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

June 7, 2016

Pursuant to IC 22-12-2-6, the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's regular monthly meeting was opened by Chairman Hawkins at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2016.

(a) Commissioners present at the Commission meeting:

Ron Brown
Gregory Furnish
John Hawkins, Chairman
James Jordan
Matt Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Patrick Richard
Jessica Scheurich
Randy Snyder, representing the Commissioner, Department of Health
Craig Von Deylen

(b) Commissioners not present at the Commission meeting;

Kevin Goeden, representing the Commissioner, Department of Labor
James Hoch

(c) The following departmental and support staff were present during the meeting;

Legal and Code Services

Dean Illingworth, State Building Law Compliance Officer
Denise Fitzpatrick, Code Specialist
Todd Stearns, Code Specialist
Beth Sutor, Secretary
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General

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2. Old Business

Chairman Hawkins called for any corrections or a motion for approval of the May 6, 2016, minutes. Commissioner Richard moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried.

3. Non-Rule Policy by State Fire Marshal

Kevin Troy, Fire and Building Code Enforcement, presented a synopsis of the Non-Rule Policy by the State Fire Marshal. IC 20-34-3-20, as amended July 1, 2015, supersedes table 405.2 of the Indiana Fire Code. The non-rule policy states that they will consider a school who replaces two emergency evacuation drills with one tornado drill and one manmade occurrence disaster drill each semester to be in compliance with the frequency requirements of Table 405.2 for an educational occupancy. Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Commission action on City of Long Beach Ordinance

Aaron Tomscheck, City of Long Beach Building Commissioner, addressed the members of the Commission. An amendment to their ordinance to correct language referring to the State codes to be enforced had been approved last year, and a new ordinance had been submitted for review. In the meantime, the town government is looking through ordinances already listed on their books which have not been approved by the Commission, and are applying their own interpretation to them. And not always, in the opinion of the speaker, as it was intended to be interpreted. He noted that some regulations which apply to fire and building issues are listed in the zoning ordinance. Following a discussion with James Schmitt, Deputy Attorney General, it was felt that the zoning ordinance would be unenforceable since it contained fire safety and building safety items which are required to be approved by the Commission. A letter stating the opinion of the Commission was requested by Mr. Tomscheck, and Chairman Hawkins and State Building Law Compliance Officer Dean Illingworth agreed to provide one.

5. Indiana Amusement Device Code, Possible Commission Action

The rules of the Amusement Board are due to expire. No one was available to provide any information, so no further discussion was held.

6. Variances

Tabled variances

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A/B variances

15-02-01(a)(b) Overlook Notre Dame Building 3, South Bend – incomplete

It was noted that the application had been filed five months ago, and no response from the local fire official and local building official had been received despite staff communication with the proponents. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to deny due to failure to provide a complete submission and the substance of the application, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-05-03 3230 E. John Hinkle Place Unit B Windows, Bloomington - incomplete

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

16-06-21 22nd & Delaware, Indianapolis
16-06-22 St. Mary St. Mark, Carmel
16-06-73 4 Day Ray, Fishers

The variances were no longer incomplete and had been eligible for the block vote. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve all three with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

C/D/NVR variances

16-01-25 Approval of Existing Elevator, Terre Haute

The proponent was not present to provide answers to questions about the code which had been asked at a previous meeting. The applicant had been asked to provide information, but had made no further contact. It was decided that he would be contacted one final time. Commissioner Von Deylen then moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

16-03-63 Harold Gunn Pavilion, Boonville

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

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16-04-04 Magdalene House Women's Shelter Remodel, Martinsville

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

16-05-02 Removable Staircase Plastic Chain, Peru - incomplete

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

16-05-06 South Deck Cover, Indianapolis - incomplete

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

16-05-07 Regional Mental Health, Hammond - incomplete

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

16-05-44 CE Solutions Office Addition, Carmel

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the travel distance from the second story to exceed code while providing only a single exit access stairway. A fire alarm and smoke detection system will be provided. The calculated occupant load is 10, with an expected maximum occupant load of 6. Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-05-61(a)(b) The Barn at Helm Road, Williamsburg

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. She requested it be tabled. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

16-05-76(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g) Emerald Acres Wedding Barn, Zionsville

Dennis Bradshaw, FP&G Consultants, spoke as proponent. Also presenting was Josh Frost, Zionsville Fire Department. The proponent provided an updated plan, an architect for the project having recently been retained. The hundred year old heavy timber barn was being converted to an assembly occupancy

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with two stories and a basement area using Chapter 34. The basement was not to be used due to low ceiling height. Variance (a) was for a non-compliant stairway width for one of two stairs which had been rebuilt by the owner, and (b) was for a non-compliant rise of 8¼ and 8½ inches for two if the steps. Josh Frost, Zionsville Fire Department, had asked about enclosing the stairway by the basement access and about the loading of the second floor. He also asked that the new stairs be compliant, and that the results of the Chapter 34 be submitted. The proponent noted that the structural engineer had recommended modifications for the structure of the second floor. Commissioner Scheurich asked if the proponent would like to table so that he could bring in the recommendations of the engineer, and would find out more about the floor itself. Mr. Bradshaw agreed. Commissioner Scheurich moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

16601 Hoops, Frankfort – incomplete

The application had been filed in October of 2015, and had remained incomplete despite contact of the proponent by staff several times. Commissioner Scheurich moved to deny due to the failure to provide a complete submission and the substance of the application, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried.

16671 Geiger Tank, Markle – incomplete

Commissioner Brown moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

16679 Entrance Chair Lift, Cambridge City – incomplete

Commissioner Brown moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

16684 Delaware Christian Academy, Muncie – incomplete

Commissioner Brown moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

Regular Variance

A/B variances

Chairman Hawkins called for any variances in the block vote to be called out. There were none. Commissioner Hawkins stated he would be abstaining from 16-06-62(a)(b) Campaign Flats Apartments, Rushville, Commissioner Mitchell was abstaining from 16-06-63 Fluid Waste

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Services, Cicero, and Commissioner Von Deylen was abstaining from 16-06-74 Kroger 895, Fishers. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve all eligible "A" and "B" variances, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried.

The following variances were approved as submitted:

(1)	16-06-03	Djenge, Indianapolis
(2)	16-06-04	Old Town Players, Vincennes
(3)	16-06-10(a)(b)(c)	David Turnham Elementary School, Dale
(4)	16-06-11	Batesville UMC, Batesville
(5)	16-06-12	Reitz High School, Evansville
(6)	16-06-13(a)(b)	IMS Grandstands Renovation, Speedway
(7)	16-06-14	West Vigo Elementary School Renovations, West Terre Haute
(8)	16-06-15	Storage Express NV 7, North Vernon
(9)	16-06-16	Storage Express SB N, Sellersburg
(10)	16-06-17	Storage Express IN WW, Indianapolis
(11)	16-06-18	Storage Express JV CW, Jeffersonville
(12)	16-06-19	Greenwood Middle School Concession and Locker Building, Greenwood
(13)	16-06-20(a)(b)	CityWay Phase II Pool, Indianapolis
(14)	16-06-23	K-0514-AOII Purdue, West Lafayette
(15)	16-06-24	Ash Brokerage Headquarters, Ft. Wayne
(16)	16-06-25	602 608 North Park Avenue, Indianapolis
(17)	16-06-26(a)(b)	TAG Enterprises Inc., Ft. Wayne
(18)	16-06-27(a)(b)(c)	Skyline Tower, Ft. Wayne
(19)	16-06-66	Storage Express JV PD, Jeffersonville
(20)	16-06-67	Storage Express NV-50, North Vernon
(21)	16-06-71	PWP 800 15 122705 C2 New Salt Building, New Haven
(22)	16-06-74	Kroger 895, Fishers

The following variances were incomplete and ineligible to be heard:

16-06-05(a)(b)(c) Symonds Creek School, Cambridge City – incomplete

Commissioner Scheurich moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

C/D/NVR variances

16-06-01 Lincolnshire Place Memory Care Facility, Ft. Wayne

The proponent was unavailable for questions. Commissioner Richard moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-02 Options for Better Living Housing Options II, Bloomington – incomplete

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

16-06-06 4461 Delaware Street Project, Indianapolis

Tyrone Anderson, Branch Electric, spoke as proponent. His company had done a walk-though with the builder, and they then installed the electrical outlets in a kitchen remodel with the plans showing a movable kitchen island. Upon a return trip to the project a month later, he found a permanent kitchen island, resting on a slab floor, had been installed without the proper outlets. He, as the electrician, had been cited for this error. The request was to allow the non-compliant outlets. Following discussion, it was noted that the proponent had signed the application on the owner's line. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to table to allow the proponent to have the owner sign the application. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-07(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Wedding Chapel/Worship House, Mooresville

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An 80'x 80' barn was constructed in 2013, 1 of 4 barns on the 200 acre farm which grows alfalfa. After hosting a family wedding in the barn, they had been approached to allow other weddings to be held there, and they decided to turn it into a part-time, commercial operation. They had applied for and were granted zoning approval for up to fifteen events per year with an occupant load of 350, and had not filed it as a Chapter 34. It is a slab on grade one story structure with no kitchen. Variance (a) was to be allowed to omit permanent toilet facilities and allow the use of trailer toilet facilities. Variance (b) was to allow the use of portable heating and cooling equipment on an as needed basis. Variance (c) was to allow the use of HVAC equipment only during events and not permanent installation. Variance (d) was to omit the energy compliance report by the design professional of record. Variance (e) was to omit the enclosed vestibule at the main entrance. Variance (f) is to omit sprinklers. A monitored fire alarm system will be installed. Commissioner Jordan asked about the loads listed on the plans, noting there is no snow load listed, and about the scissor truss system. Commissioner Von Deylen voiced serious concerns about changing an agricultural building into a Class 1 structure, and Commissioner Brown agreed. The owner stated that when the barn was not booked for an event, it would be used as a barn. A request for a basic stability analysis from the structural engineer was made, as well as snow load information, a site plan and fire access road information. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried with a nay by Commissioner Brown.

Breaking and reconvening. Chairman Hawkins recessed the Commission at 10:37 a.m. It was called back to order at 10:47 a.m.

16-06-08(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Peaceful Acres School, Waveland

Amos Esh spoke as proponent. The school was a one-room, Amish school. Variance (a) was a request to use the photo luminescent exit signs since the school did not provide electricity. Commissioner Von

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Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow the use of sanitary vault privies in lieu of standard plumbing, one for each sex. Commissioner Hite, upon confirmation that they would be built according to Health Department regulations and that water would be available for students, moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was to allow the means of egress to be marked by photo luminescent signage, as electricity is not provided at the school. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was to allow hard-piped LP lights or Coleman lanterns to be installed in lieu of electric lighting. Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (e) was to omit the installation of fire alarms. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-09 Johnny's Market, Indianapolis

A proponent was not available for questions. Commissioner Schenrich moved to table, with the second by Commissioner James. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-28 Indy Mart, Indianapolis

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. A walk-in cooler had been cited for a floor drain being directly connected into the sewer line without an air gap, a connection which is required by code for food service and food establishments. Following a discussion of whether a convenience mart would be considered a food establishment, Commissioner Hite moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-29(a)(b) Storage Building, Huntington

Tim Federspiel, Pathfinder Services, spoke as proponent. The request in variance (a) was to have a riser height of 8" and no landing. The stair goes to the attic, and is only used by maintenance personnel. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to deny, with the second by Commissioner James. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) is to allow the restroom in the building, used by maintenance staff, to not be accessible. The original plans submitted did not show a restroom, but his boss wanted one installed. An accessible restroom is in the main building 75 feet away. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to deny, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-30 Pete Dye Shelter House Addition, West Baden

Tim Machina, Ryan Fireprotection Inc., spoke as proponent. The existing shelter house has a sprinkler system which had been granted a variance for an alternative design due to lack of water on the site. The request is to use the same design for the addition. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-31 Vortex Indoor Karting and Games, Ft. Wayne

Ed Welling, Grinsfelder Associates Architects, spoke as proponent. The owner wishes to convert an existing 1960"s retail building into an A-3 occupancy for use as an indoor go-carting and arcade facility, using electric go-carts. The building is fully sprinklered with a fire alarm system, and will have only eight carts running at one time on the track which uses the majority of the floor space. To separate the building into fire areas which would meet the allowable area requirements is cost-prohibitive. Jim Murua, Ft. Wayne Fire Department, stated he was not opposed to the variance. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-32 Park Terrace Village, Evansville

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the living room, internet café and bistro area in the nursing home to be open to the rated corridor. Following discussion, Commissioner Hite moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-33 Delta Faucet Headquarters, Carmel

Christina Collester, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow doors which access the interior of the building from the Plaza Deck to be fitted with a locking device for security reasons. The deck is used only when the building is occupied, and the doors, fitted with a key-activated locking mechanism on the push bar, would be fitted with signage stating they remain unlocked during occupied hours. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-34 (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j) Annex on 10th, Indianapolis

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variances (a)(b)(c)(f)(h)(i)(j) were eligible for the block vote. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was to omit the 18" on the inside of the apartment entry door. This requirement is not in Fair Housing, and these are Type B units. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (e) was to allow a two-story podium with four floors of wood construction. The current code limits podium construction to one story, but the 2015 code has taken this restriction out. The total height of the building remains the same. This whole building will be protected by an NFPA 13 system. IFD Chief Courtney Gordon and Captain Steve Rowland addressed the members of the Commission about the increases in podiums and the challenges they produced in both public and firefighter safety. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the condition that non-combustible siding be used for the entire building. Commissioner Von Deylen made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (g) was to allow the recirculation of dwelling unit kitchen air instead of exhausting to the outdoors. Staff had given this a no variance required rating at review. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-35(a)(b)(c) Auctions America, Auburn

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. Also presenting was Brian Miller, Auctions America. An existing pre-engineered building, built in 1989 and purchased by the current owner in 2010, is used for automobile auctions which are held for three days in the spring and four days in the fall. The request in Variance (b) is to allow vendor tents to be closer to the building than the 20 feet found in the code. The tents are for merchandise, not food, and do not create an exposure hazard. The food tents are located at a distance greater than 20 feet from all the buildings. The owner needs to have space for cars and other operations between the two sets of tents. Variance (a) was to allow the automobiles in the auction to not have the batteries disconnected while in the queuing tents, or to try and determine the exact amount of gasoline in a vintage car. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve both (a) and (b), with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was a request to have the non-operational dry-pipe sprinkler system removed. It was not functional when the building was purchased. The building has 5 exits for the auction area and 3 more will be added with panic hardware as required. Travel distance is under 200 feet. No cooking, pyrotechnics, open flames or smoking are allowed within the building, and the heating is by unit heaters only. A firewatch is currently provided for public events and will continue to be so. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve with the condition that a fire alarm and smoke detection system be added, a firewatch is provided at each event listed on the supplemental page. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried with two nay votes.

Breaking and reconvening. Chairman Hawkins recessed the Commission at 12:05 p.m. It was called back to order at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Von Deylen was not present.

16-06-36 Tyson CO^2 Stunning Building Addition, Logansport

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the addition to be added to the existing building. This will put the Type II-B construction over area, and the required sprinklers were installed where the insurance company said to install them. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-37(a)(b)(c) Walmart Pharmacy Warehouse Remodel, Crawfordsville

Bart Brown, BRR Architecture, spoke as proponent. The request in variance (a) was to omit the smoke and heat vents with the use of a new sprinkler system using Control Mode Special Application sprinklers, and providing the response time required by note J from Table 3206.2 in the 2015 IFC. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow the building, built in 1990, to have non-compliant fire department access on the west and north side of the building. The site conditions are affected by a storm drainage swale and existing topography, allowed in the 2012 IFC Section 3206.6 exemption, but not included in the 2014 Indiana Fire Code. Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was to provide fire department access doors on the walls which serve the portion of the building with high pile combustible storage. Two additional doors were added to the west exterior wall with spacing less than 100 feet.

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Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-38 Delaware County Futbol Club Indoor Training Center,

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The facility, built as a skate park, was being converted to a soccer field using Chapter 34. The request was to allow a score of 23 in the Fire Safety Column, 34 in the Means of Egress column, and 34 in the General Safety column. The building has smoke detection and a manual fire alarm system, non-combustible construction but no sprinklers. They also wish to install three sets of bleachers with three 15 foot long rows for parents to watch their children play. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to deny. Motion died for lack of second. Commissioner Jordan then moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

16-06-39(a)(b) Building Remodel for Venturi, Goshen

Eric Kanagy and Jesse Venturi, owners, spoke as proponents. The building, an historic opera house, was being remodeled. They wished to expand the existing restaurant with the kitchen moved to the rear of the building, and a 2-hour separation between the A occupancy and the R3 occupancy on the second floor would be provided. An interconnected smoke detection system would be installed. The request was to omit the required sprinkler system. Scott Thomas, City of Goshen Fire inspector, also addressed the Commission. He did not object to the variances as long a 2-hour separation was provided, and separation around the open wood fired pizza oven. Following discussion, Commissioner Richard moved to table to allow the proponent time to research venting, get sprinkler quotes, and provide plans, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-40 St. Paul Catholic Church Narthex Addition, Marion

