from his job, and they had not been able to contact him, Mr. Boyle asked the Commission if they wished to replace him on the committee as they are allowed to do by statute. Commissioner Scheurich moved to remove J.W. Moore from the Elevator Code Committee and replace with appropriate subcommittee member. Commissioner Jordan made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Mr. Boyle then reported that there was no update on the Residential Code, and that he will contact ICC again to determine if a second printing of the 2018 Residential Code would be available in March. A report to the Commission is planned in April concerning codes which will be expiring at the end of the year and their possible re-adoption.

5. Non-Rule Policy Updates

A proposed Non-Rule Policy for Visible Alarm Notification Systems in I-3 Occupancies had been presented to the Commission in February and tabled for further discussion. As author, Commissioner Pannicke withdrew the proposed Non-Rule Policy. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

6. State Building Commissioner Report

Craig Burgess, State Building Commissioner, and James Greeson, State Fire Marshal addressed the Commission concerning school security, asking that they be given the subject thought and consideration. It was suggested that perhaps a Commissioner be appointed to lead a study, or

along with the offices of the Marshal and Building Commissioner, seek inclusion in the legislature's proposed summer study group. Mr. Burgess also announced he would be out of office on medical leave until possibly May, and introduced Alan Blunk who will be standing in while he is out.

7. Petitions for Administrative Review

a. Timely

Ordinance No. 77-17

St. Joseph County, Indiana Carbon Monoxide Detectors Ordinance

The filing of the petition was timely filed, but the Legal Department had some concerns as to whether or not Fire Marshal David Cheronne, Clay Fire Territory, had legal standing to file the petition since he was not a member of the County Council. Following an explanation by James Schmidt as to the legal requirements to file for a review, Commissioner Scheurich moved to deny with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

Variance No. 18-02-45(c)

Stadium Facility for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church

This variance had been denied at last month's meeting, and the appeal was hand delivered on the last day allowed for filing.

8. Review of Local Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2018-1

Town of Thorntown, Indiana – Unsafe Building Ordinances

The review by the Legal Department did not find any conflicts. Following discussion of portions of the ordinance over which the Commission had no authority, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried with one nay vote.

Ordinance No. 2017-06

Town of Long Beach Indiana – Building Ordinance

Peter Byvoets, member of the Long Beach Town Council and the city's Building Commissioner, spoke as proponent. After working on the ordinance for over a year, including two trips to stand before the Commission, he presented the finished document to the Commission for approval. Following discussion of suggested changes for some errors found by staff, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve with the recommendation that suggested corrections for 150.3.22 and other defects and errors be done. Commissioner Popich made the second. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

9. Variances

a. Review of Changes/New Procedures for Variance Consideration

Doug Boyle reminded the audience that last month changes in the way variances would be handled had been announced. He had rearranged the presentation order of variances, bringing to the beginning of the meeting those who presented their own variances and those who were not consultants who lived outside the Indianapolis area. He also noted that proponent testimony would be held to five minutes. Commissioner Heinsman spoke regarding his concerns about variances being submitted for construction errors, anything from honest mistakes to poor practices, and the effects it might have on the quality of buildings. He then asked for input from the other Commissioners. Financial hardship and public safety were brought forward as concerns in each application. Doug Boyle spoke regarding enforcement of the statute requiring that applications received by the filing deadline to be complete, including drawings and support documents. The lack of this information affects the staff review and an informed decision by the Commission. Chairman Nicoson supported enforcement of the complete filing requirement “every time”, admonishing them to follow the rules.

b. Deny for Lack of Substance

Variance application No. 17513 – River Ridge Tract 911 Building B
Variance Application No. 17719 – Harrison Springs Health Campus
Variance Application No. 17850 – Pulliam Square Phase 2

Doug Boyle introduced the above listed applications in the system for an extended length of time without progress. Deputy Attorney General James Schmidt advised that the letters received by these applicants should include that they have not met the requirements of IC 22-13-2-11 or to state exactly what those requirements are. For motion purposes, he noted stating “failure to meet the requirements of 22-13-2-11” would suffice. Commissioner Furnish moved to deny application No. 17513 River Ridge Tract 911 Building B, No. 17719 Harrison Springs Health Campus, and No. 17850 Pulliam Square Phase 2 due to failure to meet the requirements of 22-13-2-11. Commissioner Heinsman made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

Breaking and reconvening: Chairman Nicoson recessed the Commission at 10:24 am. It was called back to order at 10:33 am.

c. Tabled

17-11-59 Removal of Fire Drop Doors, Shelbyville

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, withdrew the variance.

17-12-37(a)(b) Marian Hills Farm, Ft. Wayne

Dennis Bradshaw, FP&C Consultants, spoke as proponent. He requested the variances be tabled. Commissioner Furnish moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

17-12-56 Berne Crossing, Berne

The proponent had requested the application be tabled. Commissioner Furnish moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried.

18-01-09 4 Blast Furnace, Gary

The application was incomplete and ineligible to be heard. Commissioner Henson moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Corey abstained.

18-01-14 Moose Lake Craft Village, LaOtto

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, requested the variance be tabled for one more month. Commissioner Corey moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried.

