

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF July 13, 2010 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Brian Kajikawa, Russ Saito, Russell Takata, and Keith Rudolph. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, and Darrel Tano, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.
2. The minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Department of Business Economic Development; Harold McDermott, Local 675; Gregg Serikaku, Pamca; Tony Hair, Breezway; Lloyd Rogers, Honolulu Fire Dept; Mona Higa, DCAB; and Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference)
4. Report from investigative committees (IC)
 - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; The proposed amendments to the 2009 IRC were distributed and a summary of the proposed amendments was discussed by the Chair of the investigative committee. The proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda for the August meeting for decision making for the Council's acceptance and submission to the Subcommittee of County Building Officials for review.
 - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: The Chair of the investigative committee requested that Keith Rudolph of DLIR review the elevator sections of the 2009 IBC covering the fire service elevators, occupant evacuation elevators for high rise buildings, and shaft enclosure requirements. .
 - c. Elevators; Revisions to rules being prepared.
 - d. A/C Ventilation; Draft administrative rules at the AGs office for review.
 - e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; Code committee has been formed with the exception of a DOH representative for the grey water section/issues.
 - f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; Chair reported that the proposed provisions from the 2012 IECC are being reviewed for inclusion in

the 2009 IECC amendments. The proposed amendments are planned to be finalized at today's committee meeting. The Chair was asked to seek funding to prepare the ramseyer versions of the amendments for the administrative rule making process.

- g. State Fire Code; No update as the State Fire Council has not met since the last Council meeting.
- h. Training on State building codes; Co chair Ralph Nagamine reported that the NFPA had sent over an instructor on the 2008 NEC and also conducted training on the State Fire Code.
- i. Window exemption template; Howard Wiig reported that only one employee from a window manufacturer was unable to open the file. Doug Haigh noted that the template has been placed on the County of Kauai website and has been very useful. Recommendation was also made to rename the committee to the "Fenestration exemption template committee."
- j. Fire sprinkler; committee members requested that the investigative committee be renamed the 2009 IRC fire sprinkler investigative committee which was agreed to. Also Socrates Bratakos was named chair of this committee.
- k. Communication and training; Howard Wiig reported that committee members agreed that communication of new building codes adopted should be done through communication via the various professional organizations Council members are in.

5. Adoption of administrative rules

- a. State Residential Code; The draft amendments are awaiting preliminary approval at the Governor's office to go to public hearing. Kerry Yoneshige also noted that the proposed rules also need approval of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board which he will seek in the next month.

6. The proposed amendments to the 2009 IBC were reviewed and a motion was made by Doug Haigh for the acceptance of the proposed amendments by the Council and the submission of them to the Subcommittee of County Building Officials for review and recommendation. William Brizee seconded the motion and the Council voted unanimously for the adoption.

7. Seismic Retrofitting of Post and Pier Homes; Gary Chock reported that based on a study that had been done for FEMA, the UH Hilo was engaged

by FEMA to construct a website that could assist homeowners and contractors determine the retrofit requirements for these homes, materials required and approximate cost. It was suggested that a code amendment could be developed to permit the use of pre engineered seismic retrofits. When completed, the documents produced by this website could be used to obtain building permits and possibly lower insurance rates.

8. Next meeting agenda items:
 - a. Approval of the 2009 IRC amendments
9. Announcement;
10. The next meeting date will be August 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.