

Village of Wimberley
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas 78676

Building Code Board of Review Meeting
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, ~~May 10, 2006~~ - 6:30 p.m.

6-14-06

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm.
2. Present were Gary Brim, Tracey Dean, Horace Wilson, Neel Morton, Bill Bowers, Public Works Assistant, Roxanne Hinders, Wimberley Fire Department.
3. Absentees – Marty Walker, Darrell Dudley, Guy Rollins.

Public Comments – *None*

Minutes of previous meeting on 5/10/2006 were approved as corrected.

A. Reports: - None

B. Consider & Act:

1. Discuss recommendation of adoption of additional Family of Codes.
Item was tabled until changes from previous editions can be provided and reviewed. Place this item on Work Session agenda.
2. Variance request by Frank and Brenda Dubuisson for hand rails on front steps to a house. *Item was reviewed and denied on the basis of the following.*
 - *Raising the earth at the sides of the stairs would not qualify for the omission of guards as the requirement is based on the total "rise" of the stairs from the walk to the porch level. The 7 risers currently have a total rise of 38.5" from the grade below to the porch floor above which exceeds the 30" maximum stated below.*

SECTION R316
GUARDS

R316.1 Guards required. Porches, balconies or raised floor surfaces located more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below shall have guards not less than 36 inches (914 mm) in height. Open sides of stairs with a total rise of more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below shall have guards not less than 34 inches (864 mm) in height measured vertically from the nosing of the treads.

R316.2 Guard opening limitations. Required guards on open sides of stairways, raised floor areas, balconies and porches shall have intermediate rails or ornamental closures that do not allow passage of a sphere 4 inches (102 mm) in diameter. Required guards shall not be constructed with horizontal rails or other ornamental pattern that results in a ladder effect.

Exception: The triangular openings formed by the riser, tread and bottom rail of a guard at the open side of a stairway are permitted to be of such a size that a sphere 6 inches (152 mm) cannot pass through.

C. Work Session/Discussion:

1. **Differences in Fire Dept. codes.** *Roxanne Hinders, Wimberley Fire Department presented reports indexing where changes occur between 2000, 2003, & 2006 editions of the International Fire Code. She also submitted a detailed report of Chapter 1-Administration significant changes which included the Fire Chief's suggested amendments to the Code. The board requested the submission of similar details on balance of the chapters as soon as possible and prior to the July meeting.*

D. Announcements & Requests for Future Agenda Items

1. **Consider and Act:** *None requested.*
2. **Work Session/Discussion:**
Add - Discuss recommendation of adoption of additional Family of Codes.
Add - Problems with member absences

Adjournment –*motion passed unanimously.*

Recorded: Horace Wilson