

# **Johnson County Building Officials Association**

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**Meeting Date: January 16, 2009 - 12:00 P.M**

*Location: St. Andrews Golf Club – 11099 W. 135 St., Overland Park, KS*

## **MINUTES**

- 1) **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:39 PM. There were 19 in attendance: Jim Jorgensen, Steve Chick, Bill Sandy, Eirene Oliphant, Jerry Anderson, Jim Brown, Mike Flickinger, Jerry Mallory, Steve Thompson, Herb Warren, Paul Cast, Chuck Stevens, Rolland Grigsby, Matt Hissong, JD Lorentz, Stan Parsons, Tina Rakes, Sean Reid, and Art Moore.
- 2) **Approval of meeting minutes:** December minutes were submitted. Eirene Oliphant advised that Jim Brown’s name was incorrectly listed as “Pat Brown”. Motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Steve Thompson with a second from Mike Flickinger. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer’s report:** Eirene O. provided the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance was \$6924.19. During the month there were deposits of \$1090.00 and \$172.50 in expenses with an ending balance of \$7841.69. Motion by Steve T. with a second by Mike F. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Associate announcements:**
  - a. Stan Parsons distributed a handout of the Residential Building Permit Statistics for the Greater Kansas City area and the 2009 Economic Forecast – a brief discussion followed.
  - b. Sean Reid announced the Johnson County Contractor Licensing Training that will occur on February 18, 19, 20 at the Overland Park Convention Center. Sean encouraged everyone to signup online and to do so early as the classes will fill up quickly. Sean advised about an Erosion and Sediment control class that was being offered with the opportunity to become a Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector in Johnson County. In response to Jim Jorgensen’s question, Sean advised that the course was open to everyone.
  - c. In response to Jim J.’s inquiry, Sean advised that Johnson County Contractor Licensing was looking for a recommendation from the Johnson County Building Officials whether or not to require licenses for framing and concrete contractors.

5) **New Business:**

- a. JOCOBO – Self Evaluation. Jim J. asked for input about the current direction of the organization. Bill Sandy suggested that JOCOBO scale back the goals and focus on fewer items to more effectively address items that have been on the agenda for several months. Jim stated that one of the problems in addressing several items was time constraints because of other demands. Steve T. also suggested scaling down to single issues which the organization deemed important and handling those items at the JOCOBO meetings. He stated that this would help develop consensus rather. Discussion followed and members discussed several ways to help develop consensus and pointed out that it was difficult to develop complete consensus due to the different points of focus of each, individual, city that members represent. Steve T. pointed out some of the successes that JOCOBO has achieved as a result of information that is shared by member cities. Jim J. asked if there were any specific issues that members felt were important to the members that they felt that JOCOBO needed to spend more time on. Matt Hissong stated that the group should focus on licensing framers and concrete contractors. Sean R. and Jim J. pointed out that if there isn't consistency within the organization training through Johnson County Contractor Licensing becomes fragmented. Herb Warren pointed out that even though some issues (foundation drainage) aren't considered important to each member of the organization doesn't mean they aren't worthy of being pursued by the organization. - Discussion followed. Eirene O. did not believe that it was possible to get unanimous acceptance of what items JOCOBO should pursue. Steve T. and Sean R. suggested the idea of creating a list of "hot topics" that could be pursued by the organization. Steve T. mentioned and Jim J. agreed that one of the best things about JOCOBO was the camaraderie and the sharing of experiences, opinions and ideas that made the organization stronger. Steve Chick said that the meetings and sharing of ideas were very helpful for smaller jurisdictions that don't run into the variety of problems that a larger city would on a frequent basis. Bill S. asked if others felt that the organization had any real visibility in the community. He did not believe that most contractors outside of the association were aware that JOCOBO existed. Sean R. disagreed and stated that he believed that the organization was recognized for some of the work and goals it has achieved. Sean R. suggested that the organization could encourage education, participate in the Johnson County Contractor Licensing trade show. Steve T. did not believe that the association should be used by outside companies for product representation, but rather for the sharing of information.
- b. JOCOBO Work Plan for 2009 - Jim J. asked the group for ideas about items that they felt should be discussed and worked on for the year. The following items were suggested:

1. Deck Guideline issues
  2. Licensing for framing and concrete contractors
  3. Notification of subcontractors listed on a building permit
  4. Enforcement of Manual J and D requirements
  5. Window Installation Guide
  6. Residential Plan Review
  7. Booth at Johnson County Contractor Licensing Seminar.
  8. Foundation drainage.
  9. Adoption of 2009 Code
  10. Sprinkler systems in single family dwellings
  11. KCPL emergency response
  12. Foundation drainage
  13. Erosion Control
  14. Structural calculation standards
  15. Special Inspection Qualifications
6. **Old Business:** Website: -Sean R. – Needs to correct linking problems.
7. **Code Chat:** Exterior Landscaping stairs - Herb W. discussed problems with uniform rise/run for exterior stairs. Steve T. said that once the stairs with the ground it becomes a landscaping issue. Rolland Grigsby suggested that the issue be addressed by an ordinance standard.
8. **Set Date for Next Meeting:** Meeting to be held at Overland Park Convention Center at on February 20, 2009.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Submitted by:

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Bill Sandy  
City of Fairway Building Official