

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Jerry Haruno, Socrates Bratakos, Brian Kajikawa, William Brizee, Excused: Keith Rudolph, Timothy Hiu 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 9:10 a.m.
2. The minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
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, Ernest Lau, DAGS, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Tom See, Department of Health, Kareen Forissier, County of Hawaii, District 9 (Council).
4. Investigative committees.
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative committee reported that the wind maps have been updated and uploaded to the Architects Hawaii website. Also, the chair noted that State Civil Defense (SCD) will be responding to the Council's request for validation of revisions made to the proposed SCD amendments to the 2006 International Building Code.
 - b. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The chair provided a write up summarizing the the committees initial conclusion that the International Residential Code should be included in the State building codes. The committee will be seeking more input from firms where residential projects are their primary business focus before reaching final conclusion on the IRC and expect this will be done in January 2009. The representatives from the plumbers union and industry were also asked to be on this investigative committee. Doug Haigh also noted that plan reviews would be quicker under the IRC and would also facilitate inspection.
 - c. State Fire Code; A request is being sent to the Governor to have the new State Fire Code presented at a public hearings.
 - d. Plumbing Code; Tom See from the Department of Health discussed the concerns (based on letter submitted in August 2008) about the adoption of the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). The major concern is that appendix K conflicts with HAR 11-62 covering cesspool capacity. Mr.

See also noted that the International Private Sewage Code (IPSC) also conflicts with HAR 11-62 although to a lesser extent than the UPC. Suggestion was made to delete appendix K of the UPC and reference HAR 11-62. Concern with the suggestion is that the building codes are suppose to reference national codes and the HAR 11-62 is not based on any national code. As an alternative, Appendix K could be replaced by the IPSC. The DOH will propose amendments to the UPC to address their concerns. Additionally, the DOH acknowledged that they would allow the counties to enforce “gray water” codes.

- e. Energy Conservation Code: The amendments to the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code were adopted and forwarded to the subcommittee of county building officials (the subcommittee). The investigative committee chair was also asked to attend the December 2 subcommittee meeting.
5. All investigative committee chairs were requested to submit reports on the status of their committees at each Council meeting starting from the next meeting.
6. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the draft administrative rules covering the amendments to the 2006 IBC had been submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for review which is expected to be completed by the end of November. After that the amendments will be sent to the Attorney General, Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Small Business Regulatory Review Board), and the Governor for approval to proceed to the public hearings.
7. The Chair requested that a list of the investigative committee chairs and committee members be provided at the next meeting.
8. The next meeting of the subcommittee on December 2, 2008 will cover the review and approval of the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2006 International Energy Conservation Code, and the 2008 National Electrical. All codes and amendments approved by the subcommittee will be presented to the Council at the December 9, 2008 meeting for adoption.
9. Item for next meeting agenda on water retention areas was discussed. Because there are no building codes governing water retention areas, the item will not be discussed by the Council.
10. The next meeting date will be December 9, 2008.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.