BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

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

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. The minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. The following members of the public introduced themselves, Kraig Stevenson of
the International Code Council (ICC) via telephone, Ronald Tanaka, DAGS,
Duane Buote of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access
Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta’a, Local Union 675, Gregg
Serikaku, PAMCA, Tom See, Department of Health, John Hartman via telephone,
Beth Arnoult via telephone, and Jean Tessmer via telephone.

4. Investigative committees.
   a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative
      committee reported the committee will need to continue on as the
      hurricane protective shelter criteria and other work of the committee has
      only been incorporated into the IBC and work remains in other codes such
      as the IRC.
   b. Further discussion from the investigative committee was suspended as
      members of the public joined on a teleconference call.

5. Public comment
   Jean Tessmer, John Hartman, and Beth Arnoult joined the meeting via
   teleconference to discuss accessibility requirements in the 2006 IBC and
   amendments adopted by the Council. Jean Tessmer submitted a document which
   contained a proposed amendment to the IBC. All parties cited examples of
   failures in the current design and enforcement to address accessibility
   requirements. After discussion, the chair recommended that the group submit a
   document for the Council to consider action/decision on at the next meeting. The
   current agenda only lists public comment and no decision making on any
   proposals. The chair requested that the group submit their document at least 7
days before the next meeting to ensure the agenda reflected the item of
   consideration.

6. Investigative Committees
   a. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code;
      The chair noted that architects were being surveyed as to their preference
to adopt the IRC and that would be incorporated into the committee
recommendation to the Council on whether to adopt the IRC. Council
also passed motion for the purchase of 9 copies of the ICC book on
"Standards for Residential Construction in High Wind Regions, item
number 702TS08 at $26/each if funding was available.

b. State Fire Code; No report.

c. Plumbing Code; Tom See from the Department of Health (DOH)
discussed the draft amendment the DOH was planning to submit on the
UPC. The Council raised concerns that the draft amendment was too
general and would require any users of the code to identify and address
any conflicts between the administrative rules and the UPC adopted. Jerry
Haruno will discuss the proposed amendment with the DOH Director
before submittal is made.

d. Electrical Code: The National Electrical Code is being considered for
adoption by the subcommittee of county building officials.

e. Elevator Code: Working on the adoption of the 2005 ANSI elevator codes
to address ADA concerns/issues. The Council asked the chair of this
committee to provide an overview of all of the ANSI codes.

7. Report and recommendation from the subcommittee of county building officials
a. The subcommittee recommended that the 2006 International Energy
Conservation Code and amendments be adopted. The Council received a
draft of amendments which only included revisions up to the
subcommittee’s December 2 meeting. There were other revisions made at
the subcommittee’s December 9 meeting which will be incorporated into
the next draft to be distributed to the Council members prior to the January
meeting where the Council will vote on this recommendation.

b. The 2008 National Electrical Code has not been reviewed by the
subcommittee and no action is proposed.

8. The Council reviewed the November 12, 2008 memo from State Civil Defense in
reference to acceptance of Appendix W and compliance with FEMA requirements
of the 2006 amendments. Doug Haigh made a motion to accept the letter and
remove all contingencies from Council’s approval of the 2006 IBC and
amendments. Motion was seconded by Tim Hiu and unanimously approved by
the Council.

9. For the next meeting, the Council requested the following agenda items.
   a. Overview of ANSI standards
   b. Update on mechanical code revisions by DOH
   c. Update on grey water administrative rules being considered by DOH
   d. Decision on 2006 IECC and amendments
10. The next meeting date will be January 13, 2009.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.