18-02-17 Beach Tiki Bar & Grill, Greensburg

Louis Caperone, owner, spoke as proponent. The owner had gone to his local fire official and worked with Major Jester of IDHS during the conversion of a department store building to his bar and grill. A CDR, which included sprinklers, was applied for and granted by Plan Review. The city of Greensburg then issued a permit. Inspections were done and they were granted an occupancy permit. Inspections had been done for A&E permits for 4 years without issue. This year the inspector, Walt Knaepple of IDHS, required that he extend the sprinkler system to the second floor. Mr. Knaepple explained that the building is over area, over occupied, and unseparated. He also noted about 7,000 square feet of combustible storage on the second floor left over from the department store. Following the GAR, both floors would need to be sprinkled. The owner stated he had previously been told that as long as the public didn't go upstairs and that the stairway was locked, he didn't have to sprinkle the second floor. The variance request was to allow the sprinklers to remain as installed. Commissioners asked if he had changed anything since he opened, or if he stored alcohol upstairs to which he answered no, just napkins, crackers, green beans and the like at the top of the stairs where someone from the kitchen could get them. When asked if he had priced a sprinkler system he answered no. There are 3 36" exits in the front and back of the building per Mr. Knaepple. The first floor has smoke detectors and heat detectors, and the owner stated he would install them on the second floor if they wanted him to. A discussion of gathering information as to the price of a

fire and/or smoke alarm system on the second floor, trash removal fees and labor costs, the price of a sprinkler system was held so that a hardship could be established. Commissioner Corey moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

18-02-19 Tropicana Evansville Casino, Evansville

John Stewart, Encompass Develop Design and Construction, spoke as proponent. The request is to allow the installation of 200 junction boxes, designed to be used under floor panels, in lieu of readily accessible boxes as required by code. The proponent states the boxes are marked with a GPS location, and if the carpet needs to be removed to access the boxes, it is easily cut and the box accessed. He said it's used all over the United States. The boxes, per the proponent, are accessed every few months when the machines are moved around. Building Commissioner Craig Burgess stated he had a hard time seeing how this was a violation. The carpet isn't part of the building. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-02-52(c)(d)(h) The Exchange, Indianapolis

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. Brent Roberts, Phanomen Design, was also present. The building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, does not have handrails and guardrails which comply with current code. There are three places where compliance has not been achieved due to existing structural issues which prevent proper placement of the rails. The foundations are of stone, and to clear all the faces of the stone with the rails for the ramp would cause non-compliant hand clearances which may result in abrasions. Guardrails on two stairs are not of a compliant height due to the newel post height. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the addition of a one-rung rail on the northwest stair with the ADA exception. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

18-02-60 Hill Event Center, French Lick

Nathan Grimes, Renaissance Design Build, Inc., spoke as proponent. The 5,000 square foot storefront building, built in 1904 and purchased by Mr. Hill in 2014, was being converted from mercantile use to a two-story event center. The request was to omit the required sprinkler in the 18" tall attic area due to lack of access and a 1-hour separation from the second floor. The first and second floors are sprinklered. Previous remodeling had created obstructions with framing and slopes of the roof. The sprinkler company had been unable to run a system in the space and suggested the variance. No mechanical or electrical components are installed in the area, but there is one conduit running through it to service a rooftop unit. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried.

18-02-61 Saloman Farm Learning Center Addition, Ft. Wayne

No proponent was present. Commissioner Pannicke moved to table. Jim Murua, Ft. Wayne Fire Department was present. He explained that this was a city park and that the facility was going to be sprinklered and that they were going to withdraw the variance. A question was raised if they needed a confirmation from the owners, and Mr. Murua offered to have them send a letter. Commissioner Pannicke again moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

(b) New

Chairman Nicoson asked for any variances to be called out for individual consideration or any abstentions. Commissioner Popich noted he would abstain from 18-03-23(a)(b) Pike Twp. Headquarters Fire Station 61, Indianapolis. Commissioner Corey would abstain from 18-03-01 Jackson County Judicial Center, Brownstown, 18-03-11 Holiday Inn Express, Hammond, 18-03-16(a)(b) 920 Logan Street, Noblesville, 18-03-17(a)(b) Columbus Holiday Inn, Columbus, 18-03-18(a)(b) Craftmark Bakery, Indianapolis, 18-03-19(a)(b) LaQuinta Inn and Suites, Bloomington, 18-03-20(a)(b) Murphy Arts Center, Indianapolis, 18-03-21(a)(b) Wilshaw Multi-Family, Speedway, 18-03-22(a)(b) Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center, Franklin, 18-03-23(a)(b) Pike Township Headquarters Fire Station 61, Indianapolis, and 18-03-24(a)(b) Alfa Laval Building Expansion, Greenwood. Commissioner Heinsman is abstaining on 18-03-03 Stonewater at Riverwalk, Elkhart, 18-03-15 Cityside, Bloomington, 18-03-21(a)(b) Wilshaw Multi-Family, Speedway, 18-03-26 Northwestern Schools Athletic Building, Kokomo, 18-03-27 Northwestern High School Addition and Renovation, Kokomo, and 18-03-33 The Salvation Army Headquarters Remodel, Indianapolis.

