SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

MINUTES

1) Call to order: Chair Nishigata called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2) Introduction and public comments

Chair Willard Nishigata SBO & SBCC Member, City and County of Honolulu
Ryan Koga SBO & SBCC Member, County of Kauai
Neal Tanaka SBO & SBCC Member, County of Hawaii
Lance Nakamura SBO & SBCC Member, County of Maui
Howard Wiig SBCC Chair, Hawaii State Energy Office
Lyle Carden SBCC Vice Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii
Gregg Serikaku SBCC Member, Subcontractors Association of Hawaii
Rick Myers SBCC Member, American Institute of Architects of Hawaii
Mark Kennedy SBCC Member, Building Industry Association of Hawaii
Lloyd Rogers SBCC Member, State Fire Council
Kika Bukoski Plumbers and Fitters Local 675
Christopher Delaunay Pacific Resource Partnership
Nathaniel Kinney Executive Director, Hawaii Construction Alliance
Ryan Kobayashi Laborers International Union of North America Local 363
Brian Lee LECET
Robyn Fischer IAPMO
Gary Chock Martin and Chock
Tracy Tonaki DR Horton
Stella Kam Deputy Attorney General
No public comments were made.

3) **Review and approval of minutes from March 31, 2021 meeting.**

Discussion: None

Motion to approve: Lance Nakamura
Second: Neal Tanaka
Vote: All in favor

4) **Discussion of additional proposed amendments to the 2018 International Building Code (IBC.)**

**Item 1 – Discussion of proposal to amend Section 1615, Tsunami Loads**

Discussion: Lyle Carden provided testimony of proposed additional changes.

Public Comments:
- Steve Baldridge expressed concerns with tsunami provisions.
- Reid Nishimura expressed concerns that tsunami provisions would impact construction cost.
- Tracy Tonaki expressed concerns that tsunami provisions would impact cost of housing. Questioned of how additional amendments are adopted after 2018 IBC was previously adopted. Willard Nishigata stated that it is his understanding that code can be further amended. Lloyd Rogers asked if anyone would respond with a justification for this amendment proposal and the added cost. Lyle Carden responded and stated that this would bring code in line with HIEMA wanting to use high-rise buildings as tsunami shelters.
- Steve Baldridge mentioned that this is not a reduction in requirement. Expressed further concerns with tsunami provisions. Wanted further discussion.
- David Arakawa objected to tsunami provisions. Expressed concerns with cost. Questioned if HIEMA had plan to use high-rise buildings for evacuation. Wanted further discussion.
- Steve Baldridge discussed how amendments would impact project cost.

No motion made to support item, and no action was taken.
Item 2 – Discussion of proposal to amend Section 1705.11.1, Complete Load Path and Uplift Ties
Discussion: Lyle Carden provided testimony.
Public Comments:
• Steve Baldridge expressed concerns.
• David Arakawa supported Mr. Baldridge.
Motion to approve: Neal Tanaka
Second: Willard Nishigata
Vote: All in favor

Item 3 – Discussion of proposal to amend Appendix U, Section 423.1 related to Community Storm Shelters
Discussion: Neal Tanaka proposed this and stated that CIP project for communication center was impacted by provision.
Public Comments: None
Motion to approve: Neal Tanaka
Second: Willard Nishigata
Vote: All in favor

Item 4 – Discussion of proposal to amend Appendix W, Hawaii Wind Design Provisions for New Construction
Discussion: Lyle provided testimony on wind maps.
Public Comments:
• Steve Baldridge expressed concerns that wind requirements are in excess of national code. Lyle Carden provided testimony in response.
• Tracy Tonaki commented on cost impact of windborne debris requirements. Also commented on cost of safe room design.
• Steve Baldridge stated that wind amendments are in excess of national code.
• David Arakawa supported further work on wind standards.
Motion to approve: Neal Tanaka
Second: Willard Nishigata
Vote: All in favor

5) Voting to forward additional proposed 2018 IBC amendments to the State Building Code Council.
Discussion: Lance Nakamura clarified that proposal is to only forward items 2, 3 and 4 above to SBCC.

Motion to forward items 2, 3 and 4 to SBCC: Neal Tanaka
Second: Willard Nishigata
Vote: All in favor

6) The Chair announced that the next SBO meeting would be announced.

7) The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.