

The Joint Committee on the Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, Cranston, RI on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 2:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Turner, Gagnon, Preiss and Blackburn. Also present were Executive Secretary Thomas Coffey and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following appeals were considered.

File#R060019: Urban Smart Growth, for the property located at 99-1005 Main Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Gagnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the applicant relief for the first variance request which remains as written to include the stair tower to be two (2)-hour fire rated and still maintain the separation from the 4th floor. The second item the Board granted a variance for is the new elevator in the north tower that must be two (2) hour fire rated and the lobby constructed within the north tower stairs that opens to each landing to include the basement will also be two (2) hour fire rated. The Board also included into the variance, the distance of the bathrooms and bathrooms being in the egress passage. The motion passed with Vice Chairman Newbrook recusing himself from the vote.

Old Business:

The Following cases were called for a vote on the subcommittee recommendations from a hearing held on September 11, 2007.

File#R070017: Mr. Mark Van Noppen, for the property located at 334 Broadway, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal was not in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to grant the subcommittee's recommendation for a variance and the Applicant's request for two new issues to be heard at today's hearing. The first item is to allow the applicant to install a glass frameless smoke barrier door, to be kept closed, subject to the final approval of the Providence Fire Marshal's office and for the Board to grant the Providence Fire Marshal's Office the authority to grant a temporary certificate of occupancy for this property. The motion was unanimous.

File#R070018: Mr. Mark Van Noppen, for the property located at 340 Broadway, Providence. The Providence Fire Marshal and Building Official were not in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to grant the subcommittee's recommendation for variance and the Applicant's request for two new issues to be heard at today's hearing. On the first item, the applicant is requesting relief from the accessibility requirements for the office located at 340 Broadway, due to the historic property site that is well above the street on a very tight site. The second issue is to allow the Providence Fire Marshal the authority to grant a temporary certificate of occupancy for the

property. The motion was unanimous.

File#R070019: The property located at 125-127 Waterman Street, Providence. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gagnon, to accept the subcommittee's recommendation for the requested variance. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself from the vote.