

# Johnson County Building Officials Association (JOCOBO)

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## **Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2017**

Lenexa City Hall – 17101 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St Parkway Lenexa KS.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Crull at 12:32 pm. Those present per the sign-in sheet are as follows:

Officers: Steve Crull (City of Mission Hills/ President)  
Tony Adamson (Merriam/VP/Secretary)  
Bill Sandy (Fairway/Treasurer)

Members: Mike Flickinger (Gardner)  
Mitch Dringman (Prairie Village)  
Matt Souders (Lenexa)  
Bill Sandy (Fairway)  
Steve Crull (Mission Hills)  
Tony Adamson (Merriam)  
Travis Torrez (Leawood)  
Tim Ryan (Overland Park)  
Anoush Fardipour (Johnson County)

Associate Members and Guests: John Hollis (Merriam)  
Russell Thornburg (Johnson County)  
Chris Zheng (Lenexa)  
David Byl (Lenexa)  
Tina Rakes (Douglas County)  
Dave Utterback (Retired-Lenexa)  
Carla Hussey (Water One)  
Jay Woodward (ICC)  
Christy Martin (Concrete Promotions Group)  
Sean Reid (Douglas County)  
Jasper Diederiks (Heartland)  
George Schluter (KC-HBA)  
J.D Lorenz (Hallmark Building Services)

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The prior Meeting Minutes from July were considered and Steve Crull asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Sandy made the motion to approve and Anoush seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the members.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Sandy gave the Treasurer's report beginning and ending balances and all payments made to date. A motion was made by Steve Crull and Matt Souders seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was approved by the members.

## **Associate Announcements**

Steve Crull made an announcement that Dave Utterback was retiring and that there would be a reception at 2:30. Matt Souders said that he appreciated JOCOBO for having the meeting at Lenexa City Hall and providing the lunch of Dave's choice and it was greatly appreciated.

Update on "DF" license and discussion on license type applicable to fire alarm contractors-Russell Thornburg.

Russell stated that he just wanted to give the members an update/overview of the CLRB getting a look at the DF and was curious as to how to break it all down and so they began to look at it and then Russell brought it to JOCOBO for us to look at and a copy of it was on the very last page of the documents which were handed out in the meeting. Russell stated that what he majorly changed on this document was 2 things. Russell stated that in order for this change to happen there was a document which came out and it was the CLRB having a resolution and in that resolution it says DF protection of contractor's, Russell did not know that this resolution existed so after reading the resolution they discovered that the DF side and that there were certain rules which were posted and DF is one of those that did not match so they actually changed the new posting on the website to closely match what this resolution says and technically what they did was take off all the 5 year experience completely because it no longer exists and because it no longer exists they went back to the 2 things within the scope and it now says for suppression services and in item 3 subsection 1, Fire Protection Engineer has been added for education and it keeps NICET completely intact and what is missing is the education because they no longer have that advantage so the person either comes in with a degree or they come from NICET and that is where it sets.

Tim asked the question about continuing education and Russell stated that there still is requirements for continuing education but in order to get their license they have to have either a degree or be NICET certified and they added the Fire Protection Engineering to that section and they took fire equipment out because NICET already covers that. Russell stated that when you are looking at the DF page 3 it is very interesting how it was worded and he did not know that this definition existed and CLRB and legal has looked at it and Jim Jorgenson has helped with this a little bit and having this definition helps get the definition of DF back in line. Russell stated that what is missing is education and you can not get a DF with education alone because they have passed the grandfather clause and he can look down the page and notice that education is a big part of it and it says that also qualified licensed education or by other means approved which took them back to their original documentation which all fits within the definition.

