CITY OF AURORA
BUILDING CODE & CONTRACTOR’S APPEALS & STANDARDS BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, July 9, 2019, 3:00 P.M.
OAK ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, BUILDING DIVISION

MINUTES:

Present:

Michael Aitken, Chair, Building Code and Contractor’s Appeals & Standards Board
Alecia Peabody, Building Code and Contractor’s Appeals & Standards Board
Jacob Cox, Senior Dev Project Manager
Tod Kuntzelman, Manager of Special Projects
Scott Berg, Chief Building Official
Dora Shols, Permit Technician Supervisor
Steve Greer, Public

Absent:

John Dougherty, Building Code and Contractor’s Appeals & Standards Board
Greg Echols, Building Code and Contractor’s Appeals & Standards Board
Tim Green, Building Code and Contractor’s Appeals & Standards Board

Introduction:

Michael Aitken called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of April 9, 2019 meeting minutes

Michael waived approval of the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes as he was not present at that time.

Agenda Item 2 – 2019 Building Division activity summary

Scott addressed the June activity summary. The only thing down compared to last year’s half way point, is inspections which are a result of the Gaylord being completed. Inspectors are still doing mandatory overtime to help with staffing; they are working about 10 hours a day to keep up with workloads.

Michael asked if roofing inspections are still being contracted out, Scott stated that they are and the city is currently reviewing the numbers and getting pricing for the next year. Overall roofing inspection levels are as expected. There has not been a major weather event since 2014. Michael asked about other changes in the Building Department. Scott told the Board that Dave Chambers, Director of Public Works retired last month after 34 years along with the PROS Director and Library Director.

There were no further questions or comments.
Agenda Item 3 – Requests for Modifications

There were four requests for modification and two were denied. Fitzsimons Apartments was the first denied request for removal of secondary roof drains. The second denied request was a homeowner that did not want to put in a legal egress window; it is a life safety item and therefore cannot be waived. The third request was approved by the FireMarshal. The last one was for the 50/50 male and female toilet ratio at the Muslim Center.

There were no further questions or comments.

Agenda Item 4 – New Development Updates

Jacob Cox presented the Aurora Development Tour, available online at auroragov.org under maps, https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/maps. He explained Rockies Village is the next phase of the Gaylord. It will complement the uses of the Hotel to include a multifamily pad and strip retail along 64th Avenue. On the westside of E470, 64th Ave will turn into more of a commercial corridor responding to Gaylord. The eastside will be more industrial. The Highpoint project will have mixed use residential. Painted Prairie will redesign the village concept to cater around a park corridor. Printed Prairie and Horizon are new traditional communities. They are going to have services integrated in addition to residential. Aurora Highlands is 5,000 acres; projected growth is 60,000 people 24,000 homes. Jacob spoke about the industrial and distribution centers, Majestic, Prologis, Aurora Commerce Center, Eastpark, and Porteos areas.

By the Front Range Airport, there are plans to have heavy rail serve industrial area. Horizon Uptown at E-470 and I-70 is already starting the first phase. He spoke about projects going around the CU Medical Campus. The golf course has been decommissioned and will house more biomedical science facilities and including a light rail stop to make connections for pedestrians. Stanley Market Place also has unique projects and redevelopment going into the area. Jacob also talked about the Metro Center and the Parkside at City Center and showed the Board where to find the Aurora Development Tour on the website auroragov.org.

There were no further questions or comments.

Agenda Item 5 – Building Permit Center Redesign Update

Tod presented the Building Permit Center redesign. He has been working with multiple groups in the organization to consolidate and bring services to the Permit Center that were previously not available creating a single point of entry. Instead of having customers move around and go to different departments, the customer stays in one location. He showed renderings of the proposed space on the first floor to include Building, Planning, Aurora Water, Access Aurora, Engineering, Real Property and potentially Traffic and Parking. Michael asked how far this project is from reality. Tod said he has a meeting with City Manager and Management Staff on July 23, 2019.

There were no further questions or comments.

Agenda Item 6 – Other items for discussion

There were no other items or questions for discussion.

Michael Aitken adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Chair, Michael Aitken

Date 10-8-19