

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF April 8, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Socrates Bratakos, Douglas Haigh (VCC), Brian Kajikawa, Keith Rudolph, Jerry Haruno, and Russ Saito. Howard Wiig attended for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as Chair of the investigative committee on the energy conservation code. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Winston Lum, State Fire Council.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. The minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. There were no comments from the members of the public.
4. Russell Takata from the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch of the Department of Health provided an overview on the building codes for air conditioning and ventilation systems. In summary his presentation noted.
 - a. Current building code, permit applied for by architect or mechanical engineer for approval of pre-construction mechanical plan.
 - b. Proposed rule which is planned to be adopted in 2008 would change the permit to a license issued to the building owner and require the owner to maintain the mechanical plan. Proposed rule would eliminate preconstruction mechanical plan permit.
 - c. Council members had concerns about the proposed change in rules as the new rules would not provide for approval of preconstruction building plans in this area of the code.
5. Report from investigative committees
 - a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: Kerry reported that the Governor approved the request to hire a consultant. The investigative committee requested that the draft notice for consultant services for these positions be circulated again for the committee to review, revise, and approve.
 - b. Structural Standards and Provisions; Hurricane shelter presentation made to members of State Civil Defense.
 - c. International Building Code (IBC); Presentation to be made with Agenda item 6.
 - d. State Fire Code; Public hearings on the new State Fire Code are planned for June 2008.

- e. Plumbing and Individual Waste Water Systems Codes; Timothy Hiu noted that Allan Nakamura, Chief Plumbing Inspector for the City and County of Honolulu will chair this committee. Also, Mr. Hiu would be making a presentation to the plumbing industry and would use that forum to solicit members for this investigative committee.
 - f. Energy Conservation Code: Howard Wiig reported that the committee would be meeting in the afternoon of April 8 to come to an agreement on the amendments required for this code.
 - g. Electrical Code; The Council Chair reported that there was no change in status for this committee.
6. William Brizee, chair of the investigative committee for IBC, residential code, and existing building code presented the proposed amendments and supporting schedules to the 2006 IBC. Also present were Sam Dannaway representing the Society of Fire Protection Engineers of Hawaii and Richard Meyers from the AIA-Honolulu Chapter who worked on the amendments and provided parts of the presentation. During the presentation it was noted that the proposed amendments include the DCAB amendments. Not included are amendments for indigenous architecture, aging in place, hurricane shelter criteria, and the mechanical code. Mr. Meyers explained the process on how the investigative committee developed the amendments through research of the different county amendments and determining which ones were adopted by a majority of the counties. He also identified the organizations which participated in the amendment process and those included the BIA, various chapters of the AIA, ICC, structural engineers association, and others.
 7. William Brizee made a motion that the recommendations (the amendments to the 2006 IBC) of the investigative committee for the IBC, residential code, and existing building codes be adopted and submitted to the subcommittee of county building officials. Gary Chock seconded and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
 8. SCR 93 was discussed as it requires adoption of aging in place amendments in the first version of the IBC adopted otherwise the Senate will place the amendments into law.
 9. A question for the AG was raised as to how the Council can adopt colored maps relative to high wind design.
 10. Amendments to the DOH proposed rules presented at this meeting will be placed as an agenda item for the June meeting.

11. The next meeting date will be May 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. The meeting agenda will have no decision making items and will only cover investigative committee reports.
12. During the discussion on the May meeting at the HACBO conference, request was made to have the 2006 IBC amendments made available on the DAGS website. Kerry will look into that request.
13. The subcommittee of county building officials are tentatively planning to meet on April 22 or 29 to discuss the amendments to the 2006 IBC.
14. The meeting was adjourned at noon.