

Construction Codes Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Members:

Bill Freitag *via phone*
Bob Bastianelli
Bob Dahm
Gerhard Guth *via phone*
John McConnell
Kathe Ostrom
Kevin White
Mark Brunner
Pete Parris
Scott McLellan
Tom Downs
Tom Erdman

Members Absent:

Bob Jewell
Jim Kittelson
Larry Stevens, Jr.
Luke Stemmer

Staff & Visitors

Commissioner Peterson
Asst. Comm. Jessica Looman
Allison Lindburg – Fresh Energy
Carey Demaris – DLI
Don Sivigny - DLI
Gary Thaden – MMCA/NECA
James Vagle – BATC
Jeff Lebowski – DLI
Karen Linner – BAM
Lloyd Grooms – Winthrop
Mark Mikkelson – Anderson Corp.
Matt Anfang - BOMA
Matt Gates - RSR
Mike Godfrey - DLI
Ross Anderson – RSR
Scott Nelson – DLI
Steven Hernick – DLI

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Scott McLellan. Housekeeping announcements were made.

Introductions

Roll call was taken noting two members were present via teleconference and a quorum was declared. Audience introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Parris made a motion to approve the October 19, 2012 minutes, seconded by Brunner. The vote unanimous, the motion carried.

Advisory Committee Report

McLellan reviewed 326B.118 Energy Code - *The commissioner may not adopt all or part of a model energy code relating to the construction of residential buildings without research and analysis that addresses, at a minimum, air quality, building durability, moisture, enforcement, enforceability cost benefit, and liability. The research and analysis must be completed in cooperation with practitioners in residential construction and building science and an affirmative recommendation by the*

Construction Codes Advisory Council. To comply with this requirement, the department worked with the Builders Association of Minnesota, Dr. Goldberg (U of M), Fresh Energy, and Midwest Energy Alliance, by conducting research and evaluating the best methods to insulate foundations so they adequately control moisture and provide for building durability.

a. Residential Energy Code –

Hernick provided an update on the Residential Energy Code (1322) language explaining some changes to Dr. Goldberg's recommendations. Hernick reviewed drain-tile system speaking on condensation and moisture factors in walls. Moisture and durability issues were discussed. There was discussion on cap blocks, interior walls, back-fill concerns, poly under footing, wall/sill seals, spray foam, and foundations.

b. Action by Council -

A motion made by Ostrom, seconded by Erdman to move forward with the proposal and recommend to Commissioner Peterson. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Announcement of Green Building Code Meeting

McLellan handed out an Informational Meeting Agenda on Green Building Code. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

McLellan thanked the members and outside participants for their time and work. The consensus to wait to meet again until more progress is made on the codes was favored. The December 20, 2012 meeting will be rescheduled and more information will follow.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey Demaris

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