

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

Monday - June 22, 1959
11:15 A. M.

Present: Chairman Ray Hume, Claud Smith,
G. E. Randolph, Glen Hopper, and
Secretary R. E. Cheever.
Absent: Norman Hotchkiss.

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This meeting was called so that the Board might consider the request of the S & M Supply Company for a variance from Table 17-A, Chapter 17 of the Uniform Building Code, 1958 Edition, to eliminate the requirement for fire protection of structural columns.

In discussing this item, Mr. Alstatt, the City Engineer, said that the insurance classification now is Group G Occupancy -- storage and sales of incombustible and non-explosive materials. The Code allows elimination of covering the steel beams and roof members but does not allow the elimination of fire protection on columns because if there were a fire in there and the columns were to get hot and turn, the whole building would collapse; if it caused the beams to twist, just the roof would collapse.

Mr. Hopper pointed out that the present occupancy in the building might be OK, but what about 25 years from now? Mr. Alstatt replied that at any time there is a change of occupancy, there has to be a new Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Cheever said that this is a new type of building and that he would like to have the Board go over and look at it. He also said that if we need to make some changes in our Code, we should do so and not have to always call the Board of Adjustment. He also said that we were in no position to grant a variance on this at this time. Mr. Alstatt replied that the code changes on steel buildings will be more restrictive; however, he advised that the Board should get a written report from the International Conference of Building Officials in California before any Code Changes are made, in order to get their thinking

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Mr. Alstatt said that we might want to change the location of some of our fire zoning; however, this particular location should not be changed from fire zone one. Mr. Cheever asked what the difference between Zones 1 and 2 was, and Mr. Alstatt replied that Zone 1 is much more restrictive than Fire Zone 2.

Mr. Hopper made the motion that this matter be tabled until the City Engineer gets additional information; then the Board can go into the matter more thoroughly. Motion seconded by Mr. Cheever, and carried.

Meeting adjourned.

R. E. Cheever, Secretary