

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

Government Center South  
402 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Conference Center Room B

June 3, 2010

1. Pursuant to IC 22-12-2-6, the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's regular monthly meeting was opened by Chairman David Hannum at 9:03 a.m. on June 3, 2010.

- (a) Commissioners present at the Commission meeting:

Diana M. H. Brenner, arrived 10:14 a.m.

Ron Brown

Michael Christoffersen

Michael Corey

Howard W. Cundiff, Vice-Chairman, representing the Commissioner, Department of Health

Hattie Sims, representing the Commissioner, Department of Labor, arrived 9:09 a.m.

David Hannum, Chairman

John Hawkins

M. Burke Jones

Matt Mitchell

Ted Ogle

- (b) The following departmental and support staff were present during the meeting:

Legal and Code Services:

Mara Snyder, Director, Legal and Code Services

Gary Bippus, Administrative Law Judge

John Haines, Code Specialist

John Hibner, Code Specialist

Cecilia Ernstes-Boxell, Code Specialist

Denise Fitzpatrick, Code Specialist

Beth Sutor, Secretary

- (c) Deputy Attorney General James Schmidt was present.

Chairman Hannum introduced the newest member of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, Mr. Matt Mitchell. Fire Marshal Mitchell has served with the Noblesville Fire Department for 19 years. He holds an undergraduate degree in business administration and a graduate degree in public safety management. He's married with four children, the oldest having just completed a tour in Iraq.

2. Old Business.

Chairman Hannum called for any corrections or a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting as distributed. Commissioner Brown noted that he had been left off the list of Commissioners present. A motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Commissioner Christoffersen and seconded by Commissioner Jones. It was voted upon and carried.

3. Ordinances.

Building Ordinance No. 2010-1  
Colfax, Indiana

Shelly Wakefield, Director, Fire and Building Code Enforcement, introduced the building ordinance for Colfax, Indiana, and recommended approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.

4. Third Party Certification and Inspection.

Hilborn, Werner, Carter and Associates, Inc.  
1627 S. Myrtle Ave.  
Clearwater, FL

Shelly Wakefield, Director, Fire and Building Code Enforcement, introduced the request for third party certification by Hilborn, Werner, Carter and Associates, Inc., noting they were in compliance and recommending approval. Commissioner Ogle moved to approve for a period of one year, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. It was voted upon and carried.

5. Variances.

Tabled Variances.

John Haines advised the Commission that the proponent for variances 10-03-21 Catalyst Refinement Service Tower #500, Whiting, 10-03-35(a)(b)(c)(d) Lanier Mansion/ Inclined Wheelchair Lift, Madison, 10-04-45(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) Model Mill Building, Noblesville, and 10-04-48 Christ's Community Church of the Nazarene, New Albany, had requested their variances be tabled for thirty days. Commissioner Mitchell moved to table with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried. Variance 10-04-42(c) Tecton Apartments, Lafayette, was represented by Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants. He had researched elevator lobby detectors and auto-recall systems and had been able to find what he needed. He would provide smoke detectors and will install an automatic recall in the existing elevator, though it still won't meet current Phase 1 and 2 in the current code. After discussion, Commissioner Corey moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. It was voted upon and carried. Variance 10-05-19 1612½ W. 3rd Street Apartment Conversion, Bloomington, was represented by Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants. The tenant on the first floor is an electrical heating and cooling company. They construct units by bending and riveting, without welding or other hazardous materials storage needed. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve with the conditions that the floor/ceiling assembly between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor be made 1-hour, that they add emergency escape and rescue windows to the bedrooms, that a 1-hour fire barrier be installed between the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor storage area and the apartment, and that a smoke detector system be installed on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor which will sound on the second floor when activated. Commissioner Hawkins made the second. It was voted upon and carried with one nay vote being cast. Variance 10-05-29 Union Station Northeast Entrance, Indianapolis, was withdrawn by the proponent, Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants.

New Variances.

Chairman Hannum asked for any variances which the Commissioners wished to have called out. Hearing none, Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the following variances with an "A" or "B" review rating by staff, with the second being made by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried. Commissioner Hawkins abstained from voting on 10-06-12, 10-06-13, 10-06-14, 10-06-31, 10-06-34, and 10-06-44. Commissioner Corey abstained from voting on 10-06-54.