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Tim asked Russell that what is on page 3 of 5 is existing language and Russell stated that it is existing and what is surprising about this is that this is that this is a resolution of the Contractor Licensing Review Board and Tim asked that this does not cover fire alarm contractor's, just fire suppression contractor's and Russell stated that this was correct. Tim stated that maybe a change that says Fire Suppression contractor because that is a conflict of what the codes says and Fire Protection includes everything versus Fire Suppression. Anoush asked if he could say something on this and if he remembers correctly fire alarm system they always asked for an electrical contractor under the NEC and that is why they tried to keep this separated for fire protection or for dry system but fire alarm was always separated under the NEC electrical code requirement because even the fire protection submittals was always the electrical contractors installing them. Russell stated that they removed the definition of fire protection equipment completely out because this definition that they gave us talks about fire suppression and what they discussed in the CLRB was where do fire alarms fit and they had they did a little bit of research into Sean's bank that in 2011 they talked about fire alarm licensing and when they were in the CLRB meeting last week they did come back and say that they knew it was in the electrical code and so it we used fire protection a lot of people broke it up into 3 or 4 segments and they wanted to clean it up so that it was just fire suppression and Russell thinks he can get it done now. George asked what happens in his single family home if he is going to put a fire sprinkler system in and what kind of license he would need. Russell stated that it depends on the City, that he has no jurisdiction over what the city requires. Russell stated that if the City says you need a license then they you would need a license, so George stated that the City may decide that his plumber could install the sprinkler system in his houses or not, and Tony and Anoush stated that it was based on the type of system being installed per the code, which is something that was discussed a couple of meeting back.

Russell stated that this is why they keep bringing people in to work with the plumbers to help them understand the system they are installing by the 2904 or the 13D so they understand what the reasons are and the reason for the training is for them to understand what those requirements are for installing the different types of systems in residential structures. Tony Adamson stated that a good reference is the Residential Sprinkler Book which ICC puts out explaining the different types of installations.

Matt asked if this was consistent with the votes that were taking at the June Meeting and does it incorporate what the members voted on and Russell stated that yes it does, that they took out the fire equipment and put in the fire suppression and Mark Wassom wanted the fire protection engineer be put into the language and they took out the 5 years of experience because anytime you take out or put in a license you have to have a grandfather clause to allow the people to get in but after the due date that grandfather clause drops off and with this one we are past the 5 years of experience so that is why there is no grandfather clause attached. Matt asked if the other licenses require any experience and Russell asked Matt to wait until he has completed the study and then he will find that information out. Matt asked if we needed to discuss alarms any further and Tony Adamson stated that at the last meeting it was discussed that it was covered under the NEC and so everyone agreed that if you were a licensed Electrician then you could install alarm systems. Matt stated that from the minutes he is not sure if it was made clear. Anoush stated that he receives a lot of phone calls from fire protection companies who want to have a fire alarm and want to install them and they have to have a licensed electrician to install them, period. Russell stated that what started this conversation was someone has a bracket called fire protection and they tell the contractor to go and get a DF license and when Russell found out what it was they were trying to

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obtain it was for an alarm system and Russell stated that this was not the fire suppression side and he knew NFPA 72 and the NEC existed so he kept pulling it apart and him and the City kept going back and forth on this issue. Tim stated that with the fire alarm system the system is required to be UL listed and before Overland Park releases the Certificate of Occupancy the systems have to be UL certified and there is not a lot of companies around which do that but working with Overland Park Fire the City will not release the CofO until someone has come out and verified that it has been installed with all UL listing requirements. Anoush stated that this only concerns the FACP and monitoring systems have to be UL installed and listed and he is not sure that all jurisdictions ask for that documentation or calls for UL listed and monitoring stations. John Hollis stated that Olathe asks for that documentation but he did not know that Overland Park was doing this because Merriam does not do this because our view is that the code does not require this and you can always go above what the codes require.

