



Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board APPROVED MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2016**

The Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board convened on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at the LRC Airport Facility, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Austin, TX.

Robert Thornton, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Joseph Bowie, Stephen Cox, David Dixon, Jerry Garza, William Harris, and Robert Thornton. **Not in Attendance:** Joseph Cooper and Michael Lumbley.

Staff Members in Attendance: Julie Kirby, Jose Roig, Trebor Brown, Tony Hernandez, and Robert Stefani, and AFD Capt. Schumacher.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Monty Lowell and John Mata support adoption of the Uniform Plumbing Code.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 24, 2016 meeting was approved as written on a motion from Vice Chair Cox second by Bowie for a 6-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Recent changes to the City's "Temp Gas" process for commercial phasing projects.**
The Board and staff agreed that gas should be turned on for the "Plumbing Rough Inspection" to test systems, for projects such as restaurants, and only the final inspection would include AFD's inspection. For occupancies, such as highrises, all inspections will continue to be phased. Staff agreed to update the process.
 - b. **Property Owner Cut Off and Austin Water request for plumbing code changes, possible retroactive code requirements for existing installations.**
The Staff would like to add a "property owner cut off" definition to the Code, which would clarify the AWU future conversion to digital water meters. The definition would include that a 3inch with bypass or larger, that the cutoff may be in the vault, where anything less than 3inch the cutoff should be outside and accessible.
4. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**
 - a. **Local amendments for the adoption of the 2015 Uniform Mechanical Code.** Staff is still working with stakeholders and finalizing a draft of the UMC and UPC for the next Board meeting.
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - Follow up on Temp Gas process.
 - Review draft code amendments for the Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical Codes.
 - The Board requested next meeting in early October.
5. **ADJOURN** – Chair Thornton made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.