Christina Collester, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The church is adding a narthex, vestibule, new mechanical room, bride's room and accessible toilet to an existing, unsprinklered building. Three exits are required, four are provided with a maximum travel distance of 80 feet. The request is to omit sprinklers and fire barriers. Following discussion, Commissioner Richard moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-41 St. Elizabeth Crawfordsville, Crawfordsville

Derek Holman, RTM Consulting, spoke as proponent. The request was to omit the three hour fire wall and allow a two hour fire barrier to be used instead to separate the Emergency Department addition from the remainder of the existing hospital. The building is fully sprinklered, and a 2 hour fire barrier would be allowed in NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code to separate and addition to a healthcare occupancy. Following discussion, Commissioner Hite moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-42 Eastview Apartments Building, Berne

Josh Barkley, builder, spoke as proponent. The request was to permit the use of a 13D sprinkler system due to a city water system which would not support the code-required 13R system. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-43 Kokomo Central Middle School, Kokomo

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A sprinklered infill between two existing buildings is being done. The request was to allow the building to be occupied before the entire sprinkler system has been installed. The building has approximately 80% sprinkler coverage, and will be entirely sprinklered by the end of renovation in 2018. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the condition that the building be fully sprinklered by December 31, 2018. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-44 Kokomo Maple Crest Middle School, Kokomo

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A 300 square foot infill between two existing buildings is to be sprinklered, though the entire building will not be sprinklered until the completion of the renovations in 2017. The request is to allow occupancy of the area before the building is fully sprinklered. Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the condition that the building be fully sprinklered by December 31, 2017. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Mitchell abstained.

16-06-45 Music City Place, Richmond

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A four story plus basement building was being converted to apartments on all floors with basement storage, offices on floors one through three, and the historic lobby and gym remaining on the first floor. The request was to allow an exit passageway from an existing exit stair to connect to another existing exit stair before terminating at the exit discharge. The building will be sprinklered, and the exit path will have two-hour construction. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-46 John Will Anderson Boys & Girls Club, Gary

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance 13-03-22 had been approved to allow a three year delay to complete sprinkler installation. Due to difficulty in securing funding, the project has been delayed, and the request was to grant another three year delay for completion. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the condition that the variance is valid for a period of three

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years or until the building is occupied, whichever comes first. Commissioner Scheurich made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-47 11939 Building, Carmel

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing three story office has an existing two story opening between the first and second floors. The new tenant would like to have an open access exit stair between the second and third floors at another location. This new opening will create the effect of a three story vertical floor opening requiring fire-rated shafts at the existing opening. The building is sprinklered and floor openings will have 18" draft curtains and close spaced sprinklers per NFPA 13. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Furnish. It was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Von Deylen rejoined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

16-06-48 Butler University Student Housing Building One, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Class I standpipe outlets were installed on the main floor level landings within enclosures in lieu of the intermediate level lands as required by code. The error was discovered during Building Two design. The request was to allow the standpipes to remain as installed. IFD does not object to the variance, but want the error corrected in Building Two. Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve with the condition that the standpipes are allowed on the main landing for Phase One only. Standpipes shall be on the intermediate landings for Phase Two. Commissioner Jordan made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-49 Hawthorne Crossings, Lafayette

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The traditional fire-resistive joint system will not be provided where the one-hour fire partitions intersect with the one-hour floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assemblies. The request is to be able to use overlapping gypsum board on each plane and mud-and-tape application at the joint. The building will be protected by a 13R sprinkler system. Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved no variance required, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-50(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Republic Airway Cabin Trainer, Indianapolis

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An airplane fuselage, permanently mounted on a platform inside a sprinklered building, was to be used to train flight staff in proper emergency procedures. Variance (a) was to omit the sprinklers inside the cabin trainer itself, and under the cabin platform. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the condition that no storage was to be allowed under the platform. Commissioner Mitchell made the second. It was voted upon and carried.
Variance (b) was to allow some areas of combustible construction within the Type IIB building. The fuselage is made of glass reinforced plastic with firestop, with a floor of wood fiber and resin. Following

