

CENTRAL IOWA CODE CONSORTIUM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Urbandale City Council Chambers
3600 86th Street, Urbandale
May 16, 2019

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Bishop, Junker, Lund, Mayer, Pardekooper, Robinson, Sanders, Schemmel, Whitsell

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Whitsell, seconded by Robinson; ayes - unanimous

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- i. Request to address the Committee by David Kuhn regarding submitted written appeal.

Mr. Kuhn asked the Executive Committee to consider an appeal process as described in his letter to the committee dated April 15, 2019. He is specifically interested in appealing the code committee recommendations related to the fire and building codes for Section 907.2 (Fire Area determination methods) and Section 903.2 (Fire Sprinkler thresholds)

Chief Clark, Johnston addressed the committee and noted that the CICC code review is a good process and expressed concern about changing the process to allow an appeal. He felt this was an issue of someone disagreeing with the result of a committee vote.

Sawn Mullen, Protex Central Inc. and a member of the IBC/IFC Joint Committee, addressed the committee referring to the memo he sent dated May 15, 2019. He expressed opposition to an appeal of the work and recommendations of the subcommittee. He expressed his concern over the time and effort the business community spent participating in the process if we allowed an appeal that changed their recommendations.

Junker, Executive Committee member, referred to article VIII, Section 3 of the *Rules of Procedure* that states the role of the code committees are to serve as technical advisors to the Executive Committee. They are charged with the authority to investigate technical matters and formulate policy recommendations for Executive Committee consideration.

He also noted, the committee reviewed 40 proposed sprinkler amendments. He felt it was an issue of policy verse transparency.

Lund, Executive Committee member, recognized that there is not an appeal process and expressed concern that if the Executive Committee appealed recommendation of the code committees, it sends a message that the committees have not done their job. He stated that in the future we should discuss if there should be an appeals process and how we address codes that fall under more than one committee. He also stated that he hopes that everyone gets on the same page and noted that the sprinkler proposals were a compromise from the 2015 recommendations.

Chief Robinson, Executive Committee member, agreed that that we do not have an appeal process and noted it is a philosophical discussion on the role of the code committees and executive committee. He noted that the committees followed the current process and made their recommendations following that established process.

Mayer, Executive Committee member, pointed out that we need to make sure we follow-up the code recommendations with education for the professionals that enforce the codes. It may also be helpful in the future to provide justification as to why a code recommendation was made.

Schemmel, Executive Committee member, suggested that we need to have further discussion on the appeals process. He felt we should come up with ideas and work on them over time.

Rech, Urbandale Fire, asked what is the procedure to change the code review process. He stated Chief Holt asked how do we ensure a fair and impartial appeals process.

5. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 30, 2019 MEETING

It was noted that item 6ii needs to be corrected. It should be changed from "...group L issues for sprinkling requirements ..." to "...group E issues for storm shelter requirements ..."; Moved by Robinson, seconded by Bishop to approve the minutes as corrected; ayes – unanimous

6. 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 reported that the final public meeting on the proposed codes is June 5. The codes will be republished on the CICC website and distributed to the participating communities for consideration. The committees will provide training sessions to code officials regarding recommendations, interpretation and enforcement. This will be scheduled in July or August

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

- i. International Fire Code (IFC) committee - (2nd review)

Committee chair Fraser presented the committee recommendations. There were 11 code proposals that were reviewed by the committee.

- ii. International Building Code (IBC)/International Existing Building Code (IEBC) – (2nd review)

Committee Chair Harden presented the committee recommendations.

- iii. Joint International Fire Code (IFC)/ International Building Code (IBC) committee – (3rd review)

Committee Chair Phelan presented the committee recommendations. He noted that many of the meetings from January through April were spent discussing sprinkler proposals and sprinkler thresholds.

- iv. International Residential Code (IRC) committee – (3rd review)

Committee Chair Lund presented the committee recommendations.

- v. International Mechanical Code (IMC)/ International Fuel Gas Code/ Unified Plumbing Code (UPC) committee – (3rd review)

Committee liaison Sanders presented the recommendations.

- vi. Electrical Code (NEC)/Energy Code (IECC) committee – (2nd review)

Committee Chair Mayer presented the committee recommendations. He reported the committee has a technical document that provides consistency on what is required to upgrade an electrical service. For example, if you go from a 200 amp to a 400 amp service, it provides a checklist of the things that need to be done to complete the upgrade

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

The committee attempted to meet through teleconference, but was not successful, therefore, the committee did not review or recommend 2018 codes changes.

Moved by Pardekooper, seconded by Bishop to not move forward with adoption of codes for the Pool & Spa/Property Maintenance Committee for the 2018 code review cycle; ayes - unanimous.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there is a memorial at fire station #1 in Ankeny for former CICC Executive Committee member Denny Bernholtz

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- i. 6/5/19 - final public meeting & CICC Executive Committee Approval at 2 PM at Johnston City Hall (6221 Merle Hay Rd)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bishop, seconded by Schemmel to adjourn