



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Building and Residential Advisory Board

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Fred Keithley Conference Room

NCTCOG, CPII, 1st Floor

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Selso Mata, City of Plano

Vice-Chair: Jack Thompson, Town of Westover Hills

DISCUSSION

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Selso Mata, City of Plano and Building and Residential Advisory Board (BRAB) Chair, welcomed members and guests. Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Advisory Board Review of Swimming Pool and Spa Code. The Board will continue to discuss the reports and suggested regional amendments of the two subcommittees that have been reviewing the Pool and Spa codes since August 16, 2016.

The group discussed the suggested revisions to the draft of the Swimming Pool and Spa Code regional amendments document. The revisions to the draft of the regional amendments was finalized and feedback regarding the document was solicited from the pool and spa industry representatives present. The pool and spa industry professionals were satisfied with the resulting document. The board unanimously decided to send the final Swimming Pool and Spa Code recommended regional amendments to the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) for approval.

3. Modification of Special Inspection Forms. The Board will continue to discuss updating and reworking the Special Inspection Forms based on input received from stakeholders and suggestions made during the review meeting.

The chair provided background on the process undertaken to modify the special inspection forms and highlighted some of the feedback he has received thus far. The group discussed the forms and made revisions as they reviewed each one. A final copy was produced and will be distributed to the BRAB via email.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

4. Future Agenda Items.

5. Roundtable Topics/Other Business.

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Bruce Rachel, Hensley Lamkin Rachel, Inc., discussed the rules relating to radio responder coverage requirements. If 95% coverage is not achieved, extra equipment must be added, which ends up being very costly for the builder since there is no way of knowing if the coverage requirements will be met until after the building is already completed. In addition, many are unaware of this rule and do not consider this when developing the project budget.

Mr. Rachel also discussed the two way communication device requirements for elevators that are intended to assist persons with disabilities during emergencies. The concern is that it is a safety hazard for individuals to be attempting to get in contact with someone on a two way communication device located near the elevators rather than seek an area of refuge. The board suggested this topic be discussed at the next RCCC meeting to potentially request the Fire Advisory Board (FAB) to review the rule and provide comments.

6. Schedule for the Next BRAB Meeting. To be determined.

7. Adjournment.

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