

FINAL
State of Oregon

Building Codes Structures Board

Regular meeting minutes

December 5, 2007

Members present: Martin Brown, acting chair
Chris Davis
Terry Dieter
Bruce Dobbs
Jim Schwager
Thomas Sjostrom

Members absent: Blair Bubenik

Staff present: Mark Long, administrator
Andrea Simmons, policy and technical services manager
Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Chris Huntington, policy analyst
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator
Kaylan McAllaster, boards coordinator

Guests Present: Betty Merrill, Oregon Department of Energy
Terry Hurst, NW Natural Gas
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
Eric McMullen, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Patrick Bridges, Oregon Home Builders Association

I. Board business

A. Call to order.

Acting Chair Martin Brown called the Building Codes Structures Board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call.

Blair Bubenik was absent, excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business.

Acting Chair Brown **RULED** the agenda approved.

D. Approval of the February 7, 2007 regular board meeting minutes.

Acting Chair Brown **RULED** the February 7, 2007 regular board meeting minutes approved.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

February 6, 2008

F. Formal farewell to Lawrence Hite.

Andrea Simmons, policy and technical services manager, explained that a plaque

of appreciation from the Governor's office and a letter of personal thanks to him from the administrator's office were mailed to Mr. Hite at his home address.

II. Public comment

James Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness, spoke on the code change process and timelines. He discussed the role of no action items on the process of adopting the new 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code. Mr. Bela discussed the public hearing process and how unfair he felt the process was.

Acting Chair Brown indicated to Mr. Bela that because his issue related to a matter under the authority of the Residential Structures Board, his concerns should be taken to that board.

VI. Appeals - None

IV. Reports

A. Building Codes Division administrator's report.

Mark Long introduced new BCD staff. Administrator Long presented the [BCD Update packet](#).

Administrator Long noted that surcharges on permit fees and hourly inspection rates would increase by 4 percent beginning January 1, 2008.

The 2008 Building Code Structures Board meeting dates, [residential code adoption timelines](#), and the summary of [rulemaking and other projects](#) were discussed.

Chair Brown asked about Senate Bill 716 (wheelchair user-only parking bill) and when it will be implemented. Richard Rogers noted the bill will be in effect as of January 1, 2008.

Administrator Long said that certificates of occupancy were not currently required for one- and two-family dwellings in Oregon. The hearing on the proposed certificate of occupancy rule is scheduled to occur on December 18, 2007. Administrator Long believes that input at the public hearing may necessitate changes to the rule. The division is anticipating that the certificate of occupancy rule will go into effect with the adoption of the 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

Administrator Long discussed the electronic permitting program. This program will save contractors and local jurisdictions time and money by allowing persons to obtain permits online.

Fire sprinklers and green buildings were discussed. Bruce Dobbs expressed concern about the standards with the green buildings.

Mr. Bela discussed improving seismic zones to increase seismic safety in the state of Oregon.

B. Program update. - None

V. Communications

A. Supplemental code amendment process

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Andrea Simmons discussed the process of adopting additional code amendments during the mid-cycle code adoption process. Manager Simmons noted that the division is asking for input on any structural code related fire and life safety-oriented issues, or suggestions to improve unclear or conflicting code provisions from the board and industry by December 28, 2007.

Chair Brown asked the division if the code committee will be asked to meet concerning the mid-cycle code adoption process.

Manager Simmons said that the board will work with the division and if necessary, the committee will be activated.

B. Process for the adoption of the 2006 International Existing Building Code. WAS THIS DISCUSSED?

VII. Unfinished business – None

VIII. New business - None

IX. Announcements – None

X. Adjournment

Acting Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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