

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF August 9, 2011 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Bruce Coppa, Jennifer Shishido, Gary Chock, Socrates Bratakos, Jeff Eckerd, Jai Ho Cheng (VCC, Hawaii). Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige , Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) and Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.
2. The minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revision to include Mona Higa (DCAB) as attending the meeting.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig and Mark Unemori (DBEDT), Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference); Mike Moore (Newport), Mona Higa, (DCAB), Gregg Serikaku (PAMCA), Questor Lau, Adam Settlor, BIA, Shawn Moselsy, Breezway/BIA/AIA, David Lovelace, HETF.
4. Kraig Stevenson from ICC provided comment that the ICC will put the proposed administrative rules for the 2009 State Building and Energy Conservation Codes amendments into ramseyer format at no charge to the Council.
5. Howard Wiig presented a report of the proposed amendments to the 2009 State Energy Conservation Code based on the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. The Council will vote on the acceptance of the proposed amendments at its next meeting.
6. Gary Chock presented his timeline and write up on the proposed process for the Council to adopt new building codes and amendments. There was discussion on the use of the code amendment form to document changes made to the model code. Gary noted that the use of the code amendment form would ensure that the party/individual requesting the amendment has to explain the basis for the request. Additionally, the reasoning section will also provide documentation for the Council as to why the amendment was made. The Council also agreed that in simpler cases such as electrical code where there are minimal amendments made, use of the code amendment form may not be necessary.

7. SCR 58 was reviewed and it was concluded that the work of the Investigative committee on implementation of fire sprinklers for new one and two family dwellings is addressing the request in SCR 58.
8. Public hearing results for proposed HAR 3-185, State Residential Code; Tim Hiu, hearings officer reviewed the minutes of the hearing held on August 5, 2011. He noted that there was the following testimony.
 - a. Two testifiers from Hawaii commented on the wind borne debris section of the proposed State Building Code (based on 2009 International Building Code).
 - b. Testimony in support of the proposed State Residential Code by the AIA Hawaii Chapter.
 - c. Proposed amendment submitted by the BIA to remove the Hawaii from the hurricane prone region and subject to the wind borne debris section from the State Residential Code. The reasoning is that Hawaii is categorized as a 105 mph in ASCE-7 yet included in the 110 mph hurricane prone region. Gary Chock noted that based on the physics of hurricanes, the difference in geography between the mainland and an island justify the categorization of Hawaii as a hurricane prone region although the ASCE-7 wind speed is below the 110 mph standard. Gary Chock will submit a detailed write up at the next Council meeting explaining the classification of Hawaii as a hurricane prone region. After review of the write up, the Council will decide on the significance of the testimony provided at the public hearing.
9. Kerry Yoneshige provided a draft budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 which would be used by the Comptroller in conjunction with Gary Chock's timeline and write up on the code adoption process in his solicitation for private funds. After discussion, the Council felt that the Comptroller use the draft budget in his solicitation efforts. One revision was requested to include the professional organizational dues in the Technical and Trade publications section.
10. Council Chair created three new investigative committees; 2012 Building Code (Tim Hiu, Chair), 2012 Structural Standards (Gary Chock, Chair), and 2012 Energy Conservation Code (Howard Wiig, Chair).
11. Next meeting agenda items; vote on the proposed amendments for the 2009 State Energy Conservation Code, rationale on hurricane region classification in the State Residential Code and decision on the testimony provided at the public hearing on the State Residential Code, report from the investigative committees including the three committee formed for the 2012 codes.

12. Request was made of ICC for copies of the 2012 ICC codes. Kerry will poll the Council members for the codes wanted and number of copies.
13. Next meeting date will be September 13, 2011
14. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.