

Park Commission Meeting
May 29, 2008

Present: Mike Interbartolo, John McLaughlin, Building Commissioner Paul Johnson, Fire Chief John O'Brien and Joan Bell

I. Mt. Hood
A. Fire Alarm Upgrade

The Chief wanted to clarify the Acts of 304 pertaining to Mt. Hood. The Acts of 304 does not change the classification of the building. It states that if you are a building that serves liquor and holds over 100 people the relay switch is a requirement. John explained that in the Fire Marshal's decision it allows the grey area to be determined by the local Chief. John stated he has made the decision and it is that Mt. Hood is required to add the relay switch to the present system.

Mike Interbartolo had a few concerns with the process. The Fire Department came to the Park Commission and stated we had to upgrade the fire alarm system. The Commission hired the engineers to draw up the plans. The Commission then submitted them to the Fire Department for review before they were put out to bid. The plans were drawn up based on the engineer's interpretation of the building classification as on file at City Hall; an A-3 use. There was nothing in the fire departments review that stated 1. You're required to do this in addition to... or 2. This meets the A -3 requirements but we would like you to do x, y, and z. Furthermore when the system was in and the fire department completed their inspection they then said it didn't pass because the relay wasn't installed. Mike stated he lost the credibility in the review process.

The Chief stated the Commission's points were taken and it should have been picked up on in the review, but, moving forward if the relay system is not installed by next Fri. he will have to issue an order to install a sprinkler system.

A John McLaughlin's personal experience is to obey the fire safety professionals' requirements.

Bob Christiansen wanted to know if this is going to change the building classification of an A-3 use. The Chief stated no.

Mike disagrees with the fire departments interpretation and his concern is that down the road he feels that by conceding the Commission is opening themselves up to further exposure.

Mike would like to see the fire department pass the inspection and recommend the Commission to do the additional work. The Fire Chief said he would go along with that. The Commission will have the work done and there is no official ruling saying that the clubhouse is a nightclub or dance hall. Mike believes it will make it harder for someone coming down the road after the present Fire Chief is gone to make those interpretations.

Motion: By Bob Christiansen that the Commission will get a sign off on the inspection of the present system, with the recommendation that the additional work to add the relay switch to the present system will be done within 7 days.

Second: John McLaughlin

Vote: Unanimous