

MINUTES
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD
March 20, 2013

The Vice Chairman, Joe Byrne, 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.

1.A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Joe Byrne, Vice Chair	Howarth Lewis	Jacek Tomasik
Roger Held	Greg Miller	Doug Wise
William Ray Higgins	Steve Tobias	Scott Worley

Members Absent:

Michael Fichera, Chair	Andrew Mack
Gary Kozan	Maury Jacobson

Others Present:

Vickie Day, Recording Secretary	Michael Fox, PBC, CPT Supervisor
Richard Gathright, Deputy Building Official	Anne Helfant, Asst. County Attorney

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Approval of Minutes - No Quorum

2. New Business

2.A. Presentation on Sunsetter Retractable Awning by: Douglas Riordan, President of Stockton Maintenance Group. Discussion ensued on whether or not a permit should be required; Mr. Fox states that a product approval is not required as it does not fall under the scope of the product approval rule. The main concern is obtaining adequate verification that the proposed attachment of the awning to the structure will meet Palm Beach County's wind speed and design pressures. Mr. Douglas asked the Board to consider the manufacturer's installation/manuals as sufficient to use in place of providing engineered attachment details.

Mr. Wise responds that since the manufacturer's testing only goes to 70mph, additional rational analysis would have to be submitted.

Mr. Tomasik suggests that Mr. Riordan provide an engineered uniform drawing that would address attachments to the three main substrates of masonry, concrete, or wood. He could then present that to the Board for approval and request an official advisory be posted on the BCAB website recommending it be accepted by all the County's municipalities to provide uniformity.

Mr. Byrne suggests that Douglas submit a master drawing from a FL PE to staff; then get on the agenda for the next meeting. Until then, he was advised to go to each municipality for their specific approval.

2.B. Introduction of the new Board Member, Roger Held Town of Jupiter Bldg Official-Joe Byrne

2.C. Resignation of Bette Lowe & card to sign-Joe Byrne

3. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS – NONE

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.A. Code Interpretation – NONE

4.B. Code Amendments – NONE

4.C. Product Evaluation - NONE

4.D. Regulatory Climate Oversight Committee – Andrew Mack and Doug Wise

4.D.a Revised application with changes to date

Mr. Wise advises this draft incorporates those changes submitted to staff to date.

4.D.b Universal Permit Application Follow-up Letter

Mr. Wise states the letter to Municipalities is ready for Chair signature & will be sent out immediately.

4.D.c Mr. Wise mentions that Kurt Eismann is continuing to roll-out his enhanced Countywide enrollment process

Mr. Worley asks staff to provide information on the universal registration that he could have included in the Home Builders Association newsletter.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.A. Ionization Smoke Detectors – Richard Gathright

Mr. Gathright provided follow up on smoke detectors utilizing ionization technology vs. the photo-electric type. He explained how both types have their limitations and therefore do not work well with all types of fires. In speaking with the Fire Marshall, Jeff Collins, his recommendation is to have both types of smoke detectors installed in buildings. Currently both types meet Code, however, UL is currently researching the effectiveness of different alarm technologies considering the different types of materials used today in the building industry

Mr. Wise suggests that perhaps the Board can issue a technical advisory. This would get the information out to the public.

Mr. Higgins offers to write the technical advisory with Mr. Gathright's assistance.

5.B. Ridge Vent Failure Update – Mike Fox

Mr. Fox reports that we have confirmation that the Florida Building Commission is in receipt of the Board's letter dated July 27, 2012.

6. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS

NONE

7. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

7.A. Next meeting is May 15, 2013

Mr. Higgins-On April 27th at John Prince Park, the Electrical Counsel of Florida and Int'l Assn of Electrical Inspectors are hosting a BBQ.

Mr. Wise- Building Safety Month is May and the importance of Safe Buildings! Inspections are up about 20% from last year; the County is looking into adding staff.

Mr. Worley – projection is that the projection is permits will be increasing about 50% over last year and will accelerate at the end of the year going into next year.

Mr. Held – Reported that the Town of Jupiter has doubled the number of permits issued from last year and is considering hiring additional staff.

Mr. Tomasik – Reported the Village of Wellington has also seen approximately a 30% increase in permits issued this year and is also considering hiring new staff and/or using supplemental staff

8. STAFF MEMBERS COMMENTS

NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:25pm, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting



Joe Byrne, Vice Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Day, Recording Secretary