

## Multifamily Dwelling Code Council Meeting Summaries

*Meeting summaries are subject to review at subsequent meetings.*

### **Joint Meeting of Commercial Building Code Council and Multifamily Dwelling Code Council**

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**, 9 to 2:30, Middleton Fire Station #1, 7600 University Avenue, Middleton, Wisconsin

#### **Councils Attendance:**

CBCC: Norm Arendt - Excused; Thomas Clark - E; Curt Hastings - Present; Joe Jameson - P; Joe Jurkiewicz - P; Dave Keller - P; Steve Klessig - P; Bill Napier - P; Bill Pennoyer - P; Stan Ramaker - N; Ed Ruckriegel, Vice-Chair - E; Gary Ruhl - E; Chris Rute - P; Janet Segelken - E; Michael Shoys, Chair - P; Jeff Stauber - E.x

MDCC: Jeffery Brohmer - E; Emory Budzinski - N; Beth Gonnering, Chair - E; Edward Gray - N; Jim Klett - P; Michael Morey - N; Dave Nitz - P; Keith Spruce alt. for Richard Paur - P; Nicholas Rivecca - N; Kori Schneider - N; Mark Scott - P; Kevin Wipperfurth - P

Department of Safety and Professional Services Staff: Randy Baldwin, Lori Ann Curley, Tom Kasper, Bernice Mattsson, Norma McReynolds, Tom Nardelli, Jim Quast, Jim Smith

Visitors: Bill Babcock, AIA Wisconsin; Jim Boullion, AGC of Wisconsin; Jerry Deschane, Wisconsin Builders Association; John Eagon, Premium Planview; Dan Gengler, National Fire Sprinkler Association; Lynn Lauersdorf; Bill Lauzon, Wisconsin Department of Health; Mike Mamayek, HVAC Code Advisory Council; Stephen Niles, G. A. Larson

#### **Welcome**

Michael Shoys welcomed the Multifamily Dwelling Code Council and Commercial Building Code Council, and opened the meeting with a round of introductions.

#### **Review Agenda and Summary of Previous Meeting**

The agenda of the current meeting and the progress report of the previous meeting were accepted by the councils as written.

#### **Refresher on Member Roles/Responsibilities**

Jim Quast briefed the councils on their roles and responsibilities. Mainly, the division wishes the councils members to share the information presented with the organizations and groups they represent and provide feedback of their organizations' concerns. A need for new members also was expressed.

#### **Elect Multifamily Dwelling Code Council Chair**

A quorum of the Multifamily Dwelling Code Council was not established, so an election could not be held; however, Beth Gonnering has expressed interest in continuing as the chair and Richard Paur has expressed interest in continuing to be vice-chair.

#### **Division Updates and Activities**

Jim Quast updated the councils on current programs within and activities affecting the Division of Safety and Buildings:

- Carbon monoxide alarms are now allied with smoke alarms - standard safety protection

in Wisconsin residences. As of February 1, 2011, Wisconsin requires both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in almost all one- and two-family dwellings, regardless of the building's age. The new carbon monoxide safety net is for dwellings with fuel burning appliances, fireplaces or attached garages.

- A scope statement has been created to clarify and update the department's administrative rules, Chapter Comm 90, relating to public swimming pools and water attractions to reflect in Comm 90 the most recent national standards, including the current interpretations by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Act). The federal requirements outlined in the VGB Act serve as minimum standards.
- A general update to Comm 16, including adoption of the 2011 edition of the National Electrical Code.
- The 2012 editions of the national standards for the Commercial Building Code could be available as early as mid-2011.
- Comm 5 code development project relating to a general review and update of the code chapter to evaluate the rules in order to improve the efficiency in the department's processing of the various licenses, certifications and registrations procedures. Another objective is to review the rules for consistency in light of statutory revisions that have occurred such as the statutory revision for the definition of "plumbing" and the elimination of term "indentured" regarding apprentices and apprenticeships. The rules are also to be reviewed for clarity and consistency. A specific objective would be to establish continuing education obligations for automatic fire sprinkler testers.
- Regarding the inventory and maintenance of private sewage systems affected by legislation enacted during the 2009-2010 legislative session, specifically 2009 Wisconsin Act 392, regarding the inventory and maintenance of private sewage systems.
- The new state administration has proposed changes to the Administrative Rules Process that would require a few more steps and a longer timeline.

**Review/Discuss remainder of public hearing comments and proposed agency responses (Air Barriers, CBRFs, /I-2 vs. I-1, et al) including updated Legislative Review Draft.**

- The councils voted to approve the Legislative Review Draft as written by the Division of Safety and Buildings.

**Review/Discuss public hearing comments and suggestion relating to recent HVAC council meeting (Natural Ventilation/IMC Table 403.3/Comm Table 64.0403 and FGI "Guidelines") including updated Legislative Review Draft**

- The councils recommended adopting the S&B proposal and addressing the issues brought up regarding the FGI Guidelines for Hospitals.
- Mike Mamayek, chair of the HVAC Code Advisory Council, briefed the councils on the Legislative Review Draft and the proposals of the HVAC Code Advisory Council. The councils voted to accept the HVAC recommendations.

**Capture (Vote if necessary) position/advice of council on subjects discussed**

- More public hearing comments and the agency's responses were discussed, with the councils voting to accept the language of the agency's responses.

**Discuss timing for next meeting (if needed)**

- Safety and Buildings will make any necessary changes and send them to the councils as soon as possible to expedite implementation.

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