

Johnson County Building Officials Association (JOCOBO)

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Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2019

St. Andrew's Golf Course Clubhouse – 11099 West 135th, Overland Park, Kansas

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Souders at 10:32 A.M. Those present per the sign-in sheet are as follows:

Officers:	Matt Souders (Lenexa/President)
Members:	Mike Flickinger (Gardner) Jim Brown (Overland Park) Mark Wassom (Olathe) Tony Adamson (City of Merriam/ President)
Associate Members and Guests:	Jim Sherman (JCCL) Jay Woodward (ICC) Greg Paulsen (KC ASHRAE) Tim Ryan (Consultant)

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM. There were 9 in attendance.
- 2) **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The prior Meeting Minutes from January were unavailable.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** Bill Sandy sent the Treasurer's report beginning and ending balances and all payments made to date. The treasurer's report was not discussed.
- 4) **Associate Announcements:**
 - a. JOCO Contractor Licensing (JCCL) - Revisit Fire Alarm License -- Jim Sherman
Per Jim Sherman, the Johnson County Licensing Review Board (CLRB) indicated support is needed from JOCOBO to create the new fire alarm license. Mark Wassom said JOCOBO had requested draft language from the former JCCL coordinator. Since we are unable to locate the such language Mark will forward thoughts to Jim Sherman on proposed licensing language. Mark said alarms are more of a safety item than suppression. Suppression is more of a property protection item than alarms. Tim Ryan mentioned that State licensing for various disciplines is increasing. He believes it would be good for JOCOBO to create a fire alarm license before the State creates one in order to reduce the potential for State licensing to preempt anything already done by JOCOBO/JCCL. Matt Souders asked how this is different from State roofing licenses. The response was that roofing licenses are a registration rather than a license.
 - b. JOCO Contractor Licensing (JCCL) - April 1-3 education sessions -- Jim Sherman
Jim Sherman summarized the forthcoming April JCCL education session. He indicated they plan to hold multiple sessions for the most popular courses. Registration will open March 1. He plans to send an email to building departments as soon as registration opens. There is a

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class this April for Intergov users. Matt Souders requested a class over the IECC. Jim said he will try to get that for next fall. For the fall session Jim is planning to focus more on classes for inspectors.

Old Business

- a) 2018 Code updates -- Matt Souders
Members in attendance think they'll have their code updates ready mid-year. Most are considering a HERS of 80, but some may go lower. Most jurisdictions are leaning toward 2018 IECC. Matt said Lenexa went with 2012 IECC to reduce amendments so people could still use COMcheck. ASHRAE rep Greg Paulsen mentioned ASHRAE standards have been used for years and are proven effective. Commissioning was brought up. Matt asked Greg if anyone does commissioning. He said yes. It is required for LEED certification and that ASHREA supports commissioning for all new buildings.
- b) Deck Guide - Status update – Anoush: No discussion
- c) Foundation Standard - Does not require sump pit, but the IRC does -- Matt Souders
Matt asked if the guide should be updated to address sump pits in order to align with the IRC. Nobody thought it is necessary.

New Business

- a. JCCL/JOCOBO -- Matt Souders
 - 1) License contracting companies overseeing work vs. performing work.
Matt asked if anyone has seen MEP contractors overseeing work performed by others rather than performing work with company employees. Former JCCL staff indicated work needed to be completed by employees from the licensed companies. JOCOBO members said they are not concerned with an MEP license holder overseeing work performed by non-company employees because the arrangement is similar to the way GCs or roofing contractors oversee work performed by people from other companies.
 - 2) JOCOBO involvement with JCCL program
The JCCL program initially developed through efforts by former JOCOBO officers including the former Building Official from Johnson County. Considering JOCOBO and JCCL personnel changes the relationship between the two organizations is being re-visited. The discussion started with Matt Souders asking for the group's opinion on how much input they think JOCOBO has toward directing the JCCL program. Tim Ryan said the intent when the program was established is that JOCOBO would maintain a level of influence over the program's direction. Matt said that JCCL needing endorsement from JOCOBO to create a fire alarm license supports Tim's thoughts. Jim Brown said there is nothing in the County's original adoption of the JCCL program that indicates JOCOBO would have influence in directing the program. He thinks the only influence that building officials have is whether or not to participate in the program. JOCOBO members believe the

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relevancy of the JCCL program is somewhat dependent on the collective participation of JOCOBO members. Jim Sherman said the relationship between JOCOBO and JCCL is intended to be jointly cooperative...(paraphrasing) he said the relationship is for the purpose of “protecting the public welfare by establishing and maintaining minimum standards for licensing contractors and by providing quality continuing education to enhance contractor knowledge of building codes” (JCCL Mission Statement)”

A couple of concerns brought up are as follows:

Mark Wassom doesn't understand why a complaint to the County Licensing Review Board (CLRB) has to be submitted by a code official.

Matt is concerned that an appeal to a CLRB decision would go to the Board of County Commissioners.

Tim Ryan suggested drafting a memorandum of understanding (MOA) between JOCOBO and JCCL to refine the relationship. Jay Woodward believes an MOA is a good idea in order to avoid potential/future challenges that may arise between the two organizations. Jim Brown suggested JOCOBO invite the County attorney and the CLRB Chairman to a JOCOBO meeting to exchange thoughts and information. Matt suggested getting more input/discussion from the broader JOCOBO group before inviting them to a JOCOBO meeting.

Participation/support for JCCL from the contracting community is critical to the program.

b. HB 2026 Recap -- Matt Souders

According to sources involved with State legislation the HB 2016 is unlikely to go anywhere for now. Although it could come back in the future. Tim Ryan attended the hearing. He believed the comments in opposition were stronger than the comments in favor.

Set Date for Next Meeting: Meeting to be held at St. Andrew's Golf Club, 11099 W. 135th St., Overland Park, KS, on March 15, 2019 at 12:00PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 1:49 pm.

Minutes recorded by Matt Souders