

CENTRAL IOWA CODE CONSORTIUM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Johnston City Hall, Council Chambers
6221 Merle Hay Road
April 17, 2019
10:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Bishop, Junker, Lund, Mayer, Nelson, Pardekooper, Rash, Sanders, Schemmel, Whitsell

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Whitsell, seconded by Schemmel to approve the agenda; ayes - unanimous

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MEETING

Moved by Bishop, seconded by Schemmel to approve the minutes; ayes - unanimous

5. REVIEW OF TIMELINE FOR THE CODE REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

- i. Review of code review process
- ii. Schedule for additional public meetings
- iii. Timeline to publish final amended code for adoption by communities
- iv. Planning for training sessions related to CICC recommended codes

Lund provided a brief overview of the timeline for the code review process and the timeline for the public meetings to review committee proposals and consideration by the executive committee.

6. PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING CODE PROPOSALS:

- i. International Fire Code (IFC) committee

The work of the committee is complete but the final report needs to be posted.

ii. International Building Code (IBC)/International Existing Building Code (IEBC) –
First review will be conducted at the 4/30/19 public meeting

iii. Joint International Fire Code (IFC)/ International Building Code (IBC) committee

Committee chair Phelan summarized the committee recommendations. The detailed report is on the CICC website.

There were no proposed changes in these code sections from the previously adopted 2015 code exceptions.

It was noted there was a written appeal submitted by David Kuhn regarding the committee recommendations on:

Building Code Section 903.2 – Fire Sprinkler thresholds

Fire Code 903.2 - Fire Sprinkler thresholds

Building Code Section 907.2 – Fire Area determination methods

Fire Code Section 907.2 – Fire Area determination methods

The CICC Rules of Procedure do not provide for an appeal process. The charge of the CICC is to create a model code to be considered by the member communities. The process was created so all meetings are open to the public and citizens/officials/professionals that have ideas/issues/concerns can address either the code committees or the executive committee.

It appears the IFC/IBC committee followed the public process in reviewing and making recommendations regarding the codes.

It was noted the building committee and the fire committee had a different recommendation on Code Section 703.2.3. It was suggested that the committee that the code section was assigned to should have the final say on what code language is proposed for adoption.

The executive committee will have further discussion regarding an appeal process at a future meeting.

iv. International Residential Code (IRC) committee

Committee chair Lund summarized the committee recommendations. The detailed report is on the CICC website.

v. International Mechanical Code (IMC)/ International Fuel Gas Code/ Unified Plumbing Code (UPC) committee

Committee liaison Sanders summarized the committee recommendations. The detailed report is on the CICC website.

- vi. Electrical Code (NEC)/Energy Code (IECC) committee

First review will be conducted at the 4/30/19 public meeting

- vii. Pool & Spa (ISPSC)/Property Maintenance (IPMC) codes committee

The committee members are planning to meet before the April 30th Executive Committee hearing.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Holt, Urbandale, addressed the committee. In his remarks he stated that the committees have done a lot of work and does not see the point if the Executive Committee allows an appeal process. If groups with special interests do not get what they want through the review process, it is a waste of time to allow an appeal of the committee recommendations.

Chief Leu, West Des Moines, concurred with Chief Holt's statement. He stated 80-90% of the communities are represented in the room, they believe in the process. He noted there was a lot of front end work in reviewing the codes and feels a policy statement can be in the code.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- i. 4/30/19 - Second public hearing at 4:30 PM at Des Moines Municipal Services Center (1551 E. MLK JR Parkway)
- ii. 5/16/19 - third public hearing at 1:00 PM at Urbandale Council Chambers (3600 86th St)
- iii. 6/5/19 - final public meeting & CICC Executive Committee Approval at 2 PM at Johnston City Hall (6221 Merle Hay Rd)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Whitsell, seconded by Bishop to adjourn at 11:29.