



PALM BEACH COUNTY
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD (BCAB)

March 20, 2024 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Edward Lynch called the meeting to order at **2:04 p.m.** The meeting was conducted in Room 1W-47 at the Vista Center located at 2300 North Jog Road in West Palm Beach, Florida.

A. Roll Call

1. Members Present:

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| Edward Lynch, <i>General Contractor, Chair</i> | Kristin Materka, <i>Architect</i> |
| Robert Brown, <i>Building Official, Vice Chair</i> | Thomas Hogarth, <i>Engineer</i> |
| James Carr, <i>HVAC Contractor</i> | John Kuntzman, <i>Building Official</i> |
| Wayne Cameron, <i>Building Official</i> | Frank R Coppola, III, <i>General Contractor</i> |
| Jacek Tomasik, <i>Building Official</i> | Donald Sharkey, <i>Electrical Contractor</i> |
| Gary Kozan, <i>Plumbing Contractor</i> | |

2. Absent Members:

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| Michael DiNorscio, <i>Building Official</i> | Gregory Miller, <i>Aluminum Contractor</i> |
| Joe Byrne, <i>Roofing Contractor</i> | |

3. Others Present:

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| Doug Wise, <i>PBC Building Official</i> | Robin Barrack, <i>Communications Specialist</i> |
| Ryan Maher, <i>PBC Assistant County Attorney</i> | John Blake, <i>Deputy Building Official</i> |
| Bianca Filiponi, <i>Recording Secretary</i> | |

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Sharkey made a motion to approve the November 15, 2023 minutes. Mr. Coppola second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

II. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Code Interpretation** – No report.
- B. **Code Amendments** – No report.
- C. **Product Evaluation** - No report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PBC Chapter 1 Amendments

- ♦ Mr. Wise presents to the board the proposed changes to the Chapter 1 Amendments. States he and county staff found some discrepancies between the statutes and our existing Chapter 1. Continues to recall his phone conversation with Mo Modanni in regards to fix 110.9, 3 miles of the coast provision

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in the tall buildings. The 25 years administrative provision was removed at the legislative level and the Florida Building Commission has not caught up.

- ◆ Mr. Wise also states in his phone conversation if we were able to adopt and Moe stated it was up to the local jurisdictions.
- ◆ Mr. Maher states that they have added penalty to the violation of the Florida Building Code or the local amendments. The penalty will be issuance of citations for monetary amounts for the deterrence for any violations. Continues to clarify that removal of red placards is a violation punishable by citation.
- ◆ Mr. Wise states that they clarified some of the violations so when PBSO is called they're able to cite violations carefully and more specific.
- ◆ Mr. Sharkey asks Mr. Maher, in regards to fines, if the fines are for more willful violators or individuals that make an honest mistake.
- ◆ Mr. Maher states that it will be at the discretion of the Code Enforcement officer.

Discussion Ensues

- ◆ Mr. Maher states an addition that is in the Florida Building Code but is not enforced, for a change of use now to require a change of occupancy due to issues in the past.

Discussion Ensues and comes to an end.

B. County Wide Permit Application

- ◆ Mr. Tomasik presents the minor changes he proposed in the County Wide Permit Application. Changes include the change of the year on the first page, the amounts on the second page. It went up to follow the Florida Statute for the NOC from \$2500 to \$5000.
- ◆ Mr. Sharkey makes a motion to approve the change of amount from \$2500 to \$5000. Mr. Brown second the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

VI. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS

None

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

None

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting – May 15, 2024

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edward Lynch adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:32 p.m.

Signed for the board by,

Edward J. Lynch, Jr.
Edward Lynch, Chair

Respectfully submitted by
Bianca Filiponi
Recording Secretary