The following variances were approved as submitted:

18-03-01 Jackson County Judicial Center, Brownstown
18-03-02 Eagles Theatre, Wabash
18-03-03 Stonewater at Riverwalk, Elkhart
18-03-09(a)(b)(c) Skyline Tower, Ft. Wayne
18-03-10 At Home #194, Lafayette
18-03-11 Holiday Inn Express, Hammond
18-03-12 Casey's Gas City, Gas City
18-03-13 Quality Woodcraft, Odon
18-03-14 Fishers Police Station, Fishers
18-03-15 Cityside, Bloomington
18-03-16(a)(b) 920 Logan Street, Noblesville
18-03-17(a)(b) Columbus Holiday Inn, Columbus
18-03-18(a)(b) Craftmark Bakery, Indianapolis
18-03-19(a)(b) LaQuinta Inn and Suites, Bloomington
18-03-20(a)(b) Murphy Arts Center, Indianapolis
18-03-21(a)(b) Wilshaw Multi-Family, Speedway
18-03-22(a)(b) Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center, Franklin
18-03-23(a)(b) Pike Township Headquarters Fire Station 61, Indianapolis

18-03-24(a)(b) Alfa Laval Building Expansion, Greenwood
18-03-25 Southwick Elementary School Addition, Ft. Wayne
18-03-26 Northwestern Schools Athletic Building, Kokomo
18-03-27 Northwestern High School Addition and Renovation, Kokomo
18-03-28(a)(b) Ladoga Elementary School, Ladoga
18-03-29 The Kent, Carmel
18-03-30 Sports and Recreation Center, Terre Haute
18-03-31 Legacy Living of Jasper, Jasper
18-03-32(a)(b) Chatham Park Development, Indianapolis
18-03-33 The Salvation Army Headquarters Remodel, Indianapolis
18-03-34 Blackhawk Christian School South Campus Addition, Ft. Wayne
18-03-62 Zher Building – New Building (Parcel 06-10-12-200-005), Auburn

Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve the “A” and “B” variances, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

Category C/D/NVR

Self-Representing Applicants/Architects/ Designers/Non-Consultants Outside of Indianapolis area

Matthew Gerbers, proponent for 18-03-68, had requested the application be moved forward on the agenda if possible. He had a scheduling conflict which could not be resolved. The request was granted.

18-03-68 A Mother’s Hope, Ft. Wayne

Matthew Gerbers, Schambaugh and Son, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow an existing 2-story home to be used as a shelter for homeless pregnant women without sprinklers. The proponent stated a maximum of 8 residents and two staff persons would be in the home during the day and one staff person would be in attendance at night. A smoke detection system, fire alarm system, and a carbon monoxide wireless alarm system will be provided and monitored by an off-site company. Jim Murua, Ft. Wayne Fire Department, and Fire Chief Jim Leahy, also spoke and opposed the variance due to the lack of sprinklers. The city engineer felt the water from the facility’s well would sustain a 13D system. Following discussion, Commissioner Henson moved to table to allow the proponent time to research a 13D system and to check the capabilities of the well. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-04 The Lantern Fest, New Castle

Spencer Humiston, festival coordinator, spoke as proponent. He had been unable to get a response from the local fire official after trying for three months. After a discussion of who had responded and what had been submitted to Beth Sutor, who was at this time out of office and unable to provide the information, Commissioner Heinsman moved to table and move to the end

of the agenda to allow the proponent to provide copies of the information. It was seconded by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-05 Twin Lakes Camp Elm Cabin, Hillsboro

Phillip Zimmerly, Bose McKinney & Evans, spoke as proponent. A church camp in Fountain County Indiana was requesting to omit sprinklers for the new single story with basement cabin totaling 1800 square feet. There is no kitchen in the cabin, and there is a total of twelve occupants per floor. The campground does not have access to a public water system, and had been granted a variance in 2013 for a previous cabin with the conditions that "a 1-hour fire rated assembly of ¾" gypcrete shall be installed on top of the subfloor, and a layer of ½" Type X drywall under the joists must be provided between the two floors". John Bate, Director, and Jan Tate, Maintenance for Twin Lakes Camp, were also present. Mr. Bate explained that the cabin was actually smaller than the conference room being used, and that to add fire suppression to the cabin was 15% over \$100,000 building costs since there is not public water available. The water cost alone was over \$9,000 in addition to piping, installation, etc. Keeping the children safe was their goal, just as it is the goal of the Commission. There are two exits on each of the 600 square foot floors, the egress windows are over 4 feet tall, and there are two hardwired / battery backup smoke detectors on each floor. They had also included the conditions on the previous variance in this cabin. Commissioner Heinsman questioned why the previous Commission specifically called out gypcrete and drywall in the conditions. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with a 1-hour assembly between the two levels, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried as amended.

18-03-06 ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor Blast Furnace D, Burns Harbor

Tim Moran, Kone Elevator, spoke as proponent. John Shieval, project manager, was also present. NFPA 72 requires smoke detectors to initiate Phase 1 Emergency Recall Operations in elevators. The request was to omit the smoke detectors. The amount of smoke, dust and heat makes produced in the process makes these detectors impractical. Commissioner Corey moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-07(a)(b) #3 Steel Producing BOF Freight, East Chicago

Tim Moran, Kone Elevator, spoke as proponent. John Shieval, project manager, was also present. Variance (a) was to omit smoke detectors. NFPA 72 requires smoke detectors to initiate Phase 1 Emergency Recall Operation, but the steel production process causes heat and smoke making the detectors impractical. Commissioner Corey moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Popich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to omit the ascending car overspeed protection. The proponent stated there is no available emergency brake from Hollister that will work with the high capacity configuration of the suspension. Commissioner Corey said he had contacted them and had been told they could provide it. The proponent stated he had emails from John Voight which stated they could not provide it and offered to provide copies of the

emails to Commissioner Corey. Commissioner Pannicke moved to table until the emails were provided, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-35(a)(b) Platform Deck for Deep River Adventure Park, Merrillville

