

**Minutes
Board of Appeals
Council Chambers
March 8th, 2011, 8 a.m.**

Members Present

Trent Christiansen, Julian Pearson, Daryl Christensen, Keith Thompson and Tim Fonder

Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Keith Allenstein, Chuck Benson, Elton Byre, Thad Schetnen, Kenny Anderson Jr., Rodney Fitz and Dean Lanier

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Christensen and a second was made by Mr. Fonder to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2010 hearing. Yeses, 5. Noes, 0.

New Business

1. The file was opened for Appeal No. 1-2011. Elton Byre opened the discussion. Mr. Byre gave a background of his rental business and introduced his sons in law who were present, Thad Schetnan and Chuck Benson. He specified that he is the owner of an existing apartment building located at 219 S. Menlo Avenue which was constructed in 1967. The building's fire alarm panel which is 43 years old was disabled due to an electrical malfunction. Mr. Shetnan detailed that the fire alarm panel had been replaced. In addition to the fire alarm panel the rate of rise heat detectors, the smoke detectors in the commons area, and the smoke detectors within the apartments (which are not tied into the fire alarm system) were replaced. At issue is Fire Prevention's policy to require that the audibility of the fire alarm system be capable of current NFPA 72 standards for a panel replacement, specifically the 15 dba above ambient noise level within the sleeping areas. Mr. Shetnan specified that the installed fire alarm system for the building met the code at the time of construction, which in 1967 did not include minimum audibility requirements.

Dean Lanier of the Fire Prevention Bureau specified that the system within the building was 5 years past due for yearly maintenance and certification. The intent of the policy is to assure that a replaced fire alarm panel would assure that the fire alarm system perform consistent with minimum audibility provisions, to awake a sleeping individual upon

activation of the system. He specified that there have been no test to date verifying the audibility within the respective sleeping rooms of the apartment building located at 219 S. Menlo Avenue.

Mr. Byre requested that the Board accept the replacement of the fire alarm panel back into a working condition without any additional modifications to any other portion of the fire alarm system.

A motion was made by Mr. Christensen and a second was made by Mr. Pearson to accept the replacement of the fire alarm panel at 219 S. Menlo Avenue without additional modifications to the existing fire alarm system; and to direct the Fire Prevention Bureau to develop an ordinance to address the audibility requirements for modifications to fire alarm systems that were installed prior to 1972. Yeses, 4. Noes, 1.

Secretary