

MINUTES
BUILDING CODE ADVISORY BOARD
September 18, 2013

The Chairman, Michael Fichera, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Vista Center 1st Floor Conference Room 1W-47, Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning & Building Department, 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

1.A. Roll Call

Members Present:

Michael Fichera, Chair
Joe Byrne, Vice Chair
Jacek Tomasik
Doug Wise
Roger Held
Andrew Mack
Mike Grimm

Gary Kozan
Greg Miller
Scott Worley
Howarth Lewis
William Ray Higgins
Tom Hogarth

Members Absent:

Steven Tobias

Others Present:

Vickie Day, Recording Secretary	Bob Boyer, CPT Coordinator
Richard Gathright, Deputy Building Official	Anne Helfant, Asst. County Attorney
Mike Fox, CPT Supervisor	Bruce Escher, Director of Contractor Certification

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Approval of Minutes - *The motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.*

2. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS – NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.A. Chair, Michael Fichera introduces the new Board Member Tom Hogarth. Tom is representing the Engineers, nominated by Florida Engineering Society. He is currently the Building Official for the PBC School Board.

3.B. Presentation on unlicensed Practice by: Daryl Haughn, President and Vicki Soderlund, President-Elect of AIA (American Institute of Architects, Palm Beach Chapter) This organization came here to seek an alliance with the Building Officials on unlicensed practice of Architectures. There is a lot of this practice throughout the State and is evident on the citations being issued. We are trying to assist our members and therefore, the County citizens. The first goal is to revise the Universal Permit Application to include the requirements for the Architect. The second goal to our presentation refers to; in 2010 there was a joint task force, with the Building Officials, Engineering Society, and architects. The document that ensued from this task force discusses where the roles shall lie on those points that the Florida Statute is vague. Discussion ensued.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.A. Code Interpretation – NONE

4.B. Code Amendments – NONE

4.C. Product Evaluation - NONE

4.D. Six Pillars Committee – NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.A. Bruce Escher, Director of Contractor Certification provided an update on the Enhanced Countywide Enrollment Update. The Resolution was passed at the August BCC meeting, currently we are seeking to

meet with the municipalities to join and sign an interlocal agreement within the next two weeks. This process has been received very well by the contractors.

Mr. Tomasik – agrees it is a great program; how to issue permit w/out contractors information

Mr. Fichera – advised there should be a program link you can disconnect

Mr. Wise – advises the contractor info should be found on the website or work with our ISS dept. for a way to have it downloaded directly to your program.

Mr. Fichera – a local registration will still be available to those contractors who only do small amount of work in PBC

- 5.B. Richard Gathright attended the Florida Building Commission meeting on August 22nd. Technical advisory committee for the roofing committee, specifically this Board had written a letter on a topic brought to the Boards attention by a roofing contractor. He noticed the Ridgevent was loose on the building because the nails had corroded. Contractor brought to the board & we wrote to the FBC. The TAC was very well attended by the Florida Roofing Association, nail manufactures. I gave the TAC clearer and colored photographs. Discussion ensued for the committee; their recommendation to the Commission will be to request a study on this issue. The general concession was that the fasteners should last the time the tile should.
- Bob Boyer advises the Commission voted to recommend and approve the TAC request to continue moving forward towards the work group and take it under study.

6. FUTURE BOARD MATTERS

A. Michael Fichera regarding event tent rentals, some of these tents are extremely large (120'x80'). Rarely do these rental companies have any licenses. I looked into the Countys' Fabric Awning License; does this scope include this type of work? I have been requiring the Rental co. team up with a GC so we can get a license overseeing this work. How does this fit into the

Bruce Escher advised tents would not be included in the Fabric Awning License.

Jack Tomasik stated in Wellington; those reviewed by Fire Rescue we require a General Contractor to pull the permits. For those that are temporary, we allow the owner to pull an owner/builder permit.

Doug Wise mentions that perhaps looking at requiring insurance and an engineer. Better to err on the side of caution.

Bruce Escher offers to add this topic to the task force for the CILB.

7. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

7.A. Next meeting is November 20, 2013

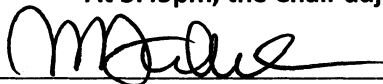
7.B. Gary Kozan mentions ICC is having their final hearings. We have tried to incorporate Florida specific codes into the International Code; several have passed. There are two of those that will be reheard, RP4 and RP10, if we can get the members support.

Doug Wise offers his support.

8. STAFF MEMBERS COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:45pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting



Michael Fichera, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Day, Recording Secretary