No proponent was available for questions. Commissioner Pannicke moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-44 Cayuga Elevator Installation, Cayuga

Rob Meyers, American Service Group, spoke as proponent. The request was to omit smoke detectors on the landings for the industrial elevator. Commissioner Corey noted the application request was to allow a noncompliant platform size. Commissioner Corey questioned why they needed an elevator four times larger than allowed by code. The proponent explained that Duke Energy considered it a special use elevator and the hoistway was an open structure with grated platforms, and were unable to provide a fire service initiator. The car is equipped with Phase I and Phase II. Commissioner Corey felt they had submitted an incorrect application, and following a discussion of the sections from which they need the variance, the variance was withdrawn by the proponent.

Commissioner Furnish asked for a point of clarification on 18-03-35(a)(b) Platform Deck for Deep River Adventure Park, Merrillville. He noted that it had been listed as an NVR and an A on the staff report, and wondered if that was the reason for no proponent being present. The Commissioners were told they could vote on the application if they felt comfortable in their understanding of the application. Commissioner Furnish then moved to open 18-03-35(a)(b) with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve (b) with the second by Commissioner Popich. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Pannicke moved no variance required for (a) with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-47 Potter's House, North Vernon

Kent Stroud, Pavilion Churches, spoke as proponent. An existing five bedroom single story home, built in 1994, is to be converted to transitional housing for men coming out of prison or detox centers. There will be 12 residents and a life coach, and, as a non-clinical facility, they will not take persons convicted for sex crimes or violent crimes. The request is to omit the required sprinklers and use a monitored service such as ADT with fire extinguishers and evacuation routes posted in each room. There are three door exits and a window in every room. The residents will be capable of self-preservation. Following discussion, Commissioner Furnish moved to approve for a period of one year, ending April 1, 2019, at which time the proponents were to return and report. The middle bedroom adjacent to the porch was not to be used as a sleeping room. Commissioner Pannicke made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-71 Ollie's Bargain Outlet, LaPorte

James Horsch, Herschman Architects, spoke as proponent. Also present was Jack Ventimiglia, owner rep. The existing shopping center, built in 1989, does not meet current code, and the addition of the small truck service enclosure to off-load stock increases the noncompliance. Because it is not fully sprinklered nor surrounded by open public ways 40 or 60 feet wide, it is not an unlimited area. It is not a separated mixed use building and it cannot be considered separate buildings on the same lot because there are no fire walls. The request is to add 3-hour rated fire barrier assemblies to both demise walls to create a new fire area for the stock room, and a fire door will be installed. The truck service enclosure is open air with all steel and aluminum construction, with little impact on the overall non-compliance. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-78 Jill's House, Bloomington

No one was present to speak as proponent. Commissioner Scheurich moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-79 Pro Cold Storage, Paoli

Barry Walls, Paoli Peaks, spoke as proponent. The request was to be allowed to use the attic as a storage area for pro shop product kept in combustible cardboard boxes without being rated. The area is a cold storage area without heating equipment and electricity supplied by wires run inside metal conduit directly to the breaker panel. The amount of storage will also be monitored. The owner, Paoli Peaks, will install additional heat and smoke sensors to the area, wired into the existing alarm system. Additional fire extinguishers will be provided. Access is employee-only, and only to a limited group of employees. Following discussion which included a possible timeframe for heat and smoke sensors, Commissioner Pannicke made the motion to approve until October 1, 2019, for the installation of 1-hour rating, with smoke and heat detection to be installed by June 1, 2018. The second was made by Commissioner Popich. It was voted upon and carried. The proponent then asked if it could be tabled. The maker and second withdrew their motions, and moved to table. It was voted upon and carried.

Breaking and reconvening: Chairman Nicoson recessed the Commission at 12:46 noon. It was called back to order at 1:44 pm.

Doug Boyle, following the call to order, announced that the proponent for 18-03-78 Jill's House, Bloomington, was now present and would like to speak on their variance. There was also a request granted to move 18-03-50, 18-03-51 and 18-03-53 forward in the consultant section for presentation. Confirmation that the application for The Lantern Fest, 18-03-04, was complete had been received, and would be heard at the end along with other applications tabled earlier. Commissioner Popich moved to reopen 18-03-78, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-78 Jill's House, Bloomington

Roy Marschke, as owner's representative, addressed the Commission. Code allows the use of delayed egress locks in occupancies other than A, E, and H. The request was to be allowed to use delayed egress locks in a preschool located on the basement level of a facility which houses memory care patients upstairs who have delayed egress locks already in place. The concern is that the memory care residents or preschoolers may exit the facility through an unsecured door and find themselves on the busy main street which lies 10 feet in front of the facility. Tim Clapp, Bloomington Fire Department, also addressed the Commission. He noted that the facility had complied with their requests concerning the locks, and he did not oppose the variance. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the conditions that the locks fail open with the activation of the fire alarm, fail open at the loss of power, and an override button be provided. Commissioner Heinsman made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

Self-Representing Applicants/Architects/Designers/Non-consultants Inside of Indianapolis Area

18-03-08 RBE Office Building, Indianapolis

Jim Condre, contractor, spoke as proponent. Code requires two exits from boiler rooms over 500 square feet and over 400,000 Btu input capacity. The request is to allow one exit from this boiler room which has been in use for over 30 years with one exit. Plans had been submitted to both city and state showing this existing condition and were approved. The inspector had cited them under the current code for the lack of a second exit from the mechanical room at the final inspection. The room is in a basement with two of the walls earth-locked, and the other two walls go into rooms with no points of egress. The sprinklered room is of all concrete and steel construction and has smoke detectors installed. Jeff Dean, City of Indianapolis, questioned if it was a "like-for-like" replacement, and Kevin Troy, State Fire Marshal office, noted that if it was in place before 1986 they could not enforce the code of record, whether compliant or not. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Popich abstained.

18-03-36 Renovations and Additions to Face Clinic, Indianapolis

Jim Lingenfelter, Five2Five Design, spoke as proponent. Code requires guards when the walking surface is more than 30 inches above the floor, roof or grade below. The request is to allow removable guardrails which can be moved around without being permanently installed which would be used by maintenance while they are on the roof servicing the HVAC units, and removed

when they are done. Chris Harris, City of Indianapolis, asked if they would be using the OSHA-standard compliant rail system, to which the proponent said yes. Mr. Harris asked where the system, with base plates weighing 100 pounds each, would be stored and would they be covered to protect them from weather. The proponent stated they would be kept on the roof by the access door and would be covered if that is what he wished. Mr. Harris then stated he would not be opposed to the variance. Commissioner Pannicke asked if tie-off locations had been provided on the roof for use by the HVAC tech, and was told the proponent was not sure. Following further discussion, the question of providing tie-off points in lieu of the railing was brought forward. The proponent asked to table the variance to research the options. Commissioner Scheurich moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Popich abstained.

18-03-45 the Mill at Ironworks Plaza, Mishawaka

Mark Riffey, Ryan Fireprotection, spoke as proponent. During the listing test of the sprinkler for a concrete T and a coin sprinkler, the request is to allow sprinklers to be spaced along the testing space, with sprinklers on both sides where a baffle or draft stop would have been installed, to omit the need for them during the test. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-56 Tom Wood Toyota, Zionsville

Dave Kaldy, Architectural Alliance, spoke as proponent. Code requires work areas to be accessible to those with disabilities. The request is to allow the interior-swinging door to the tool room to be removed and replaced with a roll-up door or security gate system. The tool room had been cited during the final inspection for the certificate of occupancy for a platform vehicle lift blocking the only exit from the tool room. The platform is used to lift a car up to the second floor display space, and is left in the up position except when the display vehicle is being changed out. To install a door from the tool room to the outside to correct the egress issue was priced out at fifteen to seventeen hundred dollars due to exterior trim and finishes. The lift is operated by a single set of controls which can have a lock installed to control access to avoid trapping someone in the tool room. A standard operating procedure would also be posted. It was also suggested that a warning light be installed in the tool room to warn any occupant of the lift being put in motion. It was also suggested that the shuffling of cars by the lift be done after shop hours to reduce the chance of someone being trapped. Commissioner Scheurich made a motion to allow the door to be removed, install a warning light or sound when lift is being activated, and minimize lift activation during normal business hours with the lift maintained in the up position. Commissioner Pannicke made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-74(a)(b) Greene-Sullivan State Forest Campground Cabins, Dugger

Dean Illingworth, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources, spoke as proponent. The rustic cabins are cut from Indiana wood, kiln dried, sent to the state prison where it is constructed as a cabin on 4'x4' sleds by the inmates, taken to a state forest and set in a primitive campground setting. Variance (a) is to allow the cabins to not comply with the energy code. The cabins have no

insulation, plumbing, heat or air conditioning. Variance (b) is to omit the sprinkler system. There is no plumbing inside the cabin. An electric smoke detector with battery back-up will be provided. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

Consultants

18-03-50 Lewis Cass Polytechnic Academy, Galveston

David Cook, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing elementary school is being remodeled to serve as a business incubator education academy. The request is to allow the installation of new doors with side light openings, and other glass storefront to have non-rated assemblies in existing nonrated walls. The existing building is not sprinklered, but the existing smoke detection and fire alarm system will be extended into the new corridors. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

18-03-51(a)(b)(c) Walnut Elementary School, New Ross

Dave Cook, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variances (b) and (c) were in the A/B category. Commissioner Popich moved to approve both, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (a) is a request to allow new corridors, new walls and infills, new door additions and window to not have neither rated construction nor rated assemblies. The building is not sprinklered, but existing smoke detection and fire alarms will be extended into the new corridors. Following discussion, Commissioner Heinsman moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried with two nays.

18-03-53 Brownsburg High School 2017 Renovation and Addition, Brownsburg

Dave Cook, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request is to allow an increase in travel distance during construction which will affect two classrooms on the second floor, exceeding the allowable distance by 30 feet and a common path of travel increase of 30 feet. Steve Jones, the local fire official, has been included in the process and is comfortable with the variance. Following discussion, Commissioner Popich approved with the variance to be valid from July 30, 2018 to April 5, 2019. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-37 Orangetheory Fitness Artistry, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Code requires at least one of each type of fixture provided in each toilet and bathing room to be accessible. When clustered, at least 50% must be accessible. The request is to allow only one of four showers to be accessible. This was cited during the final inspection of the fitness facility, but it is finished and it is not possible to

correct it. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve with the ADA advisory letter. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried with 3 nays. Commissioner Popich abstained.