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discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was to allow the trainer, looked at as a mezzanine, to have a single means of egress. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved no variance required since the trainer functioned as an equipment platform. Commissioner Hite made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was to allow the aisle width inside the trainer to be 21 inches instead of the 28 inches required by code for Group B occupancies for less than 50 people. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (e) was to omit the visual notification appliances inside the trainer. FAA does not allow hearing impaired flight attendants. Alarms within the building will shut down the simulator and alert the occupants. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-51(a)(b) The Garden Table Restaurant, Indianapolis

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. The request in variance (a) was to allow the women's restroom to have one fixture instead of the two required by the anticipated occupant count of 81 females, since they would be over by only six persons. Following discussion, Commissioner Furnish moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow a bathroom to be constructed in the kitchen storage area for employees. Due to the size of the restroom, it will not comply with ADA requirements. Two compliant restrooms are adjacent to the kitchen. Noting that the variance being granted is to the Indiana Code, not to the Federal Accessibilities Code, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Mitchell. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

16-06-52 Piney Acres Dining Renovations, Fortville

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. An existing Agri-tourism building built in 2004 will have the dining area expanded. The request is to allow the required 2-hour fire barrier to terminate at the 1-hour roof/ceiling assembly and not at the roof deck due to the existing configuration of the roof truss. The roof live load complies with the required 20 pound load. Following discussion, Commissioner Mitchell moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-53 Campus Crossroads Project, Notre Dame

Chris Gordon, Otis Elevator, spoke as proponent. A new elevator was to be installed in an existing, 20 year old hoistway which does not meet current code. The equipment projecting above the car top will come within 2 15/16" of the nearest obstruction, the hoist beam. Code requires 6" clearance. Top of car refuge space requirements will be maintained, and the pinch point area will be marked with labels and paint to warn service mechanics or inspectors of a low overhead area. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve with the condition that the pinch point be marked with paint and signage. Commissioner Mitchell made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-54(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h) Annex 41, Terre Haute

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variances (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (h) were in the "A" and "B" staff review category and eligible for block vote. Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve the above listed variances, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was a request to allow some sections of the building to have 100% horizontal exiting due to the number of fire walls in the facility. The building is sprinklered with an NFPA 13R system, and there are three enclosed exit stairs. Following discussion, Commissioner Scheurich moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (g) was a request to omit the 18" clear space required for maneuvering inside the door of Type B units. Fair Housing does not require this. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-55 Ash Brokerage Headquarters, Ft Wayne

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Mechanical equipment for the building is located on the roof. The request was to allow the use of tie-off point anchors for maintenance personnel in lieu of the guards required by code. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-56 Brotherhood Mutual Remodel, Ft. Wayne

Carrie Ballinger, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. One tenant space within the double tenant building is being remodeled. New corridor walls in the Type IIB Group B Occupancy building, combined with some existing corridor walls, will create a non-rated corridor. A manual fire alarm system and corridor smoke detection will be provided. The tenants are separated by a 1-hour fire partition, and the corridor from the shared conference room to the south exit will be 1-hour rated. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-57 St. Susanna Catholic Church Addition, Plainfield

Christina Collester, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Two multi-purpose rooms are being added to the current rectory/sanctuary/office building. The existing sanctuary and one addition will be built as separate buildings for the purpose of height, area, fire alarm and sprinkler system. The request is to omit the required fire wall and provide a 2-hour fire barrier instead. To provide the required structural independence would be a major cost factor without improving safety. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-58 Lighthouse Youth Ministry Center, Bunker Hill

Christina Collester, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A 7,697 square foot addition is being added to a 1,483 square foot, one story youth ministry building of Type V-B construction. The calculated occupant load is 382 people, which would require sprinklers, though the proposed use would create an occupancy of 100 persons. The request is to omit sprinklers, with smoke detectors and sounder bases to be installed. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve with the condition that there be a posted maximum occupancy of 100. Commissioner Von Deylen made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-59 Rose-Hulman Memorial Union Additions, Terre Haute

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. Additions to the 1965 building for the expansion of student gathering space and administrative areas, which will include a non-separated 1995 addition, exceed the allowable area for Type IIB Construction. The request is to not bring the original 1965 structure up to Type IIB Construction. The structure is sprinklered, as will be the additions. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Von Deylen. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-60(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Vincennes University Mock Mining Facility, Ft. Branch

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The project is a training facility for miners, with conditions simulating those found in an actual operating mine. Variance (a) was to omit the lighting for the means of egress when the building is occupied. The students wear hard hats with lights as they would in a real mine. The emergency lighting will activate at loss of power or with manual override. There are exits at the end of each corridor on three sides of the building, and are fitted with panic hardware. Variance (b) is to omit exit signs since they would not be present in an actual mine. Variance (c) was to allow low ceiling heights, a frequent condition in a mine. Variance (d) was to omit plumbing. There is no water in the mock mine, as well as no heat. Variance (e) is to allow non-rated corridors in order to simulate mine tunnels. Variance (f) is to allow the building to not be accessible. Miners are expected to be physically capable. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve all variances with the condition that the facility be used for the training of miners only, all permanent elements must be non-combustibles, and twice the required emergency lighting fixtures must be provided. Commissioner Brown made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-61 Jane Pauley Community Health Center, Alexandria

Derek Holman, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing building built in the 1900's, who's last know use was as a skating rink, was to be remodeled to serve as a medical clinic.

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With an occupant load of over 30, 1-hour rated corridors are required by code. The request is to omit these rated corridors. The space will be provided with a manual fire alarm system, corridor smoke detection, and a travel distance of less than 100 feet. The nurse stations in the facility need to remain open to the corridor in order to monitor and observe patients in the facility. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-62(a)(b) Campaign Flats Apartments, Rushville

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A vacant 1-story commercial building in an historic district is being converted from M and A-3 occupancies to R-2 occupancy with a small bookstore. The request in variance (a) was to allow the separation between the low headroom basement and the M Occupancy bookstore to be nonrated construction, and walls separating the bookstore from the first floor apartments to be 1-hour fire partitions. The building will be sprinklered per NFPA 13R and NFPA 13 for non-residential areas. Because the headroom in the basement is approximately 7' to the bottom of the bar joists, a properly rated ceiling assembly is too difficult. Following discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve both variance (a) and (b), with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried. Chairman Hawkins abstained from voting.

16-06-63 Fluid Waste Services, Cicero

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A warehouse is used to store service vehicles overnight. Items used on the trucks are stored on steel shelving, under 12 feet high around the perimeter of the building. The request was to omit the required automatic sprinkler system. A 3-hour fire barrier to provide 2 fire areas will be provided, as well as a dry hydrant at the retention pond for fire fighting purposes. The building is of noncombustible construction. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried with one nay. Commissioners Mitchell and Commissioner Richard abstained.

16-06-64(a)(b) Morgan Farms Guest House, Austin
16-06-65(a)(b)(c) Morgan Farms Farm House, Austin

Dave Cook, Ralph Gerdes Consulting, spoke as proponent. The historic landmark single family home, part of the Morgan Farms Company, has been used as lodging for invited clients in the past due to a lack of lodging in the area, and is now being properly converted to a Class 1, R-1 facility. The request is to use Rule 13. The farm house will have a code-compliant smoke detection system and smoke alarm system in the corridors, which will be monitored off-site at the factory security office which is manned 24 hours per day. The wiring has been upgraded, and

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there are three exits from the first floor of the farm house. The basement in the guest house, with 2 means of egress, one directly to the exterior, will be used by staff for laundry purposes. Following discussion, Commissioner Jordan moved to approve 16-06-64, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Hawkins abstained. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve 16-06-65, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Hawkins abstained.

16-06-68 Harlan Bakeries Fresh Pack Warehouse, Avon

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. A new warehouse addition will be separated from the existing, non-sprinklered building with a 2-hour fire resistive fire wall which is not structurally independent. The addition will be protected with an NFPA 13 system, with close spaced sprinklers, 6' on center, provided on both sides of the fire wall. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-69 McNamara Florist / Farris Floral, Indianapolis

Tim Callas J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. Two walk-in coolers, 540 square feet and 180 square feet which comply with FM 4880, are being installed in the distribution center. Two existing coolers will be relocated in the distribution center, but they are unable to determine of the existing coolers comply with current code. The request is to omit the thermal barrier requirement for the existing coolers. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-70(a)(b)(c)(d) Hooverwood Additions and Renovation, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing facility is undergoing a complete renovation. Variance (a) is to allow the water closets to be more than 18 inches from the wall in accessible restrooms. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow the activity, dining, and residential kitchens to be open to the corridors in the nursing home. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hite. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (c) was to allow the building to be occupied during renovation. As each area is being worked on, it will not have operational sprinklers but the remainder of the building will. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (d) was to allow temporary means of egress from July 2016 to October 2016 for the north wind, and July 2016 to January 2017 for the south wing. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

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16-06-72 Plainfield Administration Building Addition, Plainfield

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. An addition for administrative offices will be separated by a 2-hour fire barrier. The doors and sidelights in the fire barrier will be 90 minute fire protective assemblies. Code requires the sidelights to be 2-hour assemblies, but these are not available. The request is to allow the 90 minute assemblies. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-75 FSAH Michigan City Replacement Hospital, Michigan City

Charles Keslin, Keslin Engineering, spoke as proponent. The Franciscan St. Anthony Health facility, being constructed in La Porte County, exceeds the requirements of Design Category A. Due to the nature of the soils in La Porte County, this facility has been included in Seismic Use Group III, though the design model upon which the decision was made has not been based on actual occurrence since it is infrequent. The request is to allow compliance with the Design Category A for non-structural components permanently attached to structures and support attachments on Short Period (0.2 second) Response Accelerations (Table 1613.3.5(1)). Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-76 3005 East State Blvd, Ft. Wayne

Craig Burgess, Plan Review, advised the Commission that the variance should have been an NVR, since it is a change of occupancy. Commissioner Von Deylen moved no variance required, with the second made by Commissioner Richard. It was voted upon and carried.

16-06-77 Riverview Funeral Home, Peru

Patrick Grimes, PGrimes Consulting, spoke as proponent. The facility had been redesigned into five fire areas, one of which was found to be an A-2. The request was to omit the sprinklers which are required by code. The owner would install smoke detection and a monitored fire alarm system. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jordan. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

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16-06-78 Exploration Acres, Lafayette

Patrick Grimes, PGrimes Consulting, spoke as proponent. In variance (a) the request was to allow the thresholds for the existing exit doors to remain at ¾" above the finished floor. The exterior elevator is higher than the interior, and if the thresholds are lowered to meet code, a water problem will be created. The facility will be installing new concrete floors and compliant ramps when the funding is available. In variance (b) the request was to allow the original barn doors, which do not yet have panic hardware, to remain in place until funding is available. The doors are locked in the open position during all events. Following discussion, Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve with the condition that the variance is valid until June 7, 2019. Commissioner Richard made the second. It was voted upon and carroed.

16-06-26(c)(d) TAG Enterprises Inc, Ft. Wayne

Tim Callas, J&T Consulting, spoke as proponent. Two paper applications had been added to the original filing for the laser tag facility after an RFI had been received. Variance (c) was to allow the ramp landings to be 48"x48" in the sprinklered building, which are not code-compliant. The ramps are to be 60"x60" when a change of direction in travel occurs. The participants are not required to use the elevator platforms and they are not part of the required path of egress travel. Variance (d) is to allow a vertical rise of the ramps to be 48", while code-compliant ramps are to be 30". The extra rise is for proper gaming positioning. Following discussion, Commissioner Richard moved to approve both (a) and (b), with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

7. Discussion of Non-rule Policy for Agricultural Building Conversions to Class One Uses

Commissioner Jordan had produced a proposed non-rule policy for the conversion of agricultural buildings for Class 1 uses. Because of the language in 3412.4.1, it was felt that it might be appropriate to establish and clarify what would be expected by the Commission when a Chapter 34 evaluation is used to convert an agricultural building to a Class 1 use facility concerning the review by a structural engineer and the live load requirements when the structure was built. Following discussion, it was decided that the document should be posted on the Commission website and public comment invited. Commissioner Von Deylen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Scheurich. It was voted upon and carried.

8. Discussion of Objective Criteria and Rule 7

Chairman Hawkins discussed a rough draft of the reformatted Rule 7 which had been provided for the members of the Commission. Section One was the applicable sections of Senate Enrolled Act 324. Section Two through Six are the Objective Criteria, with Section (a) being 12-7-2, (b)

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being 12-7-3, and so forth. Language still needs to be changed before the next steps are taken. Following discussion, it was decided by consensus that Chairman Hawkins and Mr. Schmidt should work on the document to move it forward.

9. Report on Fire Ordinances Template

Commissioner Mitchell reported the Fire Ordinance Template committee had received the name of the last person to serve on the committee, with members from several departments. The target date to begin meetings was the end of June, and notices of meeting date, time and place would be handled by staff and appear on the web site.

10. Comments

Chairman Hawkins noted he would not be attending the July meeting.

11. Adjournment

Calling for any further business and hearing none, Chairman Hawkins closed the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Approved: _____
John Hawkins, Chairman

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