

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2012 MEETING**

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

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. The minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Ann Ogata-Deal (DBEDT); Dan Chun, American Institute of Architects; Gregg Serikaku (PAMCA); Harold McDermott (Local 675); Denise Otsuka (DOH); Gladys Marrone, (BIA); , Sherman Wong, Aaron Ackerman, Lauren Roth Venn (USGBC- HI Advocacy), and Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference).
4. Public comments: none
5. International Green Construction Code (IGCC); Sherman Wong current chair and other members of the Hawaii Advocacy group of the United States Green Building Code talked about the purpose of the group and the code. Sherman noted that the group could serve as a resource to the Council to advise on matters concerning the IGCC and other codes. The IGCC itself serves as the guide for design professional and contractors to achieve Leed Certification. There was discussion on how the IGCC could be included in county building codes and it was noted that this code be included in the category of "alternative means" leaving the inspection responsibility to the design professional relieving the counties of the inspection burden. After discussion the Council felt it would be beneficial for this group to participate in the IECC, Plumbing and Building code subcommittees to provide resource information.
6. Proposed revisions to Act 82, SLH 2007; Gary Chock chair of the investigative committee to draft legislation to revising the original act presented his draft legislation. The significant revision was to modify the Council's objective to approving amendments to the model building codes to be used by the counties in their adoption process. The proposed bill also addressed State compliance with county building codes and the phase out of the current State Building Codes. This would eliminate the need for the Council to go through the public hearing process and eliminate one of two public hearing processes (state and county) that are now necessary. This

would also reduce the staff support and the administrative needs required by the council. After discussion, various revisions were agreed to and Gary will prepare another draft of the proposed bill and circulate to members for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Proposed bill to fund Council operations; Dan Chun, chair of the investigative committee to draft a bill to address the funding of Council operations discussed his draft bill concept. Main points were to examine whether the Council should be attached to the DCCA which is how Oregon has organizationally placed the building code council. Different fee alternative based on building permits issued by the counties were discussed. It was also noted that funding could come from licensing fees paid by contractors and design professionals as they benefit from up to date and uniform building codes. This concept along with possible funding from the Hurricane Relief Fund makes the attachment of the Council to DCCA more favorable. Dan will touch basis with the construction industry to get their thoughts on attaching the Council with DCCA.
8. Council meetings after June 30, 2012; to sustain the Council's meetings after June 30, Ralph Nagamine will prepare the agenda and Doug Haigh will prepare the minutes. Pat and Kerry will attend the meetings in an advisory capacity for the Council.
9. Investigative committees
 - a. UPC; Gregg Serikaku had no update from the committee and noted that he has been having difficulty contacting the Department of Health representative to the Council and from the Wastewater Branch.
 - b. Training, Ann Ogata-Deal reported that there would be training on the 2012 IBC and IECC training on the island of Hawaii.
 - c. State Fire Code; the State Fire Council is looking at adopting the 2012 NFPA for the State Fire Code.
10. County update; County of Kauai adopted the 2006 IBC and IRC.
11. Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Review draft legislation from two investigative committees on amendments to the Act and funding the Council's operations.
12. Next meeting date; July 10, 2012
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.