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Residential Structures Board

Regular board meeting minutes

April 1, 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: Mark Long, administrator
Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager
Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Aeron Teverbaugh, policy analyst
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
Dana Fischer, state building code para-technical specialist
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

Guests present: Johnathan Balkema, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
Douglas P. Evans, president of Oranco Station Owners Association

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Ray Miller called the Residential Structures Board meeting to order at 9:30 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.

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 January 7, 2009

Chair Miller **RULED** the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2009 approved.

E. Date of the next meeting

July 1, 2009

II. Public comment

Douglas Evans, president of Orenco Station Owners Association in Hillsboro, strongly encouraged the board to approve the proposal for water resistant barriers. Every home of Orenco Station experienced water damage due to failure of the water resistant barriers.

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Administrator of Building Codes Division Mark Long spoke briefly on the information included in the [BCD Update](#) packet. His focus was directed at some of the legislative bills that will directly impact the division. Senate Bill 79, the energy efficiency bill requires the division to adjust the commercial and residential codes to improve energy efficiency by 10 to 15-percent for residential construction and 15 to 25-percent in commercial construction by 2012. The bill also includes a concept for a "reach code" which will set optional energy efficiency standards above the adopted code. Administrator Long noted that the division is taking a different approach for adoption of the energy code for commercial structures by creating a commercial energy efficiency work group. This group will work separately from the commercial code committee and the mechanical code committee.

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington discussed the mid-cycle code review process. Proposed code amendments are limited to fire/life safety risks, emerging issues, and conflicting and unclear provisions. Proposals are being accepted for the 2008 ORSC and the 2008 Oregon OPSC any time from April 6, 2009 through May 6, 2009.

The Residential Structures Board will review any appropriate proposals to amend the Oregon Residential Specialty Code as well as electrical and plumbing proposed amendments applicable to residential construction.

Jim Hanson was introduced as a new policy analyst for the policy and technical services section.

B. Program update - None

IV. Communications

Mid-cycle code amendment process

This item was discussed under division update.

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business

Review and approve, or give further direction to the division regarding draft code amendment proposal clarifying ORSC 703.1

Administrator Long reminded the board of the code adoption process last April. Since then, several stakeholders and individuals from industry have asked how this specific code section is to be handled. He explained that the issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible in order to give adequate notice to the public if a change is to occur.

Manager Huntington added that in order for the division to move this issue to public hearing in May a notice needs to be filed before April 15, 2009. The division feels that a May hearing with final action at the July meeting allows greater flexibility for ensuring that the proposal can be implemented by October 1, 2009 instead of deferring the decision to the July meeting. This will give builders the opportunity to prepare for a change if needed.

Richard Rogers, structural program chief, reviewed the proposed code change to R703.1.

Scott Caulfield noted that as a code official and member of the task force, he was in favor of the proposal noting that the proposal provides clear direction of the intent of the code.

Douglas Lethin suggested that an exception be considered that the exterior veneer is matching existing exterior finishes in additions or alterations.

Vice-chair DeHarpport suggested to delete the editorial note “The use of rain screen technology is considered best practice in meeting this requirement and is not required by this section” because it is not normal code language.

Public testimony

Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy, suggested that instead of deleting the editorial note, it be put in a text box for information only.

Motion by Scott Caufield to move proposed code change R703.1 forward to public hearing with the modification that an exception 4 be considered where the exterior veneer is matching existing exterior finishes as in additions or alterations
Motion carried unanimously

Vice-chair DeHarpport spoke as a member of the task force that reviewed the proposal and said the group was not all in favor of the proposed language. He suggested that the membership of the task force remain until the code cycle has completely gone through its process.

Richard Rogers, structural program chief, suggested that the task force be used to help the division with the development of best practice guides for the new code.

VII. New business - None

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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