

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2010 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Russell Takata, Douglas Haigh, Timothy Hiu, Brian Kajikawa, Ralph Nagamine, Socrates Bratakos, Gary Chock, and Russ Saito.

Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and Ronald Tanaka, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General.

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. The minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Department of Business Economic Development, Ann Ogata-Deal, Gregg Serikaku, Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Assn., Bob Barrett, Coastal Windows, Mona Higa, DCAB, Harold McDermott, Local 675, Eric Wong, One Stop Windows and Doors, and Anthony Borge, RMA Sales .
4. The Council members agreed to discuss agenda items out of order addressing the adoption of administrative rules and legislative bills first.
5. Adoption of administrative rules
 - a. Socrates Bratakos reported that the State Fire Code was approved by the Governor and became effective on January 1, 2010.
 - b. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the State Electrical and Plumbing Codes are ready for the Governor's approval. The State Building and Energy Conservation Codes are with the International Code Council for revisions suggested by the Legislative Reference Bureau for the clean version of the administrative rules. Additionally, the Council is responding to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) to a request they received for exemption for jalousie windows. The SBRRB has deferred approval of this code pending the review of the Council's response to this request. The Chair requested that the State Electrical and Plumbing Codes be submitted to the Governor for final approval.
 - c. The State Residential Code is pending preliminary approval from the Governor to proceed to public hearing. Kerry Yoneshige also reported that this code is also with the City and County of Honolulu for revisions suggested by the Legislative Reference Bureau to the ramseyer version fo the draft rules.

6. The Chair noted that two bills, one on photovoltaic readiness of new residences and one for net zero consumption were bills that could affect the Council. Council members voted to allow the Chair to provide testimony to legislature on these bills. The message to be provided in the testimony would be as follows;
 - a. Photovoltaic readiness: Support the idea but allow the Council time to determine the technical merits.
 - b. Net Zero; Support the idea but allow the Council time to determine the feasibility.

7. Public comment was made that the jalousie window and air filtration requirements of the State Energy Conservation Code were too restrictive. Council members felt that this Code provided sufficient exemption for homes designed to fit the weather in Hawaii. Members of the public questioned who would use the window exemption template which the Council members noted would be the designer of the new residences. Council members and members of the public who were interested in the subject agree to discuss it further in the investigative committee meeting addressing the 2009 IECC following the Council meeting.

8. Investigative Committees
 - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; The Chair of the committee provided a summary of the amendments required and noted that approximately half were editorial amendments.

 - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: Chair reported that the committee will be concluding its meetings on proposed amendments to the 2009 IBC this week. The recommendations will be consolidated with those provided by the Structural Provisions committee. Once the proposed amendments to the IBC are completed, the committee will begin on the IRC (Residential Code) to be followed by the IEBC (Existing Building).

 - c. Elevators; Council members noted that the 2009 IBC references to elevators for fire use and appropriate section of the IBC will be sent to Kerry Yoneshige for transmission to Keith Rudolph for followup.

 - d. A/C Ventilation; It was noted that the draft administrative rules at the moment are not at the Governor's Office but at the Department of Health, pending approval for public hearing. Question was raised as to the technical requirements of the draft code. As a result, the Council will review the technical aspects of this draft code and make any required decisions at the following meeting. Bill Brizee will review

this code with mechanical engineers to determine if there is a need for a mechanical code investigative committee.

- e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; IAPMO is conducting training in Hawaii on the neighbor islands on the 2006 UPC in February.
 - f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; Chair noted that the committee will be addressing the jalousie window issue.
 - g. State Fire Code; Evaluation being done if the latest version of this code will be based on the NFPA 2009.
 - h. Training on State building codes; Training will be conducted on the IBC, NFPA, and NEC in the upcoming months.
 - i. Window template; The Chair and Paul Norton are refining the template.
9. Next meeting agenda items
- a. Presentation on air conditioning draft administrative rules
 - b. Legislative update
10. The next meeting date will be March 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.