BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF April 13, 2010 MEETING

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

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. The minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Department of Business Economic Development (DBEDT), Ann Ogata-Deal, Gregg Serikaku, Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Assn., Mona Higa, DCAB, Harold McDermott, Local 675, Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference), Dwight Perkins, IAPMO (teleconference), and Anthony Borge, RMA Sales. Mr. Perkins described the books that had been sent to the county building officials covering the plumbing code, mechanical code, and the green supplement to the plumbing and mechanical code. Mr. Stevenson also noted that the ICC has also released a public comment version of their green code.

4. Russell Takata of the Department of Health distributed a summary and draft Hawaii Administrative Rule 11-48 covering ventilation systems. Mr. Takata noted that the significant changes include the “cradle to grave” license to utilize air-conditioning or ventilating systems, license applicant will be the building owner, operator, or agent for the building and the licensed professional designer shall use national and/or international standards. He also noted that fees will be charged for licenses. Because the draft rules propose fees, preliminary approval for a public hearing has not been received and is not expected until the end of the year.

5. The Council discussed the need to create an investigative committee for the adoption of the mechanical code. Based on information received on the adoption of draft Hawaii Administrative Rule 11-48, the Council decided that it was not necessary to form an investigative committee as there was no pressing issue to address.

6. Investigative Committees
   a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; No report
b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: No report

c. Elevators; No report

d. A/C Ventilation; Discussed previously

e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; Awaiting adoption of the 2006 UPC (State Plumbing Code) before commencing.

f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; The committee expects to complete the jalousie window issue at today’s meeting and complete the 2009 proposed amendments by the end of the year.

g. State Fire Code; State Fire Council will hear motion at May meeting to adopt the 2009 NFPA. The State Fire Council will also be holding training sessions on the State Fire Code on all islands in June.

h. Training on State building codes; Dwight Perking noted that IAPMO conducted training on Maui (22 participants), Kauai (14 participants), Oahu (148 participants), and Hawaii (14 participants). Code books were provided at no cost to all governmental participants. The training was conducted by IAPMO as their part in the adoption of the UPC as the State Plumbing Code.

7. Adoption of administrative rules
   a. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the State Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes are awaiting the Governor’s approval. The Council has responded to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) and will be on SBRRB agenda for April 21, 2010 for approval of the State Energy Conservation Code.
   b. The State Residential Code is pending preliminary approval from the Governor to proceed to public hearing.

8. Next meeting agenda items; None

9. The next meeting date pending as Tim Hiu and Ralph Nagamine will not be available on the second Tuesday of May. Kerry Yoneshige will poll members on alternate date.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.