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***Oregon Reach Code Committee
March 16, 2011
Meeting Summary***

****NOTE:** *The following is a summary of the committee's discussion.
To review the meeting in its entirety, the archived video of the meeting is available
on the committee's Web site at the following link: <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/11reachcode.html>*

Members Present: Bill Clemens, Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA)
David Cohan, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
Jim Denno, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)
Joe Esmonde, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
Tom Payne, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
VIA phone - Kate Turpin, SERA Architects
Franco Martinec, Port of Portland
Rob Yorke, Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC)

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Zack Semke, Let Oregon Lead
Jeffrey Tufenkian, Let Oregon Lead
Dylan Lamar, Let Oregon Lead
Sam Hagerman, Let Oregon Lead
Graham Wright, Let Oregon Lead
Jana Gastellum, Oregon Environmental Council
H. Weston Drumheller, Let Oregon Lead
Stephen Aiguier, Let Oregon Lead

Staff Present: Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst
Mark Heizer, Policy Analyst
Dana Fischer, Building Code Para-Technical

Introductions

Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:40p.m. She welcomed the committee and guests.

Several Passive House representatives provided a presentation on the philosophy of the Passive House Standard and slide show of structures built to the passive house standard. [Slide 1](#), [Slide 2](#). Also included in the presentation were the following handouts: [Intro Letter](#), [Passive House](#), [Let Oregon Lead](#). The committee asked various questions once the presentation was completed. Jana Gastellum representing the Oregon Environmental Council, testified in support of the Passive House Standard as a compliance path.

David Cohan arrived at 2:15 p.m.

Chapter 10 Existing Buildings

Ms. Teverbaugh reviewed chapter 10 with the committee. Mark Heizer explained *Section 1003 Alterations To Existing Buildings* to the committee. Committee discussion continued at length on the different aspects and difficulties of adding alteration requirements to the Reach Code.

Chapter 11 Existing Building Site Development

Ms. Teverbaugh explained Chapter 11 to the committee. She explained that most of the chapter does not contain requirements that can be enforced in the Reach Code but could be relocated within the code to be maintained as a project elective.

Several committee members expressed concern about the current language in Chapter 10; that the language is vague and could be hard for a building department to enforce.

Motion to TABLE discussion on Chapter 10, with the request for BCD staff to draft more prescriptive language for the chapter, with the intent that the language will be easier to enforce. The re-written language will be brought back for committee review at the next meeting.

Discussion continued.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to TABLE Chapter 11 until Chapter 10 is completed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tabled items

101.2.1 Appendices

The committee discussed the section.

Motion to approve as modified, Section 101.2.1.

Motion passed unanimously.

Graham Wright spoke in support of Code Change Proposal [RC11com-05](#).

102.4.12 Residential Occupancies

Ms. Teverbaugh suggested that this section which currently references the ICC 700 be tabled until the committee has a chance to review the residential proposals.

Committee agreed to keep the item tabled

301.1.1

Ms. Teverbaugh explained that this section references ASHRAE 189.1 as an alternative path for compliance under the IGCC and that code proposal RC11com-05 would need to correspond with

it as well,. Ms. Teverbaugh explained that there would be a number of ways to accommodate the Passive House proposal, and that the committee should think about how having the Passive house standard incorporated as an alternative would work with the project electives and also how the committee would incorporate other beyond code programs. The committee discussed the issues and asked questions of the proponents.

Motion to approve as modified RC11com-05, adding Passive House Standard as an alternate compliance path into Section 301.1.1. The committee discussed issues surrounding the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.