



MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2005

SELF INTRODUCTION

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2005 MEETING WERE VOTED ON AND APPROVED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Kirkpatrick gave the Treasurer's Report.
Checking account balance: \$ 11,389
Savings account balance: \$ 3,406

CITY CORNER

Correction on last minutes: Our apologies to Ms. Elizabeth Binszack, Community Development Director, City of Tustin as her name was misspelled in the minutes for June 16, 2005.

ALL BUSINESS HELD IN ABEYANCE DUE TO JOINT MEETING FOCUSING ON CODE ADOPTION

The following are minutes of said meeting:

Stuart Tom facilitated the joint meeting. The LA and Orange Empire chapters conducted a brief chapter business meeting as the gist of the Joint meeting is to strategize and discuss the initial steps to begin assisting the State Fire Marshal's Office in developing the State Amendments Package for submission to the BSC.

LA chapter business meeting synopsis:

Reminded chapter cities of the upcoming CEC 2004 and its August 1, 2005 implementation.

Orange chapter business meeting synopsis:

Meeting approved with amendments. Binszack.
Savings and Checking.
Tabled all other business till next meeting.

Program Item 6:

Brief Project Introduction by Stuart Tom

Timeline:

- April 15, 2005 Fire Advisory Committee Meeting (Sacramento)
Dan Najera discusses SFM State Amendment status
FAC suggests participating in process
- May 18, 2005 Meeting w/ Chief Grijalva (Sacramento)
Tom/Blaua/Jameson/Jenson/Wheeler meet w/ Chief Grijalva prior to
CBSC meeting (UWI Code & HCD adoption SB1025/emergency provisions)
Objective: Seek SFM's approval to develop a DRAFT action plan for his
review & approval to move forward.
- Holistic approach
Maintain level of safety
Minimize number of state amendments
Statutory requirements
Stakeholders
Justification under 9-point criteria
- May 26, 2005 FPO Code Development Committee Meeting (Monrovia SFM Field Office)
Further discussion of project
Identified 14 logical working groups (occupancy-based)
Basis for development of a DRAFT action plan
- June 2005 Draft Action Plan Developed
- July 8, 2005 Draft Action Plan submitted to Chief Grijalva for
review/revision/comment/acceptance
- July 13, 2005 DRAFT Matrix & Instructions developed by Laura Blaul
- July 13, 2005 So Cal FPO Meeting (Los Angeles) Chief Grijalva & Staff attended
SFM distributes 7/12/05 letter regarding adoption of IBC & IFC
Which includes revised Action Plan H-7, H-8, R-6
- July 21, 2005 Joint Meeting LA Basin ICC & Orange Empire ICC (Anaheim) William
Schock has been asked to keep Tri-Cities Chapter in No. Cal up to speed.
- July 22, 2005 Compile names of participants who will provide assistance in each of the
14 working groups
- August 19, 2005 Next CALBO/CalChiefs Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Sacramento)

Action Plan by Christina Jaimeson

The Action Plan defines what our scope of work is and is based on Operation Code Comparison [OCC] a model plan that compared the NFPA versus the ICC during the model code selection process. The OCC resulted in a 600 page document and it was deemed prudent to utilize the work that was already invested in it as a resource for the Action Plan. The Action Plan will contain work groups that will be divided on occupancy classifications and will be reviewed based on control objectives created. Chief Grijalva directed a holistic comparison study of a building built under today's California Code versus one constructed under the model I-code utilizing the control objectives. In

addition to the work groups an oversight committee will be created consisting of the group leaders and members of state agencies to maintain communication and consistency. The primary goal is to reduce the amount of amendments so that we can push this through in a timely manner.

Speaker Chief Grijalva bullet points:

- Great successful, collaborative partnerships formed in the common goal of passing the I-Codes as the model code for the next state code adoption.
- Now is the time to put up or shut up to carry the momentum to completion to finalize and adopt the next state code.
- Very pleased with the continued cooperation of the Fire Service and the Building Officials throughout the state. In particular the partnership CALBO and Cal Chiefs fire advisory committee to get us to the May deadline.
- This is going to be a very participative process that is not usually the norm for the state agencies in the adoption process.
- More work anticipated upfront with communications and logistics to get the process going but less work on the back end if we can get to the building standards commission with a true consensus.
- We will refine and use this approach for future code cycles.
- Believes that we had the best codes for California for many years and that this can yet again be achieved.
- To get here will require a lot of work.
- Establish a core group to provide recommendations to State Fire Marshals office as to what we should submit to the BSC. This core group should not have any financial interest on the outcome of what's going in the code. These would be representatives from state agencies such as SFM, OSHPD, VSA, HCD, Cal Chiefs, FPO's, CALBO, ICC, League Chiefs, Metro Chiefs, SCAC, and FDAC.
- Stakeholders from the industry and product groups will also have input and dialogue in the process. Multiple opportunities will be provided for input for these stakeholders.
- Positive feedback from the stakeholders has been pouring in about the open process and how much input they are able to make and how much the core group has listened to their input.
- Tight time frame for May of 2006 to the BSC. A very aggressive time line.
- Currently available is the 2003 code with 2004 amendments.
- Only info without access to is the outcome of the September ABM in Detroit. Although there is access to monographs and recommendations by the committees, and there is info on what is needed to overturn the committee's recommendation. So we should have a pretty good idea of what's going to come out of the ICC hearings. ICC will make the information available electronically 30 days after the hearing.
- ICC also offered the possibility and funding for a electronic methodology for making amendments. Web based technology is currently being developed but can not based our work on this possible medium.
- Holistic approach as the ICC codes is not identical to the UFC or the UBC. Many changes have taken place in methods of philosophy in fire protection and fire life safety and in format. Holistic approach is looking at how fire and life safety has been accomplish as a whole with the changes you've made with regard to say strengthening egress calculation and fire protection systems requirements while loosening up how long a dead end corridor should be.

