

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Timothy Hiu, Douglas Haigh, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Jerry Haruno, Socrates Bratakos, William Brizee, Excused: Keith Rudolph, Brian Kajikawa Staff present: Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General, Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Russ Saitio called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The minutes of the August 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to the revision the last sentence of item 9 to revise Doug Haigh's comment to state his concern on the continued reimbursement of neighbor island council members travel.
3. The following members of the public introduced themselves, Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC) via telephone, Larry Uyehara, DAGS, Mona Higa of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Beverley Ishii-Nakayama, ACECH, Patty Johnson, Department of Human Services (DHS), and Richard Meyers, AIA.
4. Following the introductions, Patty Johnson thanked the Council and the Subcommittee of County Building Officials (the Subcommittee) for the inclusion of the assisted living amendments submitted by the DHS.
5. Timothy Hiu, chair of the Subcommittee, discussed the process that the investigative committee on the International Building Code (IBC) went through including input from various organizations such as the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii to produce a document that contained the proposed amendments for the Subcommittee to review. He concluded by saying that the Subcommittee had completed their review and were recommending to Council a package of amendments to the 2006 IBC to the Council. Council members received a copy of the recommended amendments to the IBC. Tim explained that the amendment document was subject to the following items being revised or confirmed; revision of the indigineous architecture tables, final wind maps, and confirmation letter from State Civil Defense on revisions to Appendix U, and Section 1609.1.2 of Appendix W and confirmation of compliance with FEMA guidelines. Tim then made a motion that proposed rules to adopt the State Building Code as recommended by the Subcommittee be approved subject to the revision of the indigineous architecture tables, final wind maps, and confirmation letter from State Civil Defense on revisions to Appendix U, and Section 1609.1.2 of Appendix W and confirmation of compliance with FEMA guidelines. Socrates seconded the motion and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
6. The Council discussed the administrative rule process including a review by the Small Business Regulatory Review Board, Governor, Attorney General and

Governor. It was also noted that public hearings are required, but only need be held on Oahu. For subsequent meetings, an agenda item will be the status on the administrative rule making process for the 2006 IBC.

7. Investigative committees

- a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: Kerry reported that the Larry Uyehara of the Public Works Division would be providing the technical support to the Council and the Subcommittee. With that, this investigative committee was terminated.
- b. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative committee was requested to submit a report stating how the requirements of the Act were met in the 2006 IBC amendments. Subsequently, this investigative committee will cease and be removed off the agenda.
- c. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The investigative committee was requested to provide a report to the Council outlining the pros and cons of adopting the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Existing Building Code (IEBC). Subsequent to the presentation of the report, the Council will decide whether to proceed with the adoption of these codes.
- d. State Fire Code; The new State Fire Code will be presented at a public hearing in December on Oahu. Hearings will not be held on neighbor islands, but publication of the hearing notice will be done in publications on all islands.
- e. Plumbing Code; The adoption of the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) will be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting in December. Jerry Haruno was asked to assist in obtaining a response from the Department of Health on comments that they had submitted on the adoption of the UPC expressing their concern. Tim will follow up with the plumbers organization on any concerns the exclusion of Appendix K from the adoption of the UPC. An investigative committee to be headed by the Department of Health was also established for individual waste water systems.
- f. Energy Conservation Code: The investigative committee chair asked that the Council consider the adoption of the 2009 IECC. After discussion, the Council felt it necessary to adopt 2006 IECC to put energy conservation provisions in place now rather than wait for the 2009 IECC which could push out adoption at least a year. The Council approved the submission to the Subcommittee for review the amendments to the 2006 IECC.

- g. Electrical Code; The Council approved the submission to the Subcommittee to consider the adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code.
- 8. All investigative committee chairs were requested to submit reports on the status of their committees at each Council meeting starting from the next meeting.
- 9. Vernon Ta'a was requested to review the comments made by the DOH on the adoption of the 2006 UPC. Kerry will send Vernon a copy of the letter sent to the DOH seeking further information on their concerns. Vernon requested that the letter also be sent to Gregg Serikaku.
- 10. Russ Saito demonstrated the Building Code Council website which is being developed and is listed on the DAGS home page.
- 11. Because the November meeting is on a holiday, a meeting date will be determined in either the first or second week of November.
- 12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.