The following variances were approved as submitted:

- (1) 10-06-4 Knights Inn, Seymour
- (2) 10-06-5 Haubstadt Fire Station, Haubstadt
- (3) 10-06-6 Brown Mackie College Guard Shack, Indianapolis
- (4) 10-06-8 3625 Pulaski Street Hose Removal, East Chicago
- (5) 10-06-9 4720 Railroad Avenue Hose Removal, East Chicago
- (6) 10-06-10 4700 Larkspur Drive Hose Removal, East Chicago
- (7) 10-06-11 4800 Larkspur Drive Hose Removal, East Chicago
- (8) 10-06-14(a) Borden Elementary Jr/Sr High School Addition, Borden
- (9) 10-06-19 L & M Gardens, Fishers
- (10) 10-06-20 529 E. Graham Place Windows, Bloomington
- (11) 10-06-21(b)(c)(d) 5 Indiana Square Building Renovation, Indianapolis
- (12) 10-06-22 Purdue Grounds Heavy Equipment Storage Building, West Lafayette
- (13) 10-06-23 Purdue Civil Engineering Ideas to Innovation Lab, West Lafayette
- (14) 10-06-28 584 E. Graham Place Windows, Bloomington
- (15) 10-06-33 Allisonville Elementary School HVAC Replacement, Indianapolis
- (16) 10-06-40 Sahm's Café and Tavern, Indianapolis
- (17) 10-06-41 Krieg DeVault Office Renovation of 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Indianapolis
- (18) 10-06-44(b) College Hill Apartments, Paoli
- (19) 10-06-53(a)(b) L J Chop Houses, Chesterton
- (20) 10-06-54 Ritter Plant Elevator Upgrade, Batesville
- (21) 10-06-55 Butler University Press Box & Grandstand, Indianapolis
- (22) 10-06-56 Indiana Masonic Home Inc, Franklin

The following variances were heard separately:

- (23) 10-06-1 The Red Baron Project, Fowler

Chairman Hannum called this variance up. He noted that staff had said that no variance was needed. Commissioner Christoffersen moved that no variance was needed, with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried.

- (24) 10-06-2 Saxony Tent, Fishers

Sean McKinnies, Manager, spoke as proponent. He explained that they would like to leave the tent, that is used one day per week for a farmer's market, set up beyond the code-allowed length of time. He requested that it be left up until after the Christmas tree sales season. There was no cooking, and it is inspected by the Fishers Fire Department. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve for a period of one year. The second was made by Commissioner Jones. It was voted upon and carried.

- (25) 10-06-3(a)(b) Walk In the Light Civic Center, Indianapolis

John Bennett, JT Designers, Inc, spoke as proponent. Before being purchased by the church, the building had been a Masonic temple. Exiting from the first floor was not ADA-compliant, and a new front porch with compliant ramps and steps had been constructed. A secondary exit accesses a sidewalk

to the rear of the building. The request in variance (a) was to omit sprinklers. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was a request to allow the church additional time to make the raised platform in the sanctuary accessible. They were to be installing a lift, but the funds are not immediately available. Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, allowing one year from date of occupancy. Commissioner Cundiff made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

- (26) 10-06-12 Henryville Elementary Jr/Sr High School Gymnasium Addition, Henryville

Larry Timperman, Michell Timperman Ritz Architects, spoke as proponent. After distributing a floor plan for the school complex, he explained that, due to site constraints, some exiting must be through construction areas. The project manager is also a fireman, and will establish a fire watch to ensure the safety of the students and staff. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

- (27) 10-06-13 Silver Creek High School Classroom Addition, Sellersburg

Larry Timperman, Michell Timperman Ritz Architects, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow exiting through construction areas. As in Variance 10-06-12, a fire watch was to be posted when an exit was closed to ensure the safety of the students and staff. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

- (28) 10-06-14(b) Borden Elementary Jr/Sr High School Addition, Borden

Larry Timperman, Michell Timperman Ritz Architects, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow exiting through the construction area. As in 10-06-12 and 10-06-13, a fire watch was to be posted when an exit was closed to ensure the safety of the students and staff. After Discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

- (29) 10-06-15 Dyes Walk Remodel to Club House, Greenwood

Steve Hoffman, Hoffman Engineers, spoke as proponent. The request was to omit sprinklers. Feeling the original plans submitted had not been clear and had caused the reviewer to require sprinklers, the proponent had withdrawn the original submission and filed new plans. The addition did not increase the footprint of the building, and the restroom remodel had actually reduced the available seating area in the dining/meeting room. Two fireplaces had been removed, thereby reducing the fire hazard, and a removable wall had been installed in the bar to handle overflow seating. The proponent felt including the deck area in the occupant load calculations was incorrect, stating the two areas would never be rented to separate groups at the same time. A fire hydrant had also been installed on the property, with a second scheduled to be installed within a year. The proponent agreed to file an addendum to the plans so that the information filed with Plan Review matches what's shown on the variance application and attachments. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hawkins. It was voted upon and carried with one nay.

- (30) 10-06-16 Knights of Pythian Home, Lafayette

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the owner to shut off and drain the sprinkler system in the vacant building until such time as it was demolished. Vandals had broken into the building and caused the pipes to freeze and burst, which left the system non-functional. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried.

- (31) 10-06-17 Forks Valley Woodworking, Middlebury
- No one appeared as proponent. Commissioner Ogle moved to table for 30 days, with the second by Commissioner Jones. It was voted upon and carried.
- (32) 10-06-18 Play School at Arbor Village Gum Indoor Climber, Fishers
- Amanda McKeon, Director, spoke as proponent. A play structure shaped like a tree had a canopy that partially blocked the sprinkler pattern. Three additional heads had been placed within the area so that a head would not have to be installed within the structure. There had been a concern about possible injury and possible damage to the sprinkler head resulting in discharge if it had been installed per code. Mark Herron, Fishers Fire Department, spoke in support of the variance. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.
- (33) 10-06-21(a)(e) Five Indiana Square Building Renovation, Indianapolis
- Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The existing building had been built in 1902. The plans were to create a parking area in the basement, a restaurant on the first floor and offices on floors two through four. The request in (a) was to allow an existing, ornamental stair and elevator lobby to be in a partial enclosure separated by a 2-hour, sprinklered glass wall. The floors are concrete with clay tile infill. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (e) was to allow the existing fire escape and interior stair to serve as the two required exits for a tenant rooftop deck. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Corey. It was voted upon and carried.
- (34) 10-06-24(a)(b)(c)(d) Independence Place Apartments, Linton  
 10-06-31 Springtown Apartments, Marengo  
 10-06-34(a)(b)(c) Lost River Apartments, Orleans
- The proponent had requested these applications be tabled for thirty days. Commissioner Corey moved to table, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.
- (35) 10-06-25 Pickwick Commons Phase 2, New Albany
- Lynn Armstrong, Lynn Armstrong & Associates, spoke as proponent. Also presenting was Kevin Zurschmiede, Precision Property Management Company. Four units were to be added to an existing condominium building which, when begun, did not require sprinklers. A 2-hour fire rated wall was to be placed between each unit and between the existing, non-sprinklered building. Each unit was single story with direct access to the exterior. When asked if they had considered a 13R system, the proponent noted that they had experienced difficulty even getting bids for a 13R sprinkler system. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve with the condition that the variance apply to the four units listed on the application and no future buildings. Commissioner Cundiff made the second. It was voted upon and carried with three nay votes being cast.
- (36) 10-06-26(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) Southridge High School & Middle School Additions, Huntingburg
- Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. Variance (a) was a request to omit the

structurally independent 4-hour walls between the existing building and the additions. The additions and renovated areas were to be sprinkled as they are completed, with the entire building sprinkled by 2019. Smoke detectors are also to be installed in the additions and renovated areas. Variance (b) was to allow 20 feet of additional travel distance in some areas of the building. Variance (c) was to allow two unenclosed stairways from the wrestling room to the gymnasium. These areas are to be sprinkled. Variance (d) was to omit an accessible egress from the physical education gymnasium mezzanine. The area will be sprinkled, but not the entire building, thereby requiring the accessible egress or areas of refuge. Variance (e) was to allow new non-rated corridors. The additions were to be sprinkled, but the entire building won't be until 2019. Following discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve all five applications, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. The motion was voted upon and carried.

(37) 10-06-27 Univertical Addition, Angola

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An existing building of over 163,000 square feet must demolish 30,000 square feet and rebuild after a soil contamination remediation. The request was to allow the building to be built in the same configuration. The building would still lack the 60 foot side yards, but would be of noncombustible construction with sprinklers. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Jones. It was voted upon and carried.

6. **Breaking and reconvening.** Chairman Hannum recessed the Commission at 10:30 a.m. He then reconvened the meeting, calling it back to order at 10:41 a.m.