18-03-38 Jacquie's Catering Event Space, Zionsville

Scott Perez, Arxtheon Consulting, spoke as proponent. An existing building was converted to an event space. Code requires entrances that separate conditioned space from the exterior to have an enclosed vestibule. The request is to allow the south doors of the assembly space that lead to the patio to omit the vestibule since these doors are not intended for use as a building entrance. Following discussion, Commissioner Popich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-39 Watch Me Grow Day Care Expansion, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A change in occupancy group must be done using a Chapter 34 evaluation. The request is to allow an existing 7000 square foot day care to add an adjoining 1000 square foot space, currently a bookstore, to their facility without complying with rules for new construction or Chapter 34. The project will involve very little work and cost is only a few thousand dollars. Sam Bruner, Pike Twp. Fire Department, addressed the Commission. He noted that with the extension of the fire alarm system, he did not object to the variance. Following discussion, Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Popich abstained.

18-03-40(a)(b)(c) Indiana State University Hulman Center, Terre Haute

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The Hulman Center of Indiana State University is being renovated. Variance (a) states that code prohibits a flight of stairs with a vertical rise greater than 12 feet between floor levels or landings. The request is to allow the vertical rise to be 12'6" between landings due to the need to construct the new stairs within the existing structural bays. New, code compliant handrails and guardrails will be installed. Commissioner Henson moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is a request to use portable stairs from the arena floor to the lower seating section aisle. The stairs are 4 treads and 4 risers each, and will be in place during events involving the public on the arena floor. They will be provided with code compliant handrails. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) is a request to omit the sprinklers at the ceiling over the seating bowl. The remainder of the building and addition will be fully sprinklered. A new voice alarm system is also being installed, as well as a roof smoke purge system. Following discussion, Commissioner Henson moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Pannicke abstained on all sections of the variance.

18-03-41 Avery Dennison Addition, Greenfield

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An addition of 292,162 square feet is being added to the existing 297,631 square foot building. The request is to allow the travel distance to exceed the permitted 250 feet, but be less than 400 feet. The building will be fully sprinklered with an ESFR system in the high/low bay portions of the plant area and a standard sprinkler system in the remainder of the building. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-42 Schneck Medical Center MOB, Seymour

Derrick Holman, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request is to allow the use of a 2-hour fire barrier for separation between the Type II-B of the existing medical office building and the Type I-A construction of the hospital and new medical office building in lieu of the required 3-hour fire wall. Both are fully sprinklered. This will comply with the 2012 Life Safety Code. Commissioner Hite moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried with one nay. Commissioner Heinsman abstained.

18-03-07(b) #3 Steel Producing BOF Freight, East Chicago

Commissioner Corey noted the proponent had the requested information, and moved to un-table the variance. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried. The proponent confirmed with the manufacturer that they can provide the emergency brake device. They then withdrew the variance.

18-03-04 The Lantern Fest, Spiceland

Commissioner Scheurich moved to untable variance 18-03-04. Commissioner Popich made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Spencer Humiston spoke as proponent. He noted that the Lantern Fest will be run as it had been last year with the same conditions as in the previous variance, with Scott Teague having jurisdictional authority. The Fest is on one day only with a rain date the following day. Commissioner Popich made a motion to approve for June 2nd or June 3rd of 2018. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

Breaking and reconvening: Chairman Nicoson recessed the Commission at 3:30 pm. It was called back to order at 3:35 pm.

18-03-43 Broadway Christian Church Elevator, Ft. Wayne

Dennis Bradshaw, FP&C Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request is to omit the sprinkler system, required due to the addition of an elevator, elevator lobby and new vestibule with a ramp in an existing church. The additional fire area will be constructed of noncombustible construction. The elevator installation is to improve accessibility for parishioners. Jim Murua, Ft. Wayne Fire Department, did not oppose. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-46 Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, Zionsville

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. During the renovation of an existing funeral home, an accessible entry and restrooms had been added. The request was to allow the latch side door clearance within each of the two new restrooms to include knee and toe clearance from the adjacent lavatory. The proponent states there are no closers on the doors, making operation from within the room easier. Following discussion of possibly flipping the doors, the proponent requested it be tabled to allow him to discuss the option with his client. Commissioner Pannicke moved to table with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-48 The Residences at Notting Hill, Bloomington

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request is to have 4 storage closets, with rated doors, directly off the stair enclosure of the new 3-story apartment building with a single exit. The building will have an NFPA 13R sprinkler system. The stair enclosure serves only 1 apartment on each of the second and third floors. The proponent also requested the variance be conditioned to allow the required sprinklers in the storage closets to be omitted. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the condition that the sprinklers be omitted. Commissioner Furnish made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Jordan abstained.

18-03-49 Ivy Tech Columbus AITC Building Renovation, Columbus

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A mezzanine is being constructed as part of the renovation. Code requires clear height above and below the mezzanine floor construction to be not less than 7 feet. The request is to allow a clear height of 6 feet 6 inches. The mezzanine will be used for storage only, with signage posted at the bottom restricting accesses and at the top of the stair warning of ceiling clearance. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Jordan abstained.

