

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

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

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.
2. Seven members from the public introduced themselves, Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC) via telephone, Ernest Lau, DAGS, Eric Nishimoto, DAGS, Mona Higa of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Lane Muraoka, and Jean Tessmer via telephone.
3. Minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revisions noted.
4. Public Comment; Jean Tessmer discussed her views on accessibility and barrier free building codes. An important part of her discussion was the enforcement of building codes adopted by DCAB. Mona Higa of DCAB noted that such enforcement authority would require statutory changes and significant funding for staffing. Russ Saito suggested that Ms. Tessmer provide the Council with a written document containing her ideas for building code amendments and enforcement for the Council's consideration. Special inspections were discussed and the availability of staff certified to conduct such inspections. Kraig Stevenson was asked to provide a URL of the certification requirements of other states.
5. Investigative committees
 - a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: Kerry reported that the request for proposal (RFP) had been through two drafts and was being reviewed by the Department of the Attorney General. The RFP is expected to be issued in July.
 - b. Structural Standards and Provisions; Gary Chock, investigative committee chair noted that the comments from June 10, 2008 meeting were incorporated into the maps. He told the Council that he had consolidated the amendments from the Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii and the AIA into one document for use by the subcommittee of county building officials reviewing the proposed amendments to the 2006 IBC.
 - c. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The committee had a second meeting to review the IRC. The

subcommittee of county building officials also had their second meeting reviewing the 2006 IBC proposed amendments and has done a first pass with the exception of the structural and special inspection amendments. Russ Saito also noted that with the issuance of the 2009 IBC in February 2009, it was important for the Council to complete adoption of the 2006 IBC. To accomplish this, it would be necessary for the Council to approve the amendments at the September meeting. It was also suggested that State departments including State Civil Defense be requested to comment on all amendments.

Various methods of presenting code amendments were discussed including having the ICC host a website with an integrated IBC containing the adopted amendments. Concerns on pricing and cost were noted. Tim Hiu outlined the City and County of Honolulu's method which is to publish the amendments only. Russ Saito said that the establishment of a website for the Council should begin now before the hiring of a contractor to do the executive director responsibilities to facilitate the dissemination of proposed amendment information.

- d. State Fire Code; The new State Fire Code should be presented at public hearings in August and September.
 - e. Plumbing Code; A letter to identified State agencies requesting review and comment on 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) has been signed by the Chair and will be sent out when the copies of the 2006 UPC are received for distribution with the letter.
 - f. Energy Conservation Code: The investigative committee chair reported that the edited version of the amendments would be circulated to investigative committee members for review and that a grant application had been submitted for the early adoption of the 2009 IECC. A requirement of the grant is that there be a 25% in kind matching of the grant which can be done through the work of this investigative committee. DAGS agreed to participate in the investigative committee.
 - g. Electrical Code; No report.
6. The overall process for approving the 2006 IBC amendments was outline.
- a. July 22; The subcommittee of county building officials will review, approve or disapprove the list of proposed amendments.
 - b. Within two to three days, the amendments will be placed on the AIA website.
 - c. State departments including State Civil Defense, DCAB, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will be contacted to provide written and oral comment on the 2006 IBC amendments at the August Council meeting.

- d. The subcommittee of county building officials will review the comments made at the August meeting and make recommendation on the proposed amendments at the September Council meeting.
7. The next meeting date will be August 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.