Matt stated that when the members were discussing the fire alarms in the previous meeting the minutes stated that what Tim stated that what Russell needed to do was have some provisions in the electrical license and call it DEF or something that that effect and a DMF for mechanical range hoods and changing the scoping statement to include giving each type their own licenses because if you are going to leave them under one type then you would have to break them out separately and provide provisions under the tasks. Travis stated that what if you were to create a fire alarm contractor position and someone comes along and they are a licensed electrician and they want to pull that fire alarm permit, would you deny them the permit if they did not have the correct license or would you just allow both of them to do the job, would you except either/or, it just creates another category which is unnecessary. Travis stated that he would probably issue the permit to a licensed electrician all day every day. Matt stated that the electrician if filling out their company name on the permit and they are putting their credentials out there and Tony stated that the Alarm company fills out the completion documents at the end of the project and signs them as being installed properly, which a lot of times the electrician is subcontracting for the alarm company. John Hollis stated that most times but not all the time the electrician is subcontracting for the alarm company, however, with existing construction, unlike new construction, when they are going in and retrofitting or replacing the alarm or sprinkler system into the building there is normally not a general contractor listed for the project, no electrician and that is where it gets confusing because the alarm company is not use to this because the alarm company does not have a category for this type of thing. Russell stated that one of the things that he has done in the past is that they were working on a fairly large post office and the alarm company came out and worked directly with the mechanical people for the FSD's being installed, there were no electricians on that project. Matt stated that now that he has given this more thought, Lenexa's fire department has asked why is there not a fire alarm contractor licensing, because they would like to see one an alarm category, Tim asked if Lenexa was seeing any problems with alarms being installed? Matt asked everyone how many times does a contractor call you up to test the alarm system and it does not work the first time out? Tim stated that this is just part of the acceptance test because usually nothing ever works correctly the first time out because they have not pre-tested the system before hand and John Hollis stated that a license is not going to fix this issue because even when we request pre-testing documentation up front it does not work properly. Tim stated that what is even worse than fire alarms is elevators, and the companies not being ready when the call for an inspection by the City. Tim stated that he is less concerned with having an alarm license then having a mechanical license for Range Hoods because they have more BBQ places popping up then he has ever seen before and the fire department is responding to grease issues and things of that nature. Anoush asked about the

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inspection process and the light inspections for range hoods and if everyone was doing them. Russell stated that a he went out and did several inspections and that is when he brought in Sam Drudano in to talk about it because there was nothing right about it from the beginning to the end.

There was no further conversation on this item.

Steve asked Russell about the other sheet he handed out concerning the fall classes and Russell stated that there are a few things that are not set in stone yet and that he is having a wood treatment company coming in to talk about wood treatment, he has DuPont coming in to talk managing moisture in residential construction and if everyone would notice that they have 2018 posted everywhere, the books are not out but ICC gave them permission a good rough draft to several individuals to bring in 2018 courses. Russell went through the different courses and instructors being brought in to teach the courses for the fall training. When it came to the Disaster Emergency Response training Tim asked Sean, who arrived late to the meeting if that would also be a certification situation and Sean stated that the way it was going to be set up is that re-certification a 2-hour course and the certification course is a 4 hour event so they are going to stagger the class so that those that just want re-certification can go from 10am to 12pm and those that need the full certification can go from 8am to 12pm. Russell asked Sean when he wrote the class description it was only for Government, Fire and Engineers and Russell wanted to know if it was open to contractor's and Sean stated that in the past when they did the class it was not open to contractor's because contractors could not certify as inspectors because there was no agreement set up which provided for no governmental agency employees to certify, so a contactor could attend but they could not be certified as inspectors. Sean stated that he thought that it should be limited to only agency personnel that need to be certified.

Russell stated that Erosion control is something that keeps coming back and haunting him and is something that he did every other year some agency is footing the entire bill and providing the instructor and materials. Travis asked if there was any difference to the course on Transition from 2012 to 2018 IRC and the Significant Changes IRC 2012-2018 and Russell stated that there really was not any difference just that he had 2 different instructors teaching the courses so different perspectives on the topic would be given.

There was no further discussion on the fall classes.

Steve stated that they were going to jump down to new business so that Carla Hussey from Water One could talk about When do City Building Code Departments verify plan approval and/or inspection approval from other authorities such as JCW, KDA, Water One, etc.—Matt Souders.

