

**Minutes
Board of Appeals
Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 8 a.m.**

Members Present

Tim Fonder, Dave Van Nieuwenhuizen, Liz Squyer, Jarrod Smart, and Allison Dvorak

Guests Present

Wayne Wagner, Paul Hess, Diane Dekoyer, and Bob Serk

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Squyer and a second was made by Mr. Smart to approve the minutes of Appeal 5-2013 heard on November 26, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **Appeal No. 1-2014.** Plans were presented to the Board for the renovations on an existing apartment building located at 322 S. Duluth Avenue. The original apartment building was constructed with a split level entry. The renovations included a ramp on the east elevation to accommodate an accessible route that previously did not exist. The ramp requires the installation of handrails on each side. The handrail on the building side would extend across the clear openable area of an egress window that serves a bedroom. To accommodate the new accessible route, Wayne Wagner of Affordable Housing Solutions and Paul Hess of Community Development requested that the handrail be terminated at the window to accommodate the clear openable space to for emergency escape of rescue. Inasmuch as the handrail provisions require that the handrail be continuous without interruption, a motion was made by Ms. Squyer and a second was made by Mr. Smart to relocate the openable portion of the egress window below the a handrail to allow both a conforming clear egress and rescue opening and a continuous handrail serving the ramp. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary