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Washington State Building Code Council

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SUMMARY CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

MONITOR

LOCATION: Department of Enterprise Services, Rm. 2330
Olympia, Washington

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2013

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. <u>Members in Attendance:</u> Ray Allshouse, Council Chair; Tom Balbo; Rod Bault; John Chelminiak; Dave DeWitte; Duane Jonlin; Bob Koch; Mark Kulaas; Jerry Mueller; Dave Peden; Steve Simpson; Eric Vander Mey <u>Staff In Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Krista Braaksma; Joanne McCaughan; Peggy Bryden <u>Visitors Present:</u> Jeanette McKague
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved with the following modifications. There are two interpretations to be added to Item 6; there are also two sets of minutes to be added as 2a; and federal standards for residential furnace efficiency and how that affects the code will be discussed before Item 7.
2a. Approval of Minutes Motion	The minutes of November 9, 2012 and November 30, 2012 were approved with a motion by Mark Kulaas and seconded by John Chelminiak. The motion was unanimous.
3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda	None was offered.
4. Legislative Committee Report Fee Increase Bill	John Chelminiak reported on the SBCC Fee Increase, Bill #1618, stating a hearing has been scheduled for February 13. John will attend the hearing as will Ray Allshouse. Rep. Ormsby is the prime sponsor. Interest from the Republicans is nil to date; however, the Democrats are considering it. Bill 5378 regarding SBCC going to a 6 year code cycle has had a hearing. John stated that Ray Allshouse and

<p>Other Legislation</p> <p>Fee Bill (continued)</p>	<p>Dave DeWitte supplied good information to the senate and there will probably be another version of that bill coming soon.</p> <p>Bills 5495 and 1605, are companion bills, proposing two more members on our Council representing the rental industry. The Leg. Committee opposes this bill.</p> <p>Tim Nogler reviewed the balance of the bills listed on the Legislative Tracking Log for the Council.</p> <p>Both Tom Balbo and Bob Koch reported on the contacts they have made in regard to the Fee Bill. Tom feels SBCC has an image problem we need to work on. Tim Nogler said there is a question of whether the Fee Bill needs to follow the two-thirds majority. It appears this would not apply because this is not a tax.</p>
<p>5. Process Improvement</p>	<p>Tim Nogler reminded the Council there was a plan to have an Executive Committee meeting discussing process on how we do business. He is suggesting this meeting occur prior to the March Council meeting. Topics for this meeting were mentioned by Tim. John Chelminiak also suggested this meeting include stakeholders and happen rather quickly.</p> <p>Jeanette McKague with Washington Realtors appreciated John's comments and suggested staff make copies of the letter previously sent to Council regarding by-laws and TAG procedures. She feels a conference call would be appropriate.</p>
<p>6. Code Interpretation Requests Seattle Fire Department</p>	<p>Tim Nogler summarized the interpretation 13-FEB01 from the Seattle Fire Department regarding the alerting systems in schools and what this system is. The proposed answer to their first question is yes. Section 915 requirements do apply to existing schools. This interpretation is based on the 2009 Fire Code. However, the Council did adopt the 2012 Fire code which no longer contains the lockdown provisions.</p> <p>Question 2 asks what is the standard for alerting systems in Section 915? The implication is that it be a mass notification system.</p> <p>Question 3 asks if a non-electric system meets this requirement. The answer is that it must meet the approval of the local authority.</p> <p>The answer to Question 4 is yes. The answer to Question 5 is yes the system must have two-way communication.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Motion</p>	<p>Question 6 asks about occupant loads less than 50 and yes it does apply to all Group E occupancies is the answer.</p> <p>Steve Simpson moved the Council accept the interpretation for 13-FEB01. Jerry Mueller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>City of Ocean Shores Interpretation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion</p>	<p>Tim Nogler reviewed this multi-question interpretation, 13FEB02, asking do underground footings make multiple buildings a one building structure. The proposed answer is no. The answer to Question 2 is also no. Floor area is defined in the IBC as the area within the inside perimeter of the exterior walls. Answer 3 is yes; townhouses are considered to be one-building structures. Answer 4 is no; the lot line does not determine the applicable code. Answer 5 is no; a condominium designation does not determine the applicable code. Answer 6 is no; the occupancy classification is determined by the local code official depending on the occupancy and use of the building.</p> <p>The proponent of the interpretation asked for clarification to Question 4. This was explained to her by Ray Allshouse, along with explanations to the follow-up questions by the proponent.</p> <p>Motion to approve interpretation request 13FEB02 was made by Steve Simpson. The motion was seconded by Jerry Mueller. The motion was unanimous.</p>
<p>State Fire Marshal Interpretations</p>	<p>Tim Nogler said these two interpretations were to be reviewed, but no action was to be taken today. Both questions are similar; one deals with licensed daycare the other is licensed staffed residential homes. The proposed answer to 13-FEB04 is no. Sprinkler requirements depend upon the scope of the work, local ordinance and conditions not the occupancy load.</p> <p>The original proposed answer to 13-FEB03 is sprinklers are required in all Group E occupancies. However after discussion with Ray Allshouse, staff needs to review this issue in more detail.</p> <p>Duane Jonlin stated he would like to assist in determining the answer to this interpretation.</p>
<p>6b. Federal Standards Change</p>	<p>Duane Jonlin stated there was a legal reversal in the federal standard for residential furnaces. It will remain at 80% rather than 90%. This means the projection for energy efficiency for the residential energy code has</p>

	<p>changed. Does the Council need to do something about this? The point system will have to be adjusted. Tim Nogler is suggesting we take care of this through an expedited rule to change the credit value. The Council discussed this issue. There is concern about taking action on this without informing stakeholders beforehand. Eric Vander Mey feels we need to at least revise the report to the Legislature. Tim suggested that NEEA do an analysis and any suggested changes would be best as code change proposals by March 1.</p>
9. Staff Report	<p>Tim Nogler stated the Board and Commission Workbook from the new Governor had been sent out for Council members to review. This week the Governor's office has appointed lead staff for appointments to boards and commissions. Tim hopes to have a report and action by March on this issue.</p>
10. Other Business	<p>Steve Simpson and Tim have been working on meeting with a delegation from Japan coming to look at water supply and plumbing code issues and how we regulate water supply on February 25. There will also be members from the Department of Health at this meeting.</p>
11. Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.</p>