Steve asked George if he had something that he wanted to discuss with the group. George passed a document out which was page 11 out of the National window installation guide which Johnson County Building Officials approved in May of 2007 and this is showing the window, which typically most windows have a flange on them and this is showing the window being put on top of stud and then the siding being put on top of it. Some questions have come to George from some builders and since he is a double skin construction guy he is not aware so that is why he is asking, but are any building officials allowing the windows to be installed with the flange on top of the siding instead of underneath the siding as shown in this diagram. J.D asked George why do you think that builders are asking this question and George stated that he believes this is the way the windows are being



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installed. Matt stated that in Lenexa their expectation is that they install the windows in accordance with the window manufactures installation instructions that are included on the JOCOBO website. George stated that 70 to 80 percent of window manufacturers do not have instructions documents for single skin construction. Dave Utterback stated that Anderson was the last one to cave and so in talking with them they said that they could be installed on top of siding as long as you flashed them the same way and taped them the same way. The largest problem is when they put them on top of siding is they are cutting through the house wrap; the house wrap gets all bunched up and then they have lost that protection. Most window manufacturers have come out to say that as long as you do what it the way you would normally do it and put the flashing, tape and flashing over the top then you are able to install them over siding. George stated that there are about 5 manufacturers which have put it in writing but the rest of them have not done the same. Russell stated that there is no way that it makes sense to put a window on the outside of the wall and call it leak proof and anyone saying anything different to this is just wrong. Matt stated that he had another challenge is between the house wrap installation and the window standards and the modified I or True I configuration. George stated that his question is not concerning the seal flashing it is if the windows are being allowed to be installed on top of the exterior sheathing of the house. Dave stated that document which was presented was basically based on 2112 which was the industry standard for window installation but the installation standards does not recognize the windows being installed on top of the exterior siding. Dave stated that he has spoken with a lot of window manufacturers and their engineers and most will say that you need to put them under the siding. Matt said that this is something that they have been talking about for 12 years or so and he has a solution and that eyebrows should be built over all windows and so the whole building code would have to be rewritten. George stated that all that he is looking for is something that offers all of us our best way of doing something that we know is happening and doing it in a way that provides protection for the builders, homeowners and building inspectors. Tim asked George what is it that he is looking for in regards to the detail which was put out by the Johnson County Building Officials is inaccurate or is not the standard in Kansas City. George stated that the builders are not disagreeing with the accuracy of the detail but this is showing the window flange under the siding and what is happening is that the flange is being put on top of the siding and Tim stated that this is just a model detail and Tim stated that if they are building it a different way and they can produce documents stating that their way is approved by the window manufacturer then they would more than likely approve it. Anoush stated that he gets a lot of calls on this and he tells them the exact same thing that if you do not have a detail showing how the windows are to be installed or one showing they can be installed differently then you need to follow the Johnson County details. Dave Utterback stated that this is what they had in mind when the document was produced is that the builders either followed 2112, the manufactures installation guidelines or you follow Johnson County and so this was just an alternative way of installing windows.

JD stated that this was the best practice and it is his installation guidelines for window installations. JD stated that until window manufactures change their acceptance of the alternate guideline, there is nothing that anyone can do. JD stated that this is the right way to install window and every other way is incorrect but it is made to go on 7/16 sheathing and if you do not do that then you are revealing the inside wall. JD stated that builders have to have their windows delivered to the site before they shoot their first framing nail because you need to put your windows in before the siding goes on and you are going to say that there will not be theft of the windows if they are on site and not protected, or breakage or accidents happening. George thanked everyone for listening and

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asked for all members to consider the questions which were raised and that he would like to have everyone come back next month with feedback on what is happening out in the field.

## Alarm Systems-Russell

Russell asked Sean how was it that the alarm systems were not originally included in the DF license and Sean stated that traditionally jurisdictions have been given the opportunity to determine what licenses for what activity and for most of his tenure with Johnson County Contractor's licensing most of the jurisdictions required alarm systems to be installed by DE contractor's but could have chosen to utilize DF license for alarm systems and the intent was approved in June of 2005 and was 3 months before he came on board with Johnson County. It was always his understanding that contractor licensing never dictates what licenses the jurisdictions require. Sean thinks that there was a period that a couple jurisdictions required DF license and some were requiring DM licenses for duct sensors.

