

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF April 17, 2012 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Dean Seki, Jim Reinhardt, and Jai Ho Cheng (via Video Conferencing), Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); and Patricia Ohara, Department of Attorney General Office.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revisions.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Ann Ogata-Deal, Mark Unemori, (DBEDT); Dan Chun, American Institute of Architects; William Brizee; Peter Lee (Hawaii LECET); Gregg Serikaku (PAMCA); Harold McDermott (Local 675); Denise Otsuka (DOH); Lloyd Rogers (State Fire Council); Dwight Perkins (IAPMO); Gladys Marrone, BIA; and Kraig Stevenson and Kevin Scott, International Code Council (via teleconference)
4. Public comments: none
5. Report from the Subcommittee of County Building Official (the Subcommittee) recommends that the public proposal for amendment to the 2009 International Building Code (IBC) from MW Group, Ltd which was to adopt the IBC sections regarding assisted living facilities without any amendments now in the State Building Code. The Department of Health submitted a letter in support of the MW Group, Ltd proposal. Ralph Nagamine made a motion to approve the Subcommittee recommendation, Douglas Haigh seconded the motion and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
6. Investigative Committee updates
 - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2009 International Building Code (IBC); Kauai reported that they will be making a clarification amendment to the adoption of the State Building Code (2006 IBC), which defines open and partial enclosures to eliminate confusion on whether or not a safe room is required.
 - b. Investigative Committee on 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code; Chair of the Committee passed out the 2012 UPC code books to the Subcommittee members and to the Department of Health (DOH). A significant change in the book is the use of non potable water on residential properties and Committee is working with DOH on review of the new code. Work on

the code is progressing but the investigative committee is also awaiting action on the Council's continued action.

- c. Investigative Committee on 2012 Energy Efficiency Standards; Chair of committee passed out proposed amendments to the 2012 IECC which included credits for various lighting sources. Suggestion came up that the University of Hawaii School of Architecture be contacted to assist in studies of the proposed amendments. It was also mentioned that the 2012 International Green Construction Code which is a layover code has been issued.
 - d. Investigative committee on 2009 State Fire Code; Chair of the committee noted the State Fire Council has reviewed the proposed amendments and noted that some of the amendments have been included in the 2012 NFPA One and is now considering adopting that version. Additionally, the Chair added that the State Fire Code based on 2006 NFPA One has been adopted by Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii. Maui has not adopted that code.
 - e. Investigative committee on training on state building codes; the County of Kauai will hold plan review classes in Kauai on the 2006 IBC and include a checklist required with all plans submitted for approval. The AIA proposed a certificate checklist on all plans and AIA was then asked to develop a proposal of what the checklist certificate would look like.
 - f. Investigative committee on fire sprinkler implementation in new 1 and 2 family dwellings; BIA reported that they did a presentation to the committee on fire sprinklers and are opposed to the mandatory requirement.
7. County update
- a. Oahu; Bill 35 submitted for the 2006 IBC and IRC. The 2006 UPC is an interim code.
 - b. Kauai; 2006 IBC and IRC has passed first reading and the 2009 IECC has been adopted
 - c. Maui; 2006 UPC, IBC, and IRC adopted and 2009 IECC with corporation council
 - d. Hawaii; 2006 UPC adopted in November 2011
8. Legislative update
- a. Lloyd Rogers reported that a bill has been revised to require fire sprinklers only when the fire department has limited access and buildings used for agricultural purposes will not be required to get building permits
 - b. The building code bill introduced by Representative Herkes regarding the Council and Natural Disaster Commission is no longer active in the legislative session
9. Next Meeting Agenda
- a. How can the Council operate after July 1, 2012

- b. What are the requirements for volunteers
- c. Sunshine Law requirements for new Council members

10. Next meeting date; May 8, 2012

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.