

FINAL
State of Oregon

BUILDING CODES STRUCTURES BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martin Brown, Vice-Chairman
Chris Davis
Terry Dieter *(New member)*
Lawrence Hite
Jim Schwager

MEMBERS ABSENT: Blair Bubenik
Bruce Dobbs
Michael Steffen

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Long, Administrator of Building Codes Division
Andrea Simmons, Manager of Policy and Technical Services
Twyla Knowles, Assistant Manager of
Policy and Technical Services
Richard Rogers, Structural Program Chief and Board Secretary
Micheal D. Ewert, Chief Mechanical/Residential Code Specialist
Shane Sumption, Fire, Life-Safety ADA Program Specialist
Nicole M. Jantz, Rules Coordinator
Debi Barnes-Woods, Division Boards Coordinator/Recorder

GUESTS PRESENT: Ted Argo, Argo Architect
Gary Lampella, City of Tigard
John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
Patrick Bridges, Oregon Home Builders Association
James Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Michael Rosenberg, Oregon Department of Energy
Eric McMullen, TVF&R/OFCC
Steve Krieg, City of Woodburn

I. BOARD BUSINESS

I.A. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Martin Brown called the Building Codes Structures Board to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon.

I.B. Roll Call

Blair Bubenik was absent, not excused. Bruce Dobbs and Michael Steffen were both absent, (excused).

I.C. Approval of Agenda and Order of Business

Vice-Chair Martin Brown **RULED** the agenda approved as mailed.

I.D. Approval of the June 8, 2005 teleconference, August 3, 2005 regular meeting, September 28, 2005 and December 14, 2005 teleconference board meeting minutes.

Vice-Chair Martin Brown **RULED** the June 8, 2005, August 3, 2005 regular meeting, and the September 28, 2005, and December 14, 2005 teleconference board-meeting minutes approved as submitted.

I.E. Date of the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

May 3, 2006.

Tentative agenda items for May 3, 2006 board meeting: Statewide alternate methods concerning suspended ceiling and dialysis centers.

I.F. Formal farewell to Ted Argo.

Administrator of Building Codes Division, Mark Long, thanked Mr. Argo for his long and dedicated service on the Building Code Structures Board, and on the Energy Conservation Board prior to the development of the BCSB. Mr. Argo was presented with a plaque and a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Argo thanked several individuals for their support and hard work in keeping the citizens of Oregon safe.

Individuals from the audience and members of the board acknowledged Mr. Argo for his support and leadership on the board.

I.G. Welcome to new board member Terry Dieter.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness, distributed several documents, *Exhibit "A."*

III. REPORTS

A. Administrator's report.

Administrator Long, explained that last legislative session, House Bill 2076 authorized a task force to study issues related to construction defects, contractor liability insurance, and consumer protection. *Exhibit "B."* The task force consists of nine members with construction, design, energy conservation, and insurance expertise.

The task force has developed a work plan that includes extensive testimony from homeowners, industry stakeholders, and experts from across the United States and Canada.

Phase I of the work plan focuses on issues related to:

- Contractor competency and education.
- Building code and design standards.
- Construction methods and materials.

- Administrative remedies and dispute resolution within the purview of the Construction Contractors Board.

Phase II of the work plan will examine contractor liability insurance issues. The task force will begin drafting its recommendations in September of 2006.

Video streaming. This one-way audio and video system was tested and soon will be in operation. All board meetings, rulemaking hearings, and other meetings will be streamed through the Internet. The streamed video will be archived.

Code adoption timing. Changes to the commercial building code were effective February 1, 2006. The division is proposing to update the commercial building code, which would include the mechanical code and the fire code by April 2007. In April of 2008, the residential code, electrical, and plumbing codes will be updated.

B. Program update.

This item was heard under the Administrator's report.

C. Enforcement cases. - None

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Update on Code Adoption Process Rulemaking. (LATE SUBMISSION)

Manager of Policy and Technical Services, Andrea Simmons, briefed the board on the process of code adoption. "The Life of a Code in Oregon," code adoption and amendment process rules, and the code adoption timeline were all distributed, *Exhibit "C."*

Manager Simmons explained that the division is moving to a three-year code cycle with one amendment period in-between. The intent of the change is to have a consistent process for all code programs.

The division is intending to minimize Oregon amendments, which has proven to be successful through the last code adoption process.

New business item VII., *Review proposed timeline for the adoption of the 2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)* was included in the discussion.

Assistant Manager of Policy and Technical Services, Twyla Knowles, discussed the code adoption timeline.

Ms. Knowles said that the 2006 version of the International Building Code has an expected public release date of March 1, 2006. If that does occur, the division will look at the 2006 IBC as a base model code. Then the division will accept proposed code amendments to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code for a 45-day period.

At the end of the 45-day period, the committee work begins. The proposed code changes are sent to the board for a recommendation to the administrator. The division files for hearing, and the hearing officer makes a recommendation to the administrator. The publication of the code is a four-month process. Once that is completed, permanent rules are filed with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2007. The public hearing for the code adoption process rules is February 21, 2006, 9:30 a.m., BCD's Conference Room "A." Board members were comfortable with the division sending the rule to public hearing.

- New employee: Mirjana Trifunovic, policy analyst for Policy and Technical Services was introduced by Assistant Manager Knowles.

V. APPEALS – None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

(Agenda Item VII was heard under Agenda item IV. Communications.)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Review proposed timeline for the adoption of the 2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC).

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICC announces that the codes have gone to the printer and expects them to be available March 2006.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Martin Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debi Barnes Woods
Division Boards Coordinator/Recorder

Exhibits:

- A. Documents distributed by James Bela, ***Agenda Item II.***
- B. Information regarding Constructions Claims Task Force, ***Agenda Item III.***

- C. “The Life of a Code in Oregon,” code adoption and amendment process rules, and the code adoption timeline, *Agenda Item IV. and VII.*

TO OBTAIN COPIES OF EXHIBITS, A PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST MUST BE COMPLETED BY CLICKING ON THE LINK PROVIDED.

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