## Old Business

Kansas Fire Prevention- Steve asked if anyone was able to attend that meeting. Steve state that John Hollis and Tony Adamson came up with this article from the Wichita Eagle concerning the Kansas Fire Safety Rules are withdrawn so it seems that it is pretty much done. Tim stated that they had 2 meeting with the State Fire Marshal's office last week. Tim stated that he did not believe that it was ever their intent to take over local authority and it was there and he did not know what it was in the paragraph. Tim stated that they have extended to him, which he has not called them back, but in the future that he put a task force of reps together from major jurisdictions, associations such as JOCOBO, Heart of America because the people at the local level have more understanding as to how the codes get adopted. Tim stated that if you look at the regulations, he was able to get more in tune with local jurisdiction by getting rid of some of the alternative codes like NFPA 1 and NFPA 5000. Tim states that he hopes that Jorgenson will call him back so that they can open the door and help him out.

## New Business

b. Matt stated that he was just looking for affirmation that he was covering everything and Carla stated that they were not covering everything before they release their permits. Carla stated the biggest problem is because Water One does all the cross-connection control, back flow preventers inside and out and Matt stated that a couple of years ago when they talked about this issue Water One was not doing anything with the inside of the building and Carla stated that she proposed asking her Board because as of right now they are doing everything for the inside and outside and usually they are not getting the testing reports for the inside the building. Carla stated that she has proposed moving to the containment only but her Board has not agreed to that as of yet. John Hollis stated that typically what we require when there are backflow preventers inside a building is that they are all tested and Certified on Water One forms before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued which is not part of the upfront plan review before the building permit is issued, which we are okay with issuing a building permit without Water Ones complete blessing because they are not going to turn on the water until the domestic and fire lines are protected and then at the end of the project when we know there is protection of the water system that is when we require the inspection and testing to be completed which is something that could happen if

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jurisdictions are will to do that. Matt asked Carla if Water One wanted to see everything and she stated that there is already a link between JCW will send Water One the plans so that they can approve the meter size for JCW to release their permit and that is a way for Water One makes sure that everything is up to code for proper containment and proper isolation. Carla stated that if it goes through JCW then it goes through Water One. Russell stated that he comes from a country where everyone that puts in a back-flow preventer has to be certified and that back flow has to have records of an overhaul in 3 years and major overhaul of the devices every 5 years and does Water One track those records and do they keep up with the documentation and record keeping? Carla stated that they do not keep up with the repairs to the devices but they do keep up with the annual testing of the devices and there are 15,000 assemblies within Johnson County which they send out letters for every year for testing, they do not track residential assemblies, which means lawn sprinklers. Carla stated that within any new commercial services have to come through Water One and then they can review everything, but there might be tenant finishes which have changes being made which do not go through JCW. Carla stated that even looking at the plumbing is a weird thing and her and Tim Ryan have spoken several times about this issue. Tim stated that this is not a new thing because Carla's predecessor and their predecessor wanted us to do is to make sure that any plans that they got on anything that a copy would go to Water One could review if before a permit was issued and on a tenant finish they are talking 48 hours and Water One was talking weeks for a turn around and that just was not going to fly politically and Overland Park just could not do that but on new construction that is something very much different and Overland Park does not issue a permit for new construction until there is a water connection permit and that is primarily due to the fire hydrant situation. Carla stated that Water One has to issue their permit before any inspection or testing can be done because they have to have water before they can do any testing. Tim stated that Overland Park does not allow any construction to take place on any project until all the hydrants are in place, and tested to ensure they are working properly. Tim stated that if the contractor cannot produce a water connection permit then they do not receive a building permit. Tim stated that on the sewer side of things they have made some adjustments due to all the problems they were having and that is a situation as a code official they put something in the ordinance to give them some flexibility that if everything is done and the plans are all approved then they can give them a conditional permit which is then connected the getting the City an approved sewer connection by a certain date or before a certain inspection happens. Carla stated that she would like to get out of the internal plumbing because she does not believe that the Water District has any business regulating that side of things, she would like to see them just regulate the containment side of things and in that case their enforcement would not be worrying about shutting someone water off if they did not comply, she does not want to be shutting someone's water off for their coffee maker not being in compliance.

