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Residential Structures Board

“Special” board meeting minutes

September 16, 2009

Members present: Ray Miller, Chairman
David DeHarpport, Vice-chair
Scott Caufield
Phil Damiano
Mike Goodrich
Kathryn Gray
Douglas Lethin
John Mills

Members absent: None

Staff present: Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager
Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

Guests present: Johnathan Balkema, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake
Awareness
Chad Diercks, James Hardie
Scott Barrie, OHBA

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Ray Miller called the Residential Structures Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

All members were present. Vice-chairman David DeHarpport arrived at 9:04 a.m.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Chair Miller **RULED** the agenda and order of business approved.

D. Approval of the board meeting minutes of July 1, 2009

Chair Miller **RULED** the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2009 approved.

E. Date of the next meeting

October 7, 2009

VI. Unfinished business

Board review and recommendation for approval of revised proposed code change R703.1 of the 2008 Residential Specialty Code Means of Drainage

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington reviewed the previous action made by the board on this issue. Richard Rogers, structural program chief noted that the new proposal includes an additional exception to the requirement for a 1/8 inch space between the weather barrier and the exterior veneer. The new exception would not require a space where penetrations incorporate pan flashings, which drain to the exterior surface of the cladding in a through wall fashion. The new exception addresses one of the most commonly cited areas of failure, which is window penetrations, which is also noted in a 2006 study issued jointly by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the National Home Builders Association's Research Center.

Vice-chair DeHarpport asks again, as he said he has asked in previous board meetings, why this proposal is being brought up as a mid-term code proposal rather than during the regular code adoption process? He also noted that this is not, in his opinion, a health or life/safety issue and should not go forward during the mid-cycle but should be sent through the regular code change process.

Manager Huntington noted that this new proposal brings a level of clarity to unanswered questions and it would also allow for it to move forward to the next code adoption process to address the issue further.

Public testimony

James Bela, President and Founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, noted that technical justification should be proposed for the 1/8 inch gap. He also noted that the term "siding" should be used rather than exterior veneer.

Staff comment

Structural Program Chief Richard Rogers noted that the effective date for the change would be January 1, 2010 with the grace period extending to March 31, 2010. He noted that during the grace period the building official must approve installations that meet either the Standard adopted under Section R703.1 prior to this amendment or the Standard established by the amendment.

Motion by Scott Caufield to approve the proposed mid-cycle amendment to Oregon Residential Specialty Code Section R703.1 as submitted with the finding that the added cost, if any, is necessary to the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources.

Mike Goodrich is in favor of the motion and believes that this item should move forward. He noted that exterior veneer is the correct term verses siding, which would give the impression that the issue is only with wood siding.

Roll call vote taken:

Yea: Mills, Lethin, Gray, Goodrich, Damiano, Caufield and Miller

Nay: DeHarpport

Motion carried

VII. New business

Board selection of members for the Construction Industry Energy Board

Manager Huntington reminded the board of the details of House Bill 2950. He noted that the new board will review and consider energy efficiency related code standards and proposals. All recommendations will go to the administrator for final approval. The bill also eliminates the Manufactured Structures and Parks Advisory Board bringing two of its positions to the Residential Structures Board and renaming the board the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board. Manager Huntington said that the Residential Structures Board needs to select two of its members with practical experience in the residential structures industry to also serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board.

Phil Damiano recommended that a required report from meetings of the Construction Industry Energy Board be on the agenda for the Residential Structures Board.

Public testimony

James Bela, President and Founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, suggested that members that are interested in becoming members of the energy board write a letter of interest, then vote on membership at the next scheduled Residential Structures Board meeting.

- Phil Damiano volunteered himself giving a brief synopsis of his history noting that he represents the utility industry, is the Chairman of the Green Building Committee for the Homebuilders Association, and has a background in engineering.
- Kathryn Gray also volunteered herself noting that she has 30 years experience in residential energy.

- Mike Goodrich volunteered himself noting that he represents the home builders industry, and is the Chairman of the Oregon Home Builders Codes Committee.

Nominations were now open for the two positions

Kathryn Gray nominated herself to be a member of the Construction Industry Energy Board. Mike Goodrich nominated Phil Damiano. Phil Damiano nominated Mike Goodrich.

There being no other nominations, Chair Miller closed the nominations

Scott Caufield made a motion to select Phil Damiano for the first position on the Construction Industry Energy Board.

Roll call vote taken:

Yea: John Mills, Mike Goodrich, Phil Damiano, Scott Caufield, Vice-Chair David DeHarrport and Chair Miller

Nay: Douglas Lethin and Kathryn Gray

Motion carried. Phil Damiano now holds the first position on the Construction Industry Energy Board

Vice-Chair DeHarpport made a motion to select Mike Goodrich for the second position on the Construction Industry Energy Board.

Roll call vote taken:

Yea: John Mills, Douglas Lethin, Kathryn Gray, Mike Goodrich, Phil Damiano, Scott Caufield Vice-Chair DeHarpport, Chair Miller

Nay: None

Motion carried unanimously. Mike Goodrich now holds the second position on the Construction Industry Energy Board

Vice-chair DeHarpport noted that the State of Minnesota has elected not to adopt the next version of the model code, the ICC, as a cost saving measure and has elected to amend the existing code. Mr. DeHarpport asked if the division has taken that under consideration.

Manager Huntington noted that the division will look into the issue and report back to the board.

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the board meeting at 9:50 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by,

Debi Barnes-Woods
Division Boards Coordinator