

CENTRAL IOWA CODE CONSORTIUM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Johnston City Hall, Council Chambers
6221 Merle Hay Road
February 20, 2019
10:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll call

Members present: Bishop, Junker, Lund, Mayer, Rash, Robinson, Sanders, Schemmel

3. Agenda approval

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Rash to approve the agenda; ayes – unanimous

4. Approve the minutes from the December 19, 2018 meeting

Moved by Bishop, seconded by Schemmel; ayes – unanimous

5. Presentation by Jennifer Hart (Iowa Department of Public Health) regarding the state adopted mechanical, plumbing and fuel gas codes

Jennifer reported if a city substitutes the IPC for the UPC it is contrary to state law that was adopted in 2013. The only way the law can be changed is by the General Assembly.

State-wide licensure went into effect in 2009

She reported the state is a little behind on the 2018 plumbing and mechanical code review. They are going through their formal comment period.

Cities can adopt amendments to the UPC/State Code if they are more restrictive. Cities are required to report their amendments to the state, and they will be posted on a state-wide web site. The only city that has amendments posted on the state website is Cedar Falls.

It was questioned how the state handles alternative means of compliance. She reported it is challenge for the state board since they do not issue permits or do inspections. The community would need to go to the Board for a waiver or if there is a provision that allows for an alternative, it is left to the local authority.

The notice of intended action for the 2018 codes have not been published, it should be sent out in a couple of weeks.

6. Discuss appointments to the code committees
 - a. One vacancy remains on pool/spa/PM code

There has been no progress in filling the vacancy on the committee. The committee was given direction to proceed with six members.

7. Consider a proposal to allow the IRC to consider changing language in Chapter 1 as it relates to scoping provisions (tabled from the 12/19/18 meeting)

The residential committee inquired about changing the scoping requirements as it relates to day cares and other home occupancies (section R101.2 Scoping). This would clean up the provisions for the IRC. The committee adopted the change and sent it to the Executive Committee to see if they concurred. The number of children and their ages were taken directly from the Department of Human Services (DHS) guidelines. Cities would still require a limit of 8 for unlicensed day cares.

It was noted the committee is not debating the merit of the proposals and this issue should also be reviewed by the IEBC. This action would grandfather the existing language for existing day cares (5 children) and new day cares would be allowed up to 8. If we don't approve it, we are inconsistent with DHS requirements.

Discussion centered around whether this puts us on a 'slippery slope' regarding if the Executive Committee reviews provisions on individual codes, especially on the more controversial issues.

It was noted that the day care issue provides a path to deal with this issue broadly. It does not affect zoning and it makes the codes consistent with DHS regulations, limiting the number of children that can receive day care services in a single-family home.

During the last code cycle, Waukeel decided not to address this.

The IRC approved this unanimously and the IEBC would be supportive in making this like DHS regulations

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Bishop to approve; Ayes - Bishop, Junker, Lund, Mayer, Robinson, Sanders, Schemmel; Nays: Rash

8. Update on the request by the IBC/IEBC Committee directing the Committee Chair to create a Subcommittee involving various stakeholders to review a proposal to amend 2018 IBC Section 503 adding a new section 503.1.5 Type V construction.

Lund had proposed this amendment. The proposal has been revised to allow for additional accommodation for smaller setbacks for type V construction. The committee is going to reconsider it at their February 27th meeting. No need for action at this meeting.

9. Discuss the CSST issue and the conflict between the IRC and IMC/IFGC/Plumb committee. The IMC/IFGC/Plumb committee has reviewed the code proposal and the IRC is going to review it. It was suggested that this issue should not be addressed by both committees and questioned which committee's action has precedence.

Some communities adopt the IRC as a standalone code. This CSST issue was deferred to the IMC/IFGC/Plumb Committee because it is a specialty committee for this issue. They have reviewed it and we need to see if the IRC agrees with their recommendation. If there is a conflict between the two committees, then it will need to come back to the Executive Committee for a decision.

10. Discuss setting dates for the Executive Committee public hearings and a timeline and deadline for the City Council approvals (tabled from the 12/19/18 meeting)

It appears we are on track for the public hearings to begin in April. The only committee that may not be ready is the IFC/IBC.

The committee proposals will be posted on the website by April 15.

Tentative dates for the public hearings are:

Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Johnston City Hall,
Wednesday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Municipal Service Center,
Wednesday, May 16 at 1:00 pm at Urbandale City Hall.

The meetings will be scheduled for 90 – 120 minutes. The committee chair, vice-chair or liaison will give a 10-minute overview of their proposals.

The proposals will be considered and adopted at an Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Johnston City

11. Report on activities of the Code Committees
 - a. IFC/IBC – Rash reported the committee is meeting tomorrow (2/21).
 - b. IFC – Robinson reported the committee is done except for formatting.
 - c. IBC/IEBC – Bishop reported the committee has three proposals left, they met with schools and the construction industry.
 - d. IRC – Lund reported the committee has discussed the scoping provisions regarding day cares, they are down to three proposals, including CSST

- e. IMC/IFGC/Plumb – Sanders reported the committee is done
 - f. NEC/IECC – Mayer reported the committee is reviewing one tabled proposal involving townhome regulations
 - g. POOL/SPA/PM – Schemmel reported the committee has one proposal to review.
12. Other business

Schemmel reported a provision in IFC (703.2.3) addressing swinging doors was approved by one committee and denied by another committee.

Sanders reported that it was discovered that certain browsers do not allow access to all the committee agendas and minutes on the CICC website. Internet Explorer does not allow complete. It was noted Google Chrome and Firefox are two browsers that allow complete access.

13. Upcoming meetings

Proposed meeting dates for a 10:00 a.m. meeting:

March 13 (moved a week due to spring break)

April 17

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Schedule for 2018 code review:

- ~~a. April 1 thru September 28, 2018 accept code proposals~~
- ~~b. May 1 thru July 1, 2018 committees meet and discuss changes to 2018 codes~~
- c. October 1 thru January 1, 2019 committees review proposals
- d. January 1 thru April 1, 2019 committees finalize recommendations
- e. April 1, 2019 CICC publishes recommended codes
- f. May - presentations on the code amendments