Matt stated that he has always had some level of comforting knowing that Water One was doing the internal plumbing side of things and it is just one less thing that the jurisdictions have to worry about. Carla stated that she was unsure if they had the jurisdiction and she stated to Tim that they were just supposed to have a program in place for backflow prevention. Carla stated that she has been talking with Water Purveyors and they usually do not go past the footing connection because she cannot tell someone what they should do with their water meter, or if you need a PRV so normally that is handled by the health department or the codes department but they have to have a containment program. Anoush stated that all the items which Carla is bring up is covered under the codes which are administered by the City and Tim stated that the codes do cover the items she has mentioned but they have a very regimented program on backflow prevention and most City do not



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have the manpower to do the same thing that Water One does. John Hollis stated that Water One's requirements for the type of backflow prevention devices could be different than what the codes state. Tim stated that in conversations he has had with Carla, they recognize that the plumbing code is the National code and they are willing to take responsibility for that and the City looks at those things when they are newly installed but once the occupancy has been issued the City does not worry about it anymore and that is where Water One has been making sure that it gets tested annually through their annual testing program which was written in 1996 and because of the residential irrigation issues they had, they cannot change it without taking it to the Board. Carla stated that she is mostly concerned with containment whether it is fire or domestic. Tony stated that he was surprised concerning Water One not requiring testing of backflow devices on yard sprinklers since it is outside of the house and usually located within close proximity to the water main and if contamination of the water is going to happen it could happen within that piping system if there is no back-flow device on the piping or if the device has not been tested and fails to provide the protection to the water line it is connected too. Carla stated that this is one of the biggest hazards to the water system there is if not protected, however; Kansas Law requires a double check but Water One cannot require it.

Matt needed to understand that if there are hydrants then they really do not need to worry about back flows. Tim stated that what normally held up the project is when the water mains are not in or if they need to be extended to the project where it is going to take 30 to 60 days to get it done, which does not include construction so you are talking about a length of time which they might want to get construction started but because water mains are not installed and hydrants up and running that is not what happens so that is why coordination between the City and Water One is important to make sure that what is needed on site is there during construction and that means hydrant and if hydrants are not there then that means that the line are in and connection permits can be issued. Anoush asked if the fireman's test, hydrostatic test and flush and Matt stated that they do the inspections for all of that. Matt stated to Carla that they were not ready for Sonoma Point building permits to be released and Carla stated that they just recently changed their plat and Matt stated that they have land disturbance for that project now and Carla stated that recently the owner gave them money and signed the contracts but the plats were changed so Water One had to redo all the contracts. Carla stated that they do not have permits for the water main currently due to the plat changing. George stated that land disturbance only gives the contractor the right to prepare the soil for construction it does not provide them with the permits needed to start the construction on the site, which is what the building permits provide. Tim stated once the contractor starts preparing the site they are going to want to start construction fairly quickly. John stated that one of the things which Overland Park has done is to make sure that all the hydrants are in place, tested and working prior to construction taking place and for anyone building wood framed buildings you should want to have the water mains and hydrants in place prior to construction of the buildings taking place. John stated that if the construction is non-combustible then we are a little more comfortable with it and Merriam is a built City, unlike some of the other City's which are still expanding their water mains and Matt stated that even with non-combustible construction you have to be careful because the forms are all wood and it has chemicals and they have had some pretty nasty fires because of the releasing agent/diesel or gas that they use on the forms and John stated that the other part of it is what they put in the project as the project is being constructed. John stated that we have a lot of projects coming up and almost all the project has private hydrants because they are on private property and once they cross the property line then they become private lines and hydrants. Matt stated that in reality he does not get a lot of push back to get the permits issued but if you need a

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good example of why having the hydrants in place, tested and working then all you need to do is look at the most recent fire which took place in Overland Park. They were under pressure to get the project started without the hydrants in place and we can only imagine what would have happened if those hydrants had not been in place and working.