18-03-52(a)(b)(c) Sand/Salt Storage Covering for Hamilton County, Noblesville

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Hamilton County has a salt barn, and they wish to add a sand barn next to it. Variance (a) is to allow the new south exterior wall of

the building to be less than 10 feet from the property line without a 1-hour rated wall. The structure contains sand and salt for use by Hamilton County. It is not expected to be an exposure hazard to adjacent structures. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is to omit the sprinklers in this structure based on its use. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) is to allow the structure to be over the allowed 400 feet from a fire hydrant. The Noblesville Fire Department does not consider this building a hazard and do not object to the variance. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Popich. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

18-03-54 The Cabaret at the Metzger Building, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The conversion of the existing building from a parking garage to a cabaret theatre was done using Chapter 34. The request is to omit the landings from the top and bottom of the ramp. An accessible route is not required to this exit, and they wish to use it for deliveries. Commissioner moved to approve with the length of time for the door to remain open adjusted accordingly and with the ADA advisory notice included. The second was made by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Pannicke abstained.

18-03-55(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) The Yard at Fishers District, Fishers

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a)(b)(d)and (e) were in the A category and eligible for inclusion in the block vote. Commissioner Jordan moved to approve these variances, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was a request to allow the building to have two podium levels. The building will be a total of six levels. Following discussion, Commissioner Heinsman moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (f) was a request to allow the use of an NFPA 13R system in a building which is more than 4 stories in height. Mark Elder, Fisher Fire Department, spoke to the Commission. He was opposed to the variance because it is outside the scope of the 13R system. Their major concern was the concealed spaces in the building. Following discussion of the possible enhancement of the 13R system or the use of the NFPA 13 system in the entire building, Commissioner Popich moved to deny, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-57(a)(b)(c) Plainfield Van Buren Elementary School, Plainfield

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variances (a) and (c) had been eligible for the block vote. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve these variances, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was a request to allow the fire-rated window assembly in the administrative offices to exceed 25% of the common corridor wall. It will be a 45-minute rated assembly. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan

moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Heinsman abstained.

18-03-69 Stadium Facility for Tabernacle Presbyterian, Indianapolis

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Chris Harris, City of Indianapolis, was also present. Variance (a) was a request to allow a gate, needed for security, to be placed across the ramp that will interrupt its continuity. The gate will be open when the stadium is in use. A handrail will be provided on the gate and extend to the existing landing and ramp run. Chris Harris opposed the variance because things were not built to plans. He requested that if the Commission moved to approve, that they condition that a handrail be attached to both leafs of the gate. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve (a) with the condition of the extra rail being added to the other gate. The second was made by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to omit the landing on an exterior ramp at a gate. The ramp, per the proponent, cannot be regraded for the landing without affecting existing drainage facilities at the stadium. Chris Harris requested a sign be placed on the gate stating it must remain open while the facility is in use. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. Commissioner Pannicke amended his motion to include the condition that a sign be mounted on the gate requiring it to remain open while the facility is in use. The second agreed to the condition. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was to allow the concession and ticket counter to be 37" in height. The proponent states the ticket count window will be corrected to comply, and they will provide concession service at this counter if someone cannot use the 37" counters. Chris Harris requested that a sign be mounted adjacent to the concession area stating purchases can be made at the fully accessible counter located at the ticket booth if needed. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve with the condition of the sign added by the concession area directing those needing to use an accessible counter to the ticket window. Commissioner Heinsman made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Popich abstained from these variances.

Carrie Ballinger had requested this be moved forward so that Jim Murua, Ft. Wayne Fire Department, could return to Ft. Wayne. The request was granted.

18-03-76 Locked Up Fort Wayne, Ft. Wayne

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the electromagnetic lock hardware to be affixed to the door, but not affixed to the door leaf as required by code. The escape buttons are mounted beside the doors. The space is fully sprinklered with a fire alarm system. Each participant must sign a waiver before the game, and directions are given on the use of the escape buttons. The game room is monitored, and the locks fail open at loss of power. Mr. Murua did not object to the variance. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-58(a)(b) Ivy Tech Community College Craig Porter Energy Center, Lafayette

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing wheelchair lift had been replaced. Variance (a) was to request headroom clearance of 71¾" at the top of the first chairlift, and 76¾" at the top of the second lift. Signage warning of reduced headroom clearance would be posted. Variance (b) was to allow the new stairway to have 71¾" of headroom clearance at the top of the stairs. Signs will be placed advising low headroom clearance. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to deny the stair. The proponent asked if they could table to see if there was something they could do. Commissioner Scheurich moved to table both, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-59 Allen Trucking New Building, Crawfordsville

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request is to neither sprinkle the repair facility nor provide 3-hour fire barriers according to comply with code. Because of their work needs, a wall down the center of the building isn't feasible. They will separate the office area using a 1-hour fire partition in lieu of the 3-hour wall as per the request of the local fire official, as well as a fire alarm system being installed as well as smoke detectors in the office and heat detectors in the shop. Following discussion, Commissioner Heinsman moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich . It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-60 Wilshaw Multi-Family, Speedway

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Per code, the fire department must be consulted before placing hose connections at specific locations. A local ordinance requires they be free standing and remote of the building. Due to conditions at two locations on the site, the request is to allow wall mounted FDC's on two of the three buildings. Randy Gulley, Wayne Twp. Fire Department, stated the local fire official did not object to the variance. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Heinsman abstained.

18-03-61 Pletcher Farms Hardwoods Building, Elkhart

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Code required a fire apparatus access road be provided within 150 feet of all points of the building. The request is to omit the road as required. There are retention ponds on three sides of the building, leaving little room for a road. The building will have ESFR sprinklers and a fire alarm system installed instead. The local fire official is not opposed. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-63(a)(b) Fireworks Over America, Morocco

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. This is an existing building being converted into a fireworks warehouse and retail building. The request in (a) was to allow the openings in the 1-hour wall separating the office from the H-3 warehouse to not be rated. The building has ESFR sprinklers in the warehouse area and the office/retail area has light hazard sprinklers. The local building official in Morocco is not in support of the variances, though he had not responded to any communications. The local fire official has no objections, and has been to the facility. Commissioner Heinsman moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is to allow a fireworks warehouse and retail store to exceed its allowed area without having to separate the areas with 3-hour walls. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-64 208 S. 4th St. Building Remodel, Lafayette

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Exterior exit stairs, per code, must have a separation distance of at least 10 feet. The request is to allow a new exterior open stair to be located 6 feet from the north property line. This is next to a parking lot with no buildings within 10 feet of the stair. The building will be sprinklered. The local officials have stated that if the north property is sold, the building owner must enclose the stair. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried with one nay. Commissioner Pannicke abstained.

18-03-65(a)(b)(c) Caesar's Horseshoe Southern Indiana Building Addition, Elizabeth

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) vertical openings in the 2-story addition and existing 3-story Shore Building will be protected with bulkheads and closely spaced sprinklers in lieu of classification as an atrium or other vertical opening permitted by code. Following discussion, Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is a request to allow both the existing building and its addition to use the current code to calculate egress stairway width and for calculating occupant load instead of the code of record of the existing building. A voice alarm system will be provided throughout the fully sprinklered building. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) is a request to allow a 2-hour fire barrier to separate the existing open parking garage from the proposed addition in lieu of a fire wall. The addition will be structurally independent and fully sprinklered. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-66(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Bottleworks Development Blocks 2 and 3, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) is a request to allow the occupant load for the rooftop outdoor plaza to be computed based on a fixed number. The proponent requested it be tabled. Commissioner Furnish moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is a request to allow a portion of the 3-hour separation wall to be vertical and will terminate at the 3-hour horizontal separation on top of the 2nd level of the podium. The 3-hour horizontal assembly will be supported by the 3-hour rated construction. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was a request to allow two levels of podium construction. Commissioner Heinsman moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (e) was to allow openings to be provided in the exit passageway in order to transfer storage carts between service areas. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was to allow the exit discharge from an enclosed stair to be constructed in Phase 1 to discharge through a portion of the first floor without having line of sight to the exterior exit due to the Phase 2 addition. The stair will not be required for egress width or number of exits, but is required based upon common path of travel limits from upper levels. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-67 Florence Fay Senior Living, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Code requires two exits from the courtyard based on the calculated occupant load of greater than 49. The request is to allow the second exit that re-enters the building locked at all times for security reasons. There is an exit from the courtyard through the fence which is always unlocked from the courtyard side. The residents of the building will be able to unlock the doors to re-enter the building from the courtyard. The second door will be open during community events. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-70(a)(b)(c) Hampton Inn & Suites – Harrison Square, Ft. Wayne

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) The request is to allow the roof steel and supporting elements for the exterior entry canopy and a small rear enclosed vestibule to not be fire-rated. The canopy will serve as protection from the weather only, and there is no fuel load under it. Following discussion, Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was a request to allow the roof steel over the 7th floor to be unprotected noncombustible construction. The building is fully sprinklered, and the sprinkler system on the 7th floor will have a design density above the minimum required for light hazard occupancy. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsma . It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was withdrawn.

18-03-72(a)(b) USI Natatorium, Evansville

Roger Lehman, RLehman Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) is a request to allow a 2-hour fire barrier to separate the pool from the physical activities building. Sprinkler density will be increased in the adjacent pool mechanical room and the water heater service room. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was a request to sprinkle only under the covered areas of the deck, but not over the pool. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Popich. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-73 Cummins Corporate Office Renovation, Columbus

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The Cummins Corporate office building is being renovated. New floor openings will be created between the basement and first floor with stairs that connect basement through second floor. The vertical openings will not comply with code. The building is sprinklered throughout, and floor openings at the basement will be protected with a 12" draft curtain and closely spaced sprinklers. Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Henson. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Pannicke abstained.

18-03-75(a)(b) YMCA Downtown Evansville, Evansville

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) had been eligible for the block vote. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Heinsman. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow the first floor of the building to exceed allowable area by 37%. The building will be sprinklered and 1-hour fire partitions will be provided at the first floor to separate the gym, pool and partner spaces. Commissioner Popich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Pannicke. It was voted upon and carried.

18-03-77 Office Mezzanine Expansion, Evansville

Roger Lehman, RLehman Consultants, spoke as proponent. The current use of the F-1/S-1 structure is very close to qualifying as an F-2/S-2 occupancy which would allow a 2-hour wall to be used for the separation for an office area. The request is to allow an existing 2-hour fire barrier wall to be used in lieu of the 3-hour structurally independent fire wall. The area is staffed by trained workers familiar with exiting patterns and condition of the space. Commissioner Pannicke moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Hite had a concern with 18-03-05 Twin Lakes Camp Elm Cabin, Hillsboro. He had tried to find the previous variance and found a variance which required a 13D system. The proponent for the application had already left. Following discussion, Commissioner Hite moved

to set aside the previous motion and table the application and place it on the April agenda. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

10. Comments and Closing Remarks

Chairman Nicoson thanked everyone for coming, and hoped that everyone have a safe drive home.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Robin Nicoson, Chairman