(38) 10-06-29 Kingston Care Center of Ft. Wayne, Ft. Wayne

April Smucker, Kingston Healthcare, spoke as proponent. Also present was Lynette Neher of Kingston Healthcare. The request was to allow two Type-B units to not meet size requirements following renovation of the bathrooms. The changes were to upgrade life safety, lighting, slip resistant flooring, and improved access for staff to assist the patient at the sides of the water closets. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brown. It was voted upon and carried.

(39) 10-06-30 Industrial Pallet, Remington

Alan Schambach, FBI Buildings, spoke as proponent. Jay Wiegand, owner, also was present. The request was to omit the sprinklers from under the roof being built over the pallet storage area. The structure was to be made of 30 -50% green wood which is hard to ignite, and the structure itself was mostly open-sided. Occupancy was limited to adding or removing pallets from the structure which is now to be pulled farther away from the property line to make the area safer. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried.

(40) 10-06-32(a)(b) Industrial Pallet, Remington

Alan Schambach, FBI Buildings, spoke as proponent. Jay Wiegand, owner, was also present. The request in variance (a) was to allow the owner to sprinkle only the addition to the existing building which will be the bulk of the manufacturing area. A dust collection system was to be installed, as well as a constantly monitored heat detection system in the entire plant. Aisles were to be wide enough for forklift movement, and an additional exit could be installed in the existing part of the building if needed to decrease travel distance. After discussion, Commissioner Hawkins moved

to approve, with the condition that travel distance was not to exceed 100 feet. An amended addendum was also to be filed with plan review to correct the square footage information on the ACDR. Commissioner Cundiff made the second. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow only the addition to be sprinklered without the required area separation walls. Major operational problems would be created by limited openings between sections of the manufacturing process and forklift travel. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. It was voted upon and carried.

(41) 10-06-35(a)(b) Conner Prairie Farm House Addition, Fishers

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A replica of an 1800's farmhouse had been built in 2001 as a bed & breakfast. It was to be converted to museum exhibit space with a theater/stage at the rear of the second floor. Variance (a) was a request to be allowed to use the existing stair as a required means of egress for the B Occupancy portion of the building, and to permit a -12 score for vertical openings per Section 3410.6.6. The museum wished to keep the historic appearance of the farmhouse and will sprinkle the building and separate the occupancies in lieu of rated construction for the stairway. After discussion, Commissioner Brenner moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hawkins. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to allow the public restroom facilities to be housed in a separate amenities building located 275 feet from the farmhouse. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

(42) 10-06-36 Cruiser RV

Timothy Callas, J & T Consulting, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow an addition to have a fire wall with openings which exceed that allowed by code. The size of the openings were dictated by the manufacturing requirements. The three overhead doors are to be fitted with fusible links and will be UL listed, and the existing man doors will be replaced with self-closing, 3-hour doors. When questioned about sprinklers, the proponent stated the water supply and sprinkler system would cost \$400,000 for a \$200,000 building. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brenner. It was voted upon and carried with two nay votes.

(43) 10-06-37(a)(b)(c) Bunge Decatur Once Through Grinding Project, Decatur

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The facility was to have an addition for a soybean processing facility where oil extraction and grinding of beans for animal feed was done in 2 separate buildings. The grinding was to be done in a 675 square foot, open-air area with three enclosed floors of product conveyers above, exceeding the allowable height for construction type and unsprinklered fire area for F-1 occupancies. There was to be no change in hazard or function of the building, and occupancy of the upper floors would be only for maintenance duties and not assigned work stations. Variance (b) was to allow the addition to use industrial stairs and ladders to access and egress each level. The limited size of the infill and type of access required made other means of egress impractical. Variance (c) was to allow connecting penetrations of floors by equipment without shaft enclosures. After discussion, Commissioner Brenner moved to approve all three, with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

(44) 10-06-38 Barlos Pizzeria, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The area to be occupied by the pizzeria was originally a video store. This end tenant space was separated from its neighbor by a 2-hour fire wall, with two direct exits to the exterior for the public and one direct exit to the exterior for the kitchen staff. Occupancy had been calculated at 127. A proposed code change for A2

occupancies would raise the occupancy load to 299 before sprinklers were required. The request is to omit the sprinkler system. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. It was voted upon and carried with three nay votes being cast.

