

FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

For the May 2024 Meeting.

MEETING DETAILS

Date:May 09, 2024Time:9:00 AMLocation:Government Center South – Conference Room B

Member Attendance

Present		Means of Participation
Yes	No	
\boxtimes		In Person
\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
		NA
\boxtimes		In Person
\boxtimes		In Person
		NA
\boxtimes		In Person
\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
\boxtimes		In Person
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1. Call to Order.

Chairman Murua called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. Roll Call.

A roll call was taken, quorum was met. See above for details on member attendance and means of participation.

3. Review and Action on April 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Approve with no corrections.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

4. IDHS Reports and Updates

i. IDHS Variance Determinations Report as required by 675 IAC 12-5-6.2(f) – Commission acknowledged receipt of report. No questions.

5. State Building Commissioner Interpretations

i. None

1. Rulemaking Updates

i. **Electrical Code Update Committee –** Making good progress. Wrap-up meeting scheduled next week. Additional meetings may be required. Public notice of additional

meetings will be posted as necessary.

- ii. **Building Code Update Committee –** Making good progress. Chapters 11-15 up for review. Joint meeting next month to discuss a few chapters that need to be consistent across fire and building code committees.
- iii. Fire Code Update Committee The following items were presented to the Commission for action:
 - a. Architect vacancy Craig Burgess.
 - b. Updated bylaws to include Craig Burgess as Architect rather than Crystal Kent

Motion: Approve Craig Burgess as replacement, amend minutes		
to reflect.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\mathbf{X}	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

- iv. **Lift Device Update Committee –** The following items were presented to the Commission for action:
 - a. New members --
 - b. New bylaws to reflect new membership.

Motion: Approve replacements, amend minutes to reflect, reduce quorum to 3.

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

- v. Rule Readoptions
 - a. Notice of Public Comment Period for Rule Readoption (through May 10th).
- vi. Non-rule Policy Documents
 - a. Routine Repairs on Pressure-Retaining Items

2. Variances

- a. Tabled
 - i. 24-01-44 Fortify Homes (Auburn) Project in front of the Commission for a few months, tabled multiple times. Requesting a variance to omit sprinklers from the building and omit one-hour fire rating between dwelling units for a building built in the 80's as an R-1 motel occupancy, changed to R-2 transitional living occupancy. Adding NFPA 13-R sprinkler system throughout the building to eliminate the need for the first variance request. Still requesting no requirement for one-hour fire separation.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	ç
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	

Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ii. 24-02-31 Selking International (Ft. Wayne) (Proponent requests tabling)

Motion: Tabled.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

iii. 24-03-24 Downstairs Security Door (Evansville) – Asking for locked door in area with children. Dead end corridor, 35 feet long. 60-80 children in the facility per day. Area not regularly used for child care, used as pass-through for gymnasium. Wanting to secure the area to prevent unauthorized area. Other exits from the hallway. Access control only on door leading into child care area. Access control system tied into fire alarm and sprinkler system, smoke detector and pull station located in same area. Magnetic lock used. Plans on DFBS not correct plans. Proponent showed correct plans via shared screen. Worship area sprinklered, 1987 edition is not. Ministry day care. Lisa West, Director of Child Care, noted that church is a registered ministry, so there is oversight from the state. Area not originally purposed for child

care. Discussion was had about adding a delayed egress door with an alarm as an alternative to the discussed security recommendations. Dave Cook notes that mag lock cannot be put on delayed egress device, and that pull station generally only operates magnetic lock, not delayed egress. Tabled until more detailed information can be provided from Sonitrol to see if current proposal is workable.

Motion: Table.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

iv. 24-03-27 Point Biopharma (Indianapolis) – No proponent.

Motion: Table.			
Name	Vo	Vote	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp	\boxtimes		
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		
David Porter			
Kenneth Wagner			
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		

- v. 24-03-37 Nipro PharmaPackaging Addition (Westport) Melissa Tupper presented. Easement agreement established, 80 feet for existing building, 100 for property line, meets requirements for unlimited area. Variance withdrawn.
- vi. **24-03-38 Firebrand Ministries (Lynnville)** Director of Firebrand Ministries presented. Recovery center, seven persons. Barracks-style dorm separation. Building designer provided letter about additional exiting. Chairman Murua inquired as to whether a change of use had been obtained. Chapter 34 analysis by architect previously requested, suggested a second time.

Motion: Table.			
Name	Vo	Vote	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp	\boxtimes		
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\mathbf{X}		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich			
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		

Motion: Table.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	

David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

Commission broke from 10:25am to 10:40.

- b. New
 - i. 24-04-43(a)(b) Hangar 814 (Indianapolis) Requesting fire suppression system per NFPA 409 2022 edition. Forwarded to the Commission because requesting use of a newer edition of the code. Also asking for high-expansion foam system to require manual activation instead of automatic activation. LFO is not opposed, but IDHS did not receive comment before forwarding to Commission. Christina Collester presented. Foam systems incredibly expensive and easy to activate on automatic systems, foam corrosive to plane environment, must be removed and treated as hazardous waste. Air force found that wet pipe system design good to address all fires, fuel spills do not usually create fires, collected underneath hangar to be treated as hazardous waste. Latest edition allows for hazard risk analysis to allow for wateronly system.

Motion: Approve with the following conditions: no heavy maintenance and requires LFO's approval.			
Name	Vote		
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp			
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\mathbf{X}		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		

ii. 24-04-44(a)(b) Warehouse Alteration (Evansville) – Removal of existing fire suppression system, no structurally independent firewall. LFO has indicated that they are not in support of variance. When variance filed proponent believed that building was over area, but is actually within allowable area for S1 occupancy. Steel building with wood frame, allowable area 13,500 square feet, current building area. Originally part of a lumber yard. Change of use may negate the need for a variance. Commission discussed whether that would be the appropriate use. Tabled while proponent gets letter from water company demonstrating that water company is forcing change and unwilling to work with owner. Untabled after proponent provided copy of letter from water utility.

