

MINUTES  
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD  
November 19, 2014

The Chairman, Joe Byrne, called the meeting to order at 2:10 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.

**1.A. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Joe Byrne, Chair	Andrew Mack, Vice Chair
Jacek Tomasik, Building Official	Greg Miller, Aluminum Contractor
Doug Wise, Building Official	Gary Kozan, Plumbing Contractor
Mike Grimm, Building Official	Tom Hogarth, Engineer
Roger Held, Building Official	Scott Worley, General Contractor
Steven Tobias, Building Official	

**Members Absent:**

Michael Fichera, Building Official	Howarth Lewis, Architect
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**Others Present:**

Vickie Day, Recording Secretary	Shannon Fox, Asst. County Attorney
Mike Fox, CPT Supervisor	Mike Ricard, Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony
Bob Boyer, CPT Coordinator	

**1.B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.C. Approval of Minutes - *The motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.***

**2. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS – NONE**

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**3.A. Code Interpretation**

Staff was not present at the last re-roofing Sub-committee. However, committee of Mr. Byrne, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Wise and Mr. Tomasik met. Discussions on what the remainder of the County is doing. We will have recommendations to present to the Board, at a later date. Some of the issues we are researching are:

- Use of both affidavits and inspections, to ensure compliance
- Engineering letter should have accompanying photos showing the building
- Modify the current affidavit / PPM

**3.B. Code Amendments – NONE**

**3.C. Product Evaluation - NONE**

**3.D. Six Pillars Committee – NONE**

**4. OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.A.** Presentation by Mr. Mike Ricard, represents Jupiter Inlet Colony Building Department and is requesting to utilize the BCAB as the adjustment Board for the Town, it would be for Code Interpretations. I spoke to both Mr. Wise representing the County and the Town Mayor, both thoughts that BCAB would be the best choice.

Mr. Wise -Internal staff met and the County is not interested in entering into any Interlocal Agreements to provide interpretations. Mr. Ricard is advising us that he will be utilizing our non-binding interpretations of the Code as according to the Special Act, Section 5-Interpretations.

Mr. Worley – reading the Special Act, it specifically states that is one of our purposes. We should be advising that the local governments are the enforcer, not the Board. It would be advice, not a binding interpretation. The Building Officials are to make up the committee.

Mr. Hogarth –The Florida Building Commission can be a binding interpretation, should you need one.



**5.B.** Presentation by Len Tylka, LTL Builders was a no-show  
Mr. Wise – Mr. Tylka approached me that he was interested in Standardization of Change of Sub/Contractor. Possibly have the municipalities using the County change of contractor form.

Mr. Mack – request to have the Licensing Division provide an update on the County-wide Enrollment.

Mr. Tomasik – Wellington had a few minor changes to agreement, we should be on board around January. Had issues with the revenue shared with the Tax Collector. Much easier for contractors to have to go just to the County, it includes State Licensing.

Mr. Grimm – City of Greenacres participates and it is good for us as some contractors come in without all the requirements.

Mr. Mack – BDB meeting last week. Discussion for training for employment, contractors, inspectors and plan reviewers. City is looking at lobbying the State to change the requirements; as we are having difficulty in hiring. In addition, the cross-training of various disciplines.

Mr. Wise – in agreement, will work with City of Boynton Beach. Florida is much stricter in licensing for inspectors than most anywhere. PB State College has recently announced they are looking to cut some of their construction programs. BOAF Chapter meeting voted to send a letter to encourage the State College to continue their construction programs.

Mr. Byrne – The College has the discussion set for the first of the year. Great program, we need to support it.

Mr. Hogarth – proposed legislation that's coming, proposing significant changes to the qualifications for the fire inspector and touches on the cross-training. Very extensive and controversial and they are making it less stringent. Reducing number of hours for some programs.

**6. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS**

2015 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

*The motion was made to have Chair and Vice-Chair elections on the May Agenda for future years. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Wise – A presentation will be coming soon on Pipelining and Sanitary drainage systems under buildings; particularly homes. Certain areas of the County, we have aggressive soil characteristics whereby the cast iron pipes disintegrating when the sanitary pipes do not drain.

**7. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**7.A.** Next meeting is January 21, 2015

Mr. Worley – Rebirth of Gold Coast Builders Association. Various events throughout the County are being planned for 2015. If anyone has any articles you would like to see, please send them to me.

Mr. Wise – Swimming Pool voltage ordinance was passed in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. Father of a child victim is lobbying Palm Beach County. Research is being conducted.

**8. STAFF MEMBERS COMMENTS - NONE**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:15pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting

  
Joseph Byrne, Chair

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Day, Recording Secretary