- State agencies in agreement that it should have at least the same equivalent level of protection even though not identical, i.e. where fire and life safety is addressed in a different manner.
- Through the process in comparing the UBC, current CBC and the IBC we should ask the question of whether the issue as contained in the current code been addressed by the IBC? Has it been addressed in a different way? If addressed in a different way does it meet the intent?
- We have to evaluate and look at each and every California amendment and ask if it is still necessary, in particular are those that are prescriptive in nature.
- There may be issues where consensus can not be arrived and we should consider its time impact to the adoption process and possibly table it for future so that we may push with the adoption process in a timely fashion.
- Key issue is that if we are to move an amendment over, it has to meet the 9 point criteria of BSC and it will withstand any opposition.
- Accepted CALBO-Cal Chiefs recommendation for process which will establish 14 work groups based articles/occupancies. These work groups will base their review on the control objectives pertaining to exiting, occupancy group definition, construction, height, area, location on property, smoke barriers, definitions, occupancy separations, special hazards, fire protection systems, and interior finishes. The review will determine the necessity for amendments.
- The results will be provided to the SFM office for compilation and to put the packet in "express terms" format.
- Must have a complete package by March of 2006 for submission to the BSC which means a February 2006 deadline from the work groups.
- There may be minor/major changes at the SFM to assure passage in the BSC for adoption. This will be discretionary on the office of the SFM but will be providing reasoning available to the members at large who worked on recommendations changed or omitted from the packet.
- Looking for professional, articulate, flexible, open minded, energetic people willing to work with a tight time frame.
- SFM put into this document criteria for classification of four categories for what would be going into code that are statutory driven that was developed under SFM authority but not necessarily a response to specific incident or legislative action but still need to be addressed. Those that do not have a significant impact on fire and life safety or no longer necessary due to changes in model code revision or no longer fit in the new base code because of format changes and new amendments.
- New amendments will have to be very well thought out, very well defined, reviewed and recommended by the core group and meet the 9 point criteria of the BSC.
- Don't know realistically how much effort there is to reverse this decision. The administration always has a probability of going in a different direction. The current governor will be in office till December of 2006 and uncertain whether he will be in office beyond this time. Not overly concerned at this point but should be considered during this process. Opined that CAL Chiefs will not be the driving force behind trying to reverse direction. Maybe CPF? There are factions out there that would like to slow down the progress and they will hit it during the amendment process and so we will have to be judicious about what amendments we do make and make sure that they are necessary.

CALBO's role:

Stuart Tom and Brad Remp provided a briefing on CALBO's role. This team that will be doing the nuts and bolts work is composed of FPO's and all the BO's represented through

CALBO. The oversight committee consists of Stuart Tom, Brad Kemp, Christina Jamison and Laura Blaul.

Brad Kemp: Momentum, momentum, momentum is what it's about; it is the need to keep the process moving to fruition. Key role is liaison to the SFM office. The fire advisory group will function as a clearing house working through issues that the BO's and Fire Officials are going to bring to the committee. Org chart and logistics still ongoing.

FPO's role and Instruction Matrix:

Laura Blaul: The FPO's received the same introduction/overview from Chief Grijalva. As a follow up and to better prepare staff, we had asked Paul Armstrong to give a presentation on the differences between the UBC versus the IBC. Then to work collaboratively with the BO's to obtain/maintain the "holistic" vision of Chief Grijalva with the goal of achieving "express terms" meeting the 9 point criteria. In the interim point some sort of a workshop which the logistics is still being worked out. An approach being considered is in lieu of provisions by provisions which was applied in operation code comparison, to get the holistic view is to take the "how to do a plan check" method and apply it. From here create a matrix that will identify amendments, type of amendments in accordance with the plan, what sections and then the overall justification. The matrix and instructions will be sent out via e-mail very shortly and resources to be provided centrally for access by everyone.

Paul Armstrong gave a very abbreviated synopsis of the differences between the UBC versus the IBC.

Working Group Assignments:

A sign up sheet was made available which will be compiled by Christina to determine work group assignments.

Attachments:

Agenda of Meeting
Letter from Chief Grijalva
Group assignments

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Caraig
Secretary