

**MINUTES  
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD  
July 21, 2010**

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

**A. MEMBERS PRESENT:**

*Howarth Lewis, Chair  
Rebecca Caldwell  
Drew Duncan  
Michael Fichera  
William Higgins  
Maury Jacobson  
Gary Kozan  
Kenneth Loihle  
Jack Tomasik, Vice Chair  
Scott Worley  
Doug Wise*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

*Greg Miller  
Greg Marion*

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Sherita White, Recording Secretary  
Gentry Benjamin, Asst. County Attorney  
Michael Fox, PBC, CPT Supervisor  
Bob Boyer, PBC, CPT Coordinator  
Robert Anderson, Health Dept.

Bob Davenport, RDG & Associates  
Mike Bishop, RDG & Associates  
Chris Roog, GCBA  
Jeff Brophy, Land Design South

- B. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**II. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Code Interpretation – NONE
- B. Code Amendments – NONE
- C. Product Evaluation – NONE

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Radon Fee
  - Ms. Caldwell stated that the new bill regarding radon fees will go into effect October 1, 2010, at which time the fees will become designated as a “state surcharge”

- Ms. Caldwell explained that there will be a 3% surcharge on all permits that enforce the Florida Building Code. She stated that a summary of House Bill 663 has been included in the package.
- Ms. Caldwell stated that 10% of all money from the surcharge is being kept by the governing authority responsible for issuing the permit. The remainder of the surcharge will be split evenly amongst the Building Code Administrators & Inspectors Fund and the Department of Community Affairs.
- Discussion continued among the Board.
- 2. Energy Efficiency on HVAC Systems
- Mr. Boyer introduced Bob Davenport and Mike Bishop of RDG & Associates Consulting Engineers to make the presentation.
- Mr. Bishop stated that, in 2008, Governor Crist mandated a 15% increase in energy efficiency for buildings. By 2019, the energy code will require buildings to be 50% more efficient.
- Mr. Bishop continued his presentation to compare Florida's energy standards to national governing bodies such as ASHRAE 90.1 and IECC.
- Mr. Bishop described the computer software EnergyGauge, which uses energy-related variables to come up with an estimated energy budget of the building. Permit applications require this information for completion.
- Discussion continued among the Board.
- 3. Regulatory Climate Survey
- Mr. Chris Roog was asked to present his findings from the Development Review Process Workshop.
- Mr. Roog stated that the results of the survey have been summarized in the provided file, "Rigatore".
- Mr. Roog stated that the survey results were discussed within a workshop of various industry members. The survey addressed the four sectors of the development review process: planning, zoning, building and engineering. Within those sectors, customer service, communications, process and predictability, and documents and interpretation were researched.
- Mr. Roog explained that the creators of the workshop determined that the next step would be to go to advisory boards to seek recommendations for realistic improvements.
- Discussion continued among the Board.

**Mr. Lewis made a motion to ask Mr. Wise to head a sub-committee to further discuss and invite Mr. Roog back to a meeting in the future. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. The following members offered to serve on the committee: Rebecca Caldwell, Howarth Lewis, Scott Worley.**

4. Lead Paint Certification Rule

- Mr. Anderson discussed the Lead Paint Certification Rule and supplied supporting handouts.
- Discussion regarding enforcement of the rule continued among the Board.

**Ms. Caldwell made a motion to have the Board compose a letter to the governor stating support for the Department of Health's enforcement of the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule in Florida. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Residential Yard Storage Building

- Mr. Boyer had questions regarding the intention of the storage building in order to move forward. The Board concurred that the prescriptive Yard Storage Building was intended for residential Single Family Dwelling Use only.

**VI. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

1. Draft Technical Advisory regarding Goose Neck Vents– Drew Duncan

2. Sun Rooms & Patio Enclosures – Scott Worley

3. Unlicensed Activity – Scott Worley

- Ms. Caldwell suggested waiting to ask Kurt Eismann to present until a future meeting, to which Chairman agreed.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Resignation of Robert Lecky and David Stewart

- Chairman Lewis noted that a letter of appreciation must be sent to Mr. Lecky, as was sent to Mr. Stewart earlier.
- Mr. Wise suggested noting how many years served on the appreciation plaques to both Mr. Lecky and Mr. Stewart.

2. Replacement of Board Members

- Mr. Worley asked how we intend on replacing board members as they retire and their terms expire.

- Ms. Caldwell noted that appointments will be underway soon, despite problems with the Special Act.

3. Ethics Forms

- Mr. Worley asked if new ethics forms were required.

- Ms. Caldwell stated that it would be looked into.

4. Updated BCAB Member List

- Mr. Loihle requested an updated member list.

**VIII. STAFF COMMENTS-NONE**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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*Howarth Lewis, Chair*

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherita White,  
Recording Secretary