- (45) 10-06-39 Jefferson Brethren Church Family Life Center Addition, Goshen

Tim Callas, J & T Consulting, spoke as proponent. A variance for this project had been approved three years earlier, but the neighborhood association had placed it on hold for three years until the design met their approval. The size of the gymnasium increased, but still falls within the code change allowance of 7000 square feet for buildings used primarily for worship, and is separated by a 2-hour fire barrier. Additional exit width was provided, as well as additional classroom and storage space. Doors from the gym have panic hardware and the corridor is 1-hour. Concern was raised about the full kitchen not being separated from the classroom area, and Commissioner Ogle moved to table to allow the proponent time to discuss options with the owner. Commissioner Jones made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

- (46) 10-06-42 707 North Remodel, Indianapolis

Tim Callas, J & T Consulting, was proponent. The request was to allow electric domestic clothes dryer exhaust ducts to exceed the maximum length permitted by code. Noting that this type of request had been heard many times before and it was using an engineered system, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Christoffersen. It was voted upon and carried.

- (47) 10-06-43 Harmony Bingo New Haven Plaza, New Haven

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The request was to allow the existing 2-hour fire barrier in this 1970's strip mall and omit the 2-hour fire wall requirement between it and the next unit. Automatic sprinklers and a fire alarm system were to be installed, and exits directly to the exterior exceeded the amount required by code. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried.

- (48) 10-06-44(a) College Hill Apartments, Paoli

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. The building was being converted from a school building into apartments, and it was being evaluated under Chapter 34. The request was to allow two historic stairs which connected two floors to remain open. A sprinkler curtain with bulkhead was to be used. Commissioner Hawkins noted that this was a perfect example of problems with Chapter 34, and that alternative methods of compliance for historic buildings had been suggested. Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brenner. It was voted upon and carried.

- (49) 10-06-45 Brickyard Condominiums, Evansville

Roger Lehman, RLehman Consulting, spoke as proponent. The owner of the development had gotten a variance which he believed to cover the entire project, but it didn't cover these three buildings, the last of the development. They complied with the Commission's requirements in the previous variance. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Ogle. It was voted upon and carried with two nay votes.

- (50) 10-06-46 Second Family Adult Day Center, Indianapolis

Melissa Tupper, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. When Second Family moved into the existing 1980's professional building's end unit, they were unaware that they would have to sprinkle the entire building when the occupancy changed from a "B" to an "I". The request is to omit the sprinkler requirement. Their unit is separated from the next by a 1-hour fire barrier, and exits on all three sides of the unit provide a maximum travel distance of 52 feet. Fire and smoke detectors were also to be installed. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brenner. It was voted upon and carried with four nay votes.

- (51) 10-06-47(a)(b) Senate Manor Apartments Stair Replacement, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. An old 1950's building had an exterior fire escape and stairs system which were to be repaired, but it was found that the balconies had deteriorated beyond repair. The request in (a) was to be allowed to replace the structures without it being classified as "new construction". Variance (b) was a request to use a system which is of heavy timber members and dimensional material permitted by code. The existing metal roof was to be kept, and precast concrete treads were to be installed. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve both, with the second by Commissioner Cundiff. It was voted upon and carried.

- (52) 10-06-48 Chatham Square Neighborhood Plat #1, Lafayette

Tim Callas, J & T Consulting, spoke as proponent. A handout from Ron Ritchey, Lafayette Fire Department, was distributed to the members of the Commission. David Brint, developer, and Todd Rottmann, designer, also addressed the Commission. The City of Lafayette had partnered with BRINLAF, LP and Rottmann Architects to develop 89 units of affordable, rental housing. The units in plat #1 were four units in a two up and two down configuration, with an assumed property line between each building. There was to be a 2-hour fire wall and 2-hour floor assembly between units, and each would have their own entrance. The request was to omit sprinklers. The cost to sprinkler had been bid at \$10-11,000 per building, plus the cost of hook-up, etc. Ron Ritchey, Lafayette Fire Department, stated they would work with the developers to keep the sprinkler cost down. Following discussion, Commissioner Ogle moved to deny, with the second by Commissioner Hawkins. It was voted upon and carried.

- (53) 10-06-49(a)(b)(c) Chatham Square Neighborhood Plat #2, Lafayette  
10-06-50(a)(b) Chatham Square Neighborhood Plat #3, Lafayette  
10-06-51 Chatham Square Neighborhood Plat #4, Lafayette  
10-06-52 Chatham Square Neighborhood Plat #5, Lafayette

Tim Callas, J & T Consulting, stood as proponent. Commissioner Christoffersen moved to deny the rest of the Chatham Square applications. Commissioner Brenner made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

- (54) 10-06-57 St. Thomas Aquinas Kindergarten Addition, Indianapolis

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. This project had been designed under another code, then shelved. When constructed, the existing section of the building was not required to have structurally independent area separation walls. The request was to omit the structurally independent separation walls now required by code. The walls followed the termination code requirements. Following discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Brenner. It was voted upon and carried.

- (55) 10-06-58 IPS School #103 Addition and Renovation, Indianapolis

Ed Rensink, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A rating of “no variance required” had been given to the application by staff. The request was to not maintain a means of egress during the construction period as no students, staff or public would occupy the building. Adam Holman, City of Indianapolis, had noted that they were concerned about the number of construction workers and the number of exits. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved no variance was required, with the second by Commissioner Jones. It was voted upon and carried with one nay vote.

- (56) 10-06-59 Indianapolis Museum of Art Stratum Pier, Indianapolis

Ralph Gerdes, Ralph Gerdes Consultants, spoke as proponent. The Indianapolis Museum of Art had developed a trail through one hundred acres of woods, placing sculptures along the trail for the enjoyment of the public. The pier was filed, and determined by Plan Review to not qualify as a Class 1 structure, thereby not regulated by the Building Code. The City of Indianapolis, represented by Adam Holman, and the Indianapolis Fire Department, represented by T.J. Burns addressed the Commission, and stated they were of the opinion it was a Class 1 structure presenting life safety issues and had written a citation for non-compliance. David Hunt, Indianapolis Museum of Art, noted that it did have 40” guardrail. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved that, since it was not a Class 1 structure, no variance was required. Commissioner Ogle made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

- (57) 10-06-60(a)(b)(c) Columbus Regional Hospital Build Back Innovation Center, Columbus

Christina Collester, RTM Consultants, spoke as proponent. A flood wall was to be put into the area where the loading dock had previously been, and it must be without penetrations so the egress door at the north end of the building was to be lost. In variance (a) an existing 2-hour stair will become the required exit for the fully sprinklered building’s basement level, occupied by staff only, familiar with the stairs and exit. The direction of door swing will be corrected, and path of travel will be clearly marked. After discussion, Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve, with the second by Commissioner Hawkins. It was voted upon and carried. Variance (b) was to omit fire dampers in duct penetrations of the 1-hour rated barrier, and variance (c) was to omit smoke dampers in duct penetrations of smoke barrier walls. After discussion, Commissioner Christoffersen moved to approve (b) and (c), with the second by Commissioner Brenner. It was voted upon and carried.

7. Consideration of Variance 10-01-21(a)(b)(c) Wishard Replacement Hospital Parking Garage

Mara Snyder, Director, Legal and Code Services, explained to the Commission that the proponent had notified her that there had been an additional floor that was involved in the building which may or may not affect their positions on the variance. The members of the Commission agreed that the information did not change their position on the variance and it remained as originally acted upon.

8. **New Business – General.**

Discussion and Possible Commission Action

Walker Building Development LLC  
Administrative Cause #10-16  
Order – Fire and Building Code Enforcement

Nonfinal Order of Dismissal

Commissioner Corey moved to affirm the Nonfinal Order. Commissioner Jones made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

Discussion and Commission Action on Petitions for Review (All are timely filed unless otherwise noted.)

Purdue University Hilltop  
Inspection Fee

Jefferson Elementary School  
Order – Fire and Building Code Enforcement

Commissioner Cundiff moved to approve the petitions for review. Commissioner Corey made the second. It was voted upon and carried.

9      Comments

Mara Snyder, Director of Legal and Code Services, announced that next month the meeting would be on July 7<sup>th</sup>, not the 6<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled. A request had been submitted to have copies of the notices of Commission action sent to local officials, and an option of scanning and posting them on the web site was being explored. The Elevator Code fiscal impact was considerably different than what had been thought, and the study should be done by the end of the month. Another public hearing may not be necessary. She hoped to have the Swimming Pool Code and fiscal impact study to Budget this month. The Plumbing Code Committee will be sending out the proposals for committee members to review today. The NFPA committee meeting will be held June 24<sup>th</sup>, and the IRC Committee meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> will be resolving fiscal impact issues.

10.    **Adjournment.**

Chairman Hannum adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
David Hannum, Chairman