Motion: Table.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

Motion: Untable.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	

David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

Motion: Approve.			
Name	Vo	Vote	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp			
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua		\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich			
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner			
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		

iii. **24-04-45 Phoenix Fort Wayne International Harvester (Ft. Wayne) –** NFPA 72 requires two transmission channels, requesting one channel. No proponent.

Motion: Table.			
Name	Vo	Vote	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp			
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich			
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		

Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	
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iv. 24-04-46(a)(b) St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Roof Terrace (Indianapolis) – Requesting to replace doors with doors of same size, rooftop terrace horizontal exits used more than prior approved variances. 2200 square feet, roof of a one story parish hall that is under construction. Small courtyard to the east, designer attempted to design a stairway that would fit but is not possible due to equipment and narrow alley. Means of egress through rectory, but building was built in 1863 with an addition in 1878.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	X	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

v. 24-04-47(a)(b) and 24-04-48(a)(b) The Farm Multifamily – Building B and C (Zionsville) – Variances already approved on Building A.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	

Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

vi. **24-04-49 and 24-04-55(a)(b) Locked Up Granger** – Tenant Remodel at Toscana (Granger) – Asking to not have hardware attached to door leaf, posted occupant load of 47, asking not to meet the requirements of special amusements. Proponent willing to tie door locks to alarm system to disengage electromagnetic locks. Door locks approved on other game room setups. Rooms limited to six occupants, always monitored. Was told to seek a variance as a special amusement. Variance 49 **withdrawn**. 55(b) NVR, does not meet definition of special amusement.

Motion: Approve with the condition: Egress doors shall remain unlocked from path of egress, means of egress readily apparent, doors on schedule.		
Name	Vote	-
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

vii. **24-04-50(a)(b) Hobart ASRS Expansion (Hobart) –** Requesting variance to NFPA standards for piping slope in racks, allow 16 feet spacing instead of 15. LFO submitted comment form in support after referral.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No

Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

viii. **24-04-51 Nebron Boys Home – Remodel (Lyons) –** Allow kitchenette to open to corridor. Melissa Tupper presented. Plumbing already exists in kitchenette area, cannot be reconfigured to be compliant. Other existing structures and projects have similar setup. Warming kitchen only, does not serve more than 30.

Motion: Approve.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ix. **24-04-52(a)(b) Tent (Greenwood) –** Code prevents temporary structures like a tent to be erected for more than 30 days. Asking for approximately one year setup. No proponent.

Motion: Table.	
Name	Vote

	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

x. 24-04-53(a)(b) Plants Plus Addition (Indianapolis) – Christina Collester. Over-area greenhouse with commercial vehicles. Improvements to egress path signage and emergency lighting. Older building, currently being upgraded. Asking to avoid sprinkler system. Sprinkler would require running new water line, residential water only that does not meet flow requirements. Asking to not install firewall to allow for ease of operations with floral shipping.

Motion: Deny. Motion failed 4-4.		
Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		\boxtimes
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite		\boxtimes
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner		\boxtimes
Michael Zehner		\boxtimes

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	X	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xi. 24-04-54 United Christian Multi-Purpose (Paris Crossing) – Code requires sprinklers for group A3 for over 12k square feet and 300 occupants. Issues with exiting, could host up to 1000 people, would require 3 or 4 exits if including tables and chairs. LFO presented along with members of the church. Including sprinklers would exceed budget of the church, currently not under construction. Total cost of project approximately \$250,000. Warming kitchen. Fire alarm included in design release. No hood for kitchen included in design release. Plan review considered it a warming kitchen. Proponent offered additional exiting if required. Commissioner Cook suggested adding an exit next to overhead door.

Motion: Approve with the following conditions: Egress doors provided in the kitchen, additional exit near overhead door.				
Name	Name Vote			
	Yes	No		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes			
John Crisp				
Harold Davidson				
Todd Hite	\boxtimes			
James Murua				
Scott Pannicke				
Michael Patarino				

Michael Popich		\boxtimes
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xii. 24-04-56 Indian Trail Furniture (Howe) – Request to omit fire suppression system. Large structure. Addition of over 23k square feet.

Motion: Table.			
Name	Vo	Vote	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp			
Harold Davidson			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		

3. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. None

4. Report on Administrative Review

- a. OALP Non-Final Orders Commission Review/Action Required as Ultimate Authority
 - i. DHS-2311-002835 Ronald Davidhizer v. City of Goshen (pending objection period, for information only)
- b. New Cases Monitoring Only
 - i. DHS-2404-000891 Somnath Hospitality v. City of Seymour

c. Ongoing Cases

- i. DHS-2307-002000 Scannell Properties v. City of Bloomington
- ii. DHS-2312-003133 LaPorte County v. IDHS
- iii. DHS-2402-000396 Knight's Inn v. Seymour Fire

d. New Filings – Commission Review / Action Needed

i. None

e. OALP Final Orders – No action required.

i. DHS-2308-002119 – Singh Basra LLC v. Department of Homeland Security

f. Other Administrative Review Matters

i. **1003 Legislation –** Justin Guedel provided an update on OALP legislation regarding changes in Ultimate Authority for cases adjudicated before an Administrate Law Judge effective July 1, 2024.

5. Closing Comments and Final Remarks

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission shall take place on **Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held in the **Indiana Government Center South** in **Conference Room B**. The meeting will also be streamed live via Microsoft Teams.

Public notice and virtual/electronic meeting access details will be provided on the **Commission's Web Page** in advance of the meeting.

7. Adjournment