

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Regional Codes Coordinating Committee

Monday, April 24, 2017

9:30 AM, Regional Forum Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: David Kerr, City of Plano

Vice-Chair: Jack Thompson, Town of Westover Hills

1. Welcome and Introductions.

David Kerr, City of Plano and Chair of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked new members and visitors to introduce themselves.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Summary of the January 31, 2017 Meeting.** The January 31, 2017 draft meeting summary is available online for your review and consideration.

The RCCC reviewed the January 31, 2017 meeting summary draft and approved it as submitted.

- 3. Approval of the 2017 National Electrical Code Regional Recommended Amendments** (Gary Jones). The Electrical Advisory Board (EAB) has completed the review of the 2017 National Electrical Code and has developed regional recommended amendments for which the EAB will be seeking approval from the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC).

Gary Jones, International Association of Electrical Inspectors and Chair of the Electrical Advisory Board (EAB), presented the EAB's proposed regional recommended amendments to the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC). The RCCC discussed the recommendations, specifically Article 240.91 and the potential impacts to industry as well as Article 230.71 (A) and how this article improves the quality of installation and safety. Jim Olk, City of Garland, made a motion to approve the amendments as submitted with the exception of removing the recommendation to delete Article 240.91. Selso Mata, City of Plano, seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Presentation by Jerry Daniel, Chief Electrical Inspector, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.** Mr. Daniel will be presenting the State of Texas' position on the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC).

Jerry Daniel, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR), gave a presentation on the State of Texas' position on the 2017 NEC. He informed the group that cities have authority to amend the state adopted electrical code, which is the NEC. If cities choose to amend their code, they must pass an ordinance that includes the desired amendments. TDLR will hold

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contractors to the state adopted code. Mr. Daniel recommended two possible amendments to the 2017 NEC: requiring continuous supervision of contractors and requiring subcontractors to permit their work. Mr. Daniel mentioned a free upcoming training for authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) to be held in Irving on July 18, 2017.

- 5. Guidance for Air Leakage Protocol** (Ed Dryden) - The Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB) will present the “NCTCOG Approved Methodology for Establishing Code Compliant Multifamily Residences Based on Measured Total Air Leakage Results Guidance for Code Officials, Raters, and Builders” (Guidance) for approval from the RCCC.

Ed Dryden, City of Dallas and Chair of the EGAB, explained the reasoning behind the development of the Guidance. Stan Folsom, Systemhouse, made a motion to approve the document. Phil Crone, Dallas Builders Association and voting alternate for David Lehde, seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. RCCC Work Program Update and Code Adoption Survey Results** – NCTCOG will present the proposed Work Program to the RCCC for approval. The results of the code adoption survey will also be presented for discussion related to the priorities included in the proposed Work Program.

Cassidy Campbell, NCTCOG, and Mr. Kerr presented an overview of the proposed RCCC Work Program and explained the results of the 2017 code adoption survey as they relate to the Work Program priorities. Mr. Olk proposed a rearrangement and consolidation of the priorities listed in Appendix B. Bahman Yazdani, Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory, made a motion to approve the Work Program with two amendments: 1) amending the priorities list to match Mr. Olk’s proposal and 2) including a cap of \$7,500 per entity on private sector contributions. Mr. Olk seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Approval of Advisory Board Members for Appointment** (Ed Dryden) - The Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB) will seek approval for the appointment of Steven McPherson, Senior Plans Examiner, City of Mansfield.

Mr. Dryden briefed the RCCC on the qualifications of Steven McPherson, Senior Plans Examiner, City of Mansfield. Mr. Olk made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. McPherson to the EGAB. Mr. Yazdani seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

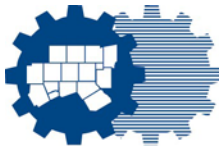
DISCUSSION

- 8. Building Code Requirements** (Bruce Rachel) – Mr. Rachel will discuss requirements for elevators to have two-way communication devices for individuals with temporary and/or permanent disabilities.

Bruce Rachel, Hensley Lamkin Rachel, Inc., briefly discussed the requirements for elevators to have two-way communication devices for individuals with temporary and/or permanent disabilities. Mr. Rachel will be emailing RCCC members a document summarizing the issue, and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

- 9. Standards for Electronic Plan Submittal** (Jim Olk) – The RCCC will discuss whether or not to establish a subcommittee to review and make a recommendation regarding standards for electronic plan submittal.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.



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- 10. 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) Section 313** (Bob Morgan) – Mr. Morgan will discuss the deletion of Section 313 from the 2015 IRC as recommended by the 2015 NCTCOG amendments to the IRC and the possibility of replacing it in the 2018 code review.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

- 11. FY2018 RCCC Reappointments and Appointments.** In May, committee members with expiring terms will receive notification that his/her term is expiring and will be provided with reappointment/nomination forms. NCTCOG will also request nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. The individuals nominated for appointment and reappointment will be brought to the RCCC for approval at the July 19, 2017 meeting.

Ms. Campbell briefly discussed the upcoming RCCC reappointment and appointment process.

- 12. Legislative Update** – NCTCOG will provide a matrix of bills relevant to building codes filed in the current legislative session.

Ms. Campbell briefly discussed the matrix of bills relevant to building codes filed in the current legislative session. Mr. Olk highlighted the importance of HB 1120, and Ms. Gray highlighted the importance of SB 636. The matrix will be available online on the RCCC website, and Ms. Campbell will email a link out to committee members.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 13. Future Agenda Items.**

No future agenda items were discussed.

- 14. Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** RCCC members and NCTCOG may share additional items of interest as time allows.

Phil Crone, Dallas Builder's Association, discussed the tariffs recently imposed upon Canadian lumber by the Trump Administration. Mr. Crone believes this will have a significant negative impact on the home building industry as the tariffs are expected to increase the cost of lumber by 10 to 25 percent.

- 15. Schedule for the Next RCCC Meeting.** The next meeting date is to be determined.

- 16. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell by phone at (817) 608-2368, or by email at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

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