

MINUTES
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD
March 21, 2012

I. The Chairman, William Ray Higgins, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Vista Center 1st Floor Conference Room 1W-47, Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning & Building Department, 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

A. **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

William Ray Higgins, Chair
Michael Fichera, Vice Chair
Steven Kennedy
Bette Lowe
Jacek Tomasiak
Rebecca Caldwell
Doug Wise

Joe Byrne
Howarth Lewis
Gary Kozan
Greg Miller
Scott Worley
Maury Jacobson

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ashley Salvati, Recording Secretary
Michael Fox, PBC, CPT Supervisor
Richard Gathright, Deputy Building Official

Shannon Fox, Asst. County Attorney
Bob Boyer, PBC, CPT Coordinator
Tim Graboski, Graboski Roofing

B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

II. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS – NONE

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Code Interpretation – NONE

B. Code Amendments – NONE

C. Product Evaluation – Michael Fox

- Mr. Fox explained the product approval system in the 2010 Florida Building Code: the two options are revision and self-affirmation. Revisions takes longer, as it requires the submission of technical information to the state, whereas the self-affirmation simply requires the statement that it meets the code.
- Ms. Caldwell said that Palm Beach County has decided that it will continue to accept product approvals for an additional 30 days, provided they are not outdated and have not had major changes in their testing.

D. Regulatory Climate Oversight Committee – Rebecca Caldwell

- Ms. Caldwell reported that a second reminder letter was sent to the municipalities that have not yet answered. Currently we have seventeen (17) positive, and nine (9) negative. We have asked industry to speak to these municipalities and some of them have asked additional questions, so perhaps they are rethinking it, thanks to industry.
- Chairman Higgins asked to hand out a copy of the list.
- Mr. Wise offered to speak with Andy Lucasik of the City Managers Association of Palm Beach County, to see what can be done with those who are not participating.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ridge Vent Failure – Staff – Letter

- Ms. Caldwell asked staff to draft a letter along with Mr. Wise for the next meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2010 FBC Wind Provisions – Richard Gathright

- Mr. Gathright showed his presentation on the new Florida Building Code windmaps, explaining the changes on higher windspeeds and change in wind-borne debris regions. He also described the impact of ASCE7-10 on load combinations and design wind loads and the risk categories of buildings and structures.
- Ms. Caldwell elaborated on the "wind-borne debris region", and stated that by local amendment, we have declared all of Palm Beach County a wind-borne debris area.

2. Shed Update to New Code – Michael Fox

- Mr. Fox told the Board that included in the packet was a drawing showing the slight changes in the shed drawing, to reflect 2010 FBC. They fall into Risk Category 1 and the strength design pressure is Exposure C.
- Chairman Higgins questioned the lack of notation on mesh with slab.
- Ms. Caldwell motioned to approve the drawings, adding Mr. Higgins' suggestion to revise to include fiber or welded wire mesh.

VI. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS FOR MAY

1. Global Disaster Housing – Temporary Containerized Housing

- Mr. Boyer said he was trying to coordinate a presentation.

2. Insulation Concerns – Staff

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Letter of Resignation – Rebecca Caldwell

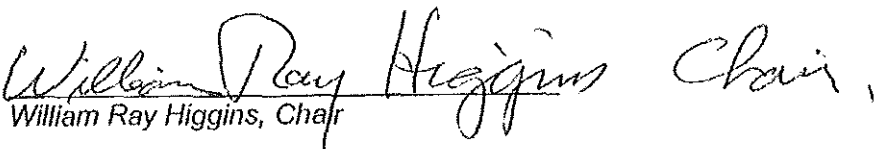
- Ms. Caldwell read her letter of resignation.
- Mr. Worley asked if Mr. Gathright would be taking Ms. Caldwell's position.
- Ms. Fox said that he could not sit on the board, as he has not been appointed, but he could sit in as staff and answer questions.
- Chairman Higgins thanked Ms. Caldwell for all of her time and skills put into the board, and the best of luck into her future position.
- Mr. Worley reminded board members of Barbara Alterman's retirement party on April 26th.

2. Next meeting – May 16, 2012

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Boyer commented on the informational handout that was given out at the beginning of the meeting, from the BOAF regarding FBC 102.8 to require an equal change out rooftop to comply with section 1509 which is the minimum clearance section, as noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


William Ray Higgins, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Salvati, Recording Secretary