Tim asked about tenant finishes and Carla stated that it just depends on the changes that are taking place with the building but she does not know if she has the staff to review every single tenant finish for every jurisdiction. Tim stated that with their new software, if they are ever able to get all the bugs worked out then they will be requiring that all plans will be submitted to the City electronically, which they are already doing for single family structures and once they get to that stage then it will be a lot easier to click and send the plans over to the water district and then they can send their comments back which will speed up the process but Overland Park is not there yet and are hoping by the end of the year they will have it all up and running to be able to do this. Carla stated that Water One is able to access JCW since they went to the electronic permitting and she can access theirs with a log in but they still submit things separately like their own application, their own drawings and everything to Water One.

Travis asked if everyone was going digital and most of the City's stated that yes, eventually. Tim stated that Overland Park was stated that Overland Park was pretty much there right now, it is just a matter of getting the bugs worked out of their system. Anoush stated the Johnson County was working towards going digital, and Tony and John stated that Merriam had their system up and running where all documents are stored digitally online. Tina asked about single family and accessory structures and John stated that it is submitted by paper and is then scanned into the system and Tim stated that Overland Park requires the contractor to submit it digitally so that the paper copies are no long brought into the City. John stated that if you have a system where the contractors are able to submit their plans digitally or online, you basically have to teach the contractor how to use the system to be able for them to submit their plans because the staff has had the training and is familiar with the system now, which has taken some time to get to the that point and when you open the system up for contractors to use then you basically have to start the process all over again to get them use to using the system. Tim stated this is why Overland Park has gone through training and they have the same software that Kansas City and Olathe has. Tony stated that he has been using the system that Merriam has since 2004 and out of all the years that he used the system only one contractor ever submitted his plans digitally using the system. Matt stated that once they get the hang of using the software it is easier for them to use it, just like electronic plan review and Overland Park did not have to do this but some architects and engineers were willing pay extra just because of the printing cost of the plans for the project.

Matt asked about the domestic water line and if Water One inspects the domestic water line and John confirmed that the domestic water line is normally not inspected by Water One is very often not inspected by many Johnson County jurisdictions which Carla confirmed that this was correct. Matt asked about how disconnects for buildings are handled and Carla stated that all City's require that buildings be disconnected prior to being demolished and the contractor will schedule with Water One through their customer service software and it all depends on how the building is disconnect, such as if the meter is located within the building then the meter will come out and crimp the line or have the plumber do it and just get confirmation and then a letter is sent to the City confirming that the water line has been disconnected from the structure. Matt asked everyone if they saw the email which was sent out and everyone said that they had seen the email and Matt

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asked if there was anything, Utility companies, missing from the list. Mitch stated that he gets disconnects from all the utility companies. Tim asked if everyone was looking to see if the demo companies had the State authorization documents for Asbestos and John stated that we did not and Tim stated that Overland Park does not do it either. John stated that all that Merriam requires is the 10-day notification document for the project if it is commercial, residential does not require that document. Travis stated that Leawood's local ordinance requires an asbestos assessment which is just a little more than what the State requires, even on residential structures and they might change that when the 2018 codes are adopted. Tony stated that he contacted the State on a house that was being torn down and was sent an email that the asbestos report was not required on the structure even though it was on a commercial lot, so from what he has been told asbestos reports are not required on residential structures and Tim stated that this is not true because he had a contractor contact him a couple of weeks ago that a State Inspector showed up on the job site and they fined him and shut him down. Russell stated that they had something come through their office a couple of weeks ago on lead.

Tim stated that in the last year he has had some issues with the State agencies namely the State Fire Marshal's office and KDAD and his jurisdiction is in the mode as if they want Overland Park to enforce their regulations that they would need to enter into an MOU agreement with the City. John stated that the State did not require us to do it but that they would except the local inspection, it was more of an acceptance if it was okay. Tim stated that the only mess up that they ran into was that the contractor called Overland Park and was upset that the State Inspector was out there and told him that it was Overland Parks responsibility to inform him of the State's requirements were and that was when they got upset about the situation. Mitch stated that on another subject that he received a public notification on some plans which he had turned in to his department on some I-joists that are fire coated and apparently there was a bad mix and there is possibly some off-gassing and there were some options that the builder has and one was to coat the I-joists and the other was to remove the I-joists and the builder chose to remove the I-Joists and keeping the top flange.

