

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of March 10 , 2009 MEETING**

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

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to the following changes:
 - a. Notation that Gary Chock was requested to prepare a request to the Attorney General for an opinion on the relationship between codes adopted by the Council and those adopted by other State departments
 - b. Item 7e should be "ASHRAE" and not "ANSI"
3. Comment was made that the agenda did not have an item to approve the State Fire Code and the State Electrical Code. Those items will be added to the April agenda.
4. The following member of the public introduced them self, via telephone, Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC). Members of the public present were Mona Higa of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Ann Ogata-Deal, Department of Business Economic Development and Toursim.
5. Investigative Committee reports:
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions: 95% of the amendments for the 06 IBC will be applicable to the 06 International Residential Code (IRC).
 - b. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; Will be making recommendation in April on the adoption of the IRC and will use the 06 IRC. ICC requested that funding be provided to cover the cost of the preparation of the amendments. Following the IRC recommendation, the committee will address the International Existing Building Code.
6. Public comment
The following members of the public joined via teleconference, Jean Tessmer, Beth Arnoult, and Ed Weil to discuss the February 20, 2009 petition on the inclusion of accessibility amendments to the 2006 IBC amendments adopted by the Council. Main focus on the discussion was that the new petition utilized DCAB access codes and guidelines.

7. Following the presentation, the Chair created an investigative committee on ADA and referred the February 20, 2009 petition to this investigative committee. Beth Arnoult was identified as the point of contact for the group.
8. Investigative Committees
 - a. State Fire Code; Status to be discussed in administrative rules status portion of the meeting.
 - b. Plumbing Code; The Subcommittee is reviewing amendments to Chapter 16 of the Uniform Plumbing Code.
 - c. International Energy Conservation Code; All counties except for Honolulu is moving toward adoption of the IECC. Howard noted that the ARRA funding does require a plan for implementing the IECC. Funding for energy initiatives may also be available for builders and DBEDT is looking into this. Motion was made and approved to request that a letter be sent to Ted Peck at DBEDT requesting that he pursue obtaining federal funds for training for the counties, builder incentives, etc.
 - d. Electrical Code: Review completed awaiting Council approval.
 - e. Elevator Code: Dumb waiters will be removed from the elevator code. Question was asked if the rail fell under the elevator code and the answer was that it is under federal jurisdiction.
9. The Council approved the support for Senate Bill 2458 which provides funds to counties for the implementation of new building codes. A letter will be sent to the congressional delegation requesting support.
10. Status on adoption of administrative rules.
 - a. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the changes on IBC amendments have been made and is awaiting transmission by CD because the file is too large for email transmission to DAGS.
 - b. Socrates Bratakos is waiting for response from AG on how the signature line on the State Fire Code should be shown.
 - c. Kerry Yoneshige has received the comments on the IECC from LRB.
 - d. Kerry Yoneshige has received the comments on the NEC from the LRB.
 - e. Chair requested that the IBC be forwarded to the Small Business Council for review.
11. The Council reviewed the listing of codes and had the following comments.
 - a. No. 10, Number of toilets will be addressed in UPC amendments. Possible use of table in IBC to UPC which will be addressed at next subcommittee meeting.

- b. No. 11, DOH code will refer to International Mechanical Code, will require engineer's certification but will not be reviewing plans.
 - c. No. 12, No action needed governed by EPA standards
 - d. No. 13 DLIR issues permits for construction, certificates of occupancy, and operating permits for boilers.
 - e. No. 17, left as a place holder.
12. The Chair created a new investigative committee on A/C ventilation to be chaired by Jerry Haruno.
13. Gary Chock presented his draft amendment form. Discussion surrounded on who was to use the form. Conclusion was that the form was to be used by the public filing requests for amendment. The draft form was approved subject to the removal of the first instruction item.
14. The Council discussed SB 1645 on use of bamboo. The position was not to support this bill as a type of bamboo is already approved for use.
15. Next meeting will try to be moved in advance of the second Tuesday of April to the week of March 23 to address the adoption of the State Fire Code and State Electrical Code.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.