

BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF December 11, 2007 MEETING

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Gary Chock, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Winston Lum, Douglas Haigh, Brian Kajikawa, Keith Rudolph, and Russ Saito. Staff present: Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General (AG), and Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). Marshall Lum sat in for the Department of Health as a nonvoting member.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revisions noted in item 6d.
3. There were no public comments.
4. Kraig Stevenson from the International Code Council did a presentation covering the following subjects:
 - a. 2006 International Energy Conservation Code
 - b. International Existing Building Code
 - c. Development and Implementation of Automated Code Compliance Checking
5. Report from investigative committees
 - a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: The DAGS Personnel Office is reviewing the position descriptions to ensure applicable guidelines are met.
 - b. Hurricane Protective Shelters; Gary Chock presented a matrix of proposed amendments to the IBC 2006 and a document contains the amendment language based on the matrix amendments. The Council did request for the names of the committee members.
 - c. International Building Code (IBC); Chair of investigative committee noted that second meeting is to be held on December 12. Committee is reviewing county amendments to identify statewide amendments and compiling a list after each meeting for inclusion in a list of proposed statewide amendments.
 - d. State Fire Code; Chair reported that the draft administrative rules is being reviewed by the Attorney General and will be completed by the next State Fire Council meeting on January 25, 2008. Adoption of the new State Fire Code is expected in early 2008.

- e. Plumbing Code; Marshall Lum representing the Department of Health reported he was not aware of any work being done and the Tomas See would likely be Harold Yee's replacement on the Council.
 - f. Energy Conservation Code: Howard Wiig reported that the energy efficiency standards for Hawaii will be based on the IECC. He has met with the Hawaii County Council and Honolulu City Office of Council Services to advise them of the change in the model code to the IECC from ASHRAE. He is also in process of assembling an investigative committee comprised of members from the counties, DAGS, AIA, ASHRAE and the BIA. Membership will also include the electric utilities, gas company, environmental groups and the vendors.
6. Kerry Yoneshige noted that second request letters were sent to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Department of Health for update on the status the building codes and plans for adoption of new versions of those codes.
 7. Russ reported that approval for the release of funds is continues and the actual amount to be released has not been formalized.
 8. Because of the process in which amendments are developed, Russ questioned whether it was still necessary to go through the formal administrative rule making process which could take 90 days or more and will be making inquiry with the Attorney General what process needs to be followed.
 9. The Council chair noted that Glenn Yokomichi from the City and County of Honolulu will chair investigative committee to adopt the electrical code. The committee will also have representatives from the other counties and trade groups.
 10. The Council agreed to have comments on the draft Annual Report to the Legislature forwarded to Kerry Yoneshige by Friday, December 14.
 11. Question was asked whether county councils can make changes to the statewide code and Russ answered that they could make changes.
 12. Doug Haigh requested that a request for reimbursement of \$2,400 for training on the conversion of the 1997 to 2003 IBC/ICC for Kauai County be placed on the next meeting agenda.
 13. The Chair also noted that there would be a three day seminar at the May meeting of the Hawaii Association of County Building Officials.
 14. The next meeting date will be on January 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
 15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.