Matt stated that on commercial permit they will not release prior to receiving the JCW permit but they will review the plans but on residential they will not even review the plans until the City has received the JCW authorization and he asked if any other City will review the plans prior to JCW and most all other jurisdictions stated that they would review the plans prior to JCW authorization and then just wait for the JCW permit to come in. Matt asked about KDA for restaurant's or food preparation businesses and stated that they only check it before issuing a TCO but that there is no review. Most all jurisdiction's stated that they rely on KDA for inspection of restaurants. Anoush stated that all the City's, if they have any food production systems then they have to notify KDA.

Matt asked about UST's. Tim stated that when they are being removed or installed on the new ones they do inspect them and test them but they do not perform the 2 year or 5 year checks on the storage tanks. Matt asked Tim if they make sure that the paperwork to the State is in order before they issue any permits and the answer was that they did not. Anoush stated that they do inspect the tanks when they are installed per the plans. Matt stated the contractor has to submit paperwork to KDHE and the State for the installation of the UST's. Russell stated that they do not require licenses for tanks to be installed in the ground. Russell stated that when a contractor states that they are going to take down a canopy and remove the fuel tanks and someone says they need a "A" license and the State calls him and really got after him with all the things that they do.

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Anoush stated that Johnson County does a pre-demo inspection when the submit a permit and one reason for this is because in one instance there was a lot of paint left in the house and the contractor was taking down the entire house, which was about 19 years ago.

Replacement of Secretary for JOCOBO- Steve stated that Ken moved over to Baldwin City. No one volunteered for the position. Steve stated that elections are coming up in November and that people are going to have to step up otherwise these positions will not be filled.

Tim stated that he had some items that he wanted to talk about and a couple of weeks ago they had a meeting with the codes and standards test with ICC did there get together where their charge is to get together to appoint people to the committees for the next code cycle. The codes and standard council is a group which reviews all applications and resume's, which they had about 400 applications this year, and they have to pick who goes where and who is the chair and vice chair and those go to ICC Boards of Director's decides who gets on the committee's and who doesn't and it struck Tim that out of all the applications that there was only 1 person from the State of Kansas who applied and that was Mike Davis. Tim stated that he would strongly encourage any jurisdiction with young individuals to get involved because they are really hurting for people and the committees are important and they take a lot of pride in who they put on these committees. ICC Board has kind of tied their hand because they have all these positions and very few applications and from ICC they do not want them double dipping by putting the same person on multiple boards.

ICC has put out a survey on the code development cycle and they had a conference call this week and if you ever go to a code development cycle hearing most of the proposals are not earth shaking but one of the proposals was about "Tabling" and you can move to table and they did not know how that was different then an agenda change, but it was a lot of heart burn. The task for Cross Laminated Timbers and it is really interesting stuff and he had a chance to go to some of the testing and even though it is not in the code at this time Tim would allow them to do it in Overland Park. Tim stated that it meets up to a 4 hour rating and he does not know if they are going to make it to the 2018 cycle because they had a lot of work still yet to do.

Russell stated that he did call the American Wood Council and did talk with several individuals and the comment back to him and until they get 50 engineers in the room they are not interested in coming to the area and Russell asked if Tim would pull some strings for him.

Jay Woodward stated that he Marty who used to be a code official in Wichita and died over the weekend and the 2018 are starting to drift towards the warehouse and by the first some should be ready to go out the door and the energy in the IRC is being held for a challenge to decide some final language. Jay stated that he had binders. Sean stated that Douglas County has purchased their inspector sets as of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Russell stated that he got approval from CLRB to be taught.

Discussion was had on adopting the 2018 codes and how that would work between the different jurisdictions.

**Set Date for Next Meeting:** Meeting to be held at St. Andrew's Golf Club, 11099 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, Ks, on September 15, 2017 at 12:00PM.

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## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 2:233 pm. The motion was made, not sure who made the motion and seconded by Tony Adamson, all members were in favor.

Minutes recorded by Tony Adamson