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Minutes

Board of Elevator Regulations
1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118
1st Floor – Room 1C
January 29, 2019

Board Members Present:

Stephen Sampson, Chairman
Eric Morse
John O'Donoghue
Brian Ronan
David Morgan
Cheryl Davis
David Gaudet

Guests Present:

Paul Bourgeois (Trader Joe's)
Chris Maguire (Trader Joe's)

Division of Professional Licensure Staff:

Charles Kilb
Ruthy Barros

The Board discussed the following:

1. **899 Boylston Street – Boston, MA [Exhibit 1]**

State ID(s): 1-W-18577

ASME A18.1-2014

Petitioner: Chris Maguire

The petitioner came in front of the Board seeking a variance to install an access keypad to an existing wheelchair lift. The petitioner stated that since early July of 2018, customers have struggled with operating the newly installed ADA compliant lift. When any of the doors on the lift are impeded or forced open or closed, the lift shuts down and is deemed

inoperable until a technician can be on site to restart the lift. This ongoing issue causes frequent interruptions and is creating a hardship for ADA customers. The petitioner stated that a notification bell, as well as proper signage has been installed, but the issue still persists. The Board stated that per the Federal Government, access keypads were not allowed to be installed. The Board made recommendations to the petitioner for a possible solution. The petitioner requested to withdraw his variance request.

Decision: Withdrawn.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes from January 22, 2019 [Exhibit 2]**

A motion was made by Cheryl Davis to accept the minutes with the noted corrections. The motion was seconded by John O'Donoghue. **Vote: 6-0; Granted.** David Gaudet abstained.

3. **110 Broad Street – Boston, MA [Exhibit 3]**

A motion was made by David Morgan to grant the approval of a prototype for an automated parking device, model number VRC-4P, with the changes that were made at the acceptance test to the 3502 key cylinders. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Davis.

Motion: David Morgan

Seconded: Cheryl Davis

Vote: 7-0; Granted.

4. The Chairman brought up concerns regarding emergency elevator phones, particularly in Otis elevators, where the response time for a live person to pick up exceeds what is required by code. A17.1-2013 Section 2.27.1.1.2 (b) states that a live person should answer the emergency elevator phone within 45 seconds. The Board agreed that all units in violation of this code will be written up on a 90-day re-inspection. The Chairman will place this issue on the agenda for the next Elevator Inspector's meeting.

5. **[Exhibit 4]**

The Board also discussed concerns regarding door restrictors being removed or deactivated, which is in violation of A17.1-2013 Section 2.14.5.7.1. This code requirement will be placed on the Office of Public Safety and Inspections' pre-inspection checklist. The Board agreed that if a unit is in violation of this code requirement, the unit will be taken out of service.

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 1: Variance packet for 899 Boylston Street – Boston, MA

Exhibit 2: Meeting minutes from January 22, 2019

Exhibit 3: Second Final Decision for 110 Broad Street – Boston, MA

Exhibit 4: Handout from the Chairman

Motion to Adjourn: John O'Donoghue

Seconded: Brian Ronan

Vote: 7-0; Adjourned.

Hearing concluded at 2:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros