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GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2010
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Los Angeles County Building
900 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Conference Room C



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1. Opening Remarks

The Committee Chair Mr. Ron Takiguchi called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. Mr. Takiguchi welcomed everyone and introduced the current President of the Basin Chapter Mr. George Chavez and 2nd Vice President Mr. Truong Huynh.

Mr. Chavez thanked all the members for volunteering to serve on the Green Building Standards Committee and stressed the importance of this Committee to help understanding and meeting obligations to the requirements in the State Green Building Standards Code. He further stated that we are the only Chapter in the nation who has established such a Committee.

Mr. Huynh seconded the Presidents message and added his appreciation to all the volunteers; especially as we all know they are very hard to come by.

2. Self-Introductions

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| 1. Mark Lyum | NBC UNIVERSAL |
| 2. Craig Johnson | CITY OF CULVER CITY |
| 3. Charles Russell | VCA CODE GROUP |
| 4. Carol Jacobson | CITY OF MANHATTEN BEACH |
| 5. Sarkis Nazerian | CITY OF PASADENA |
| 6. Denise (Dee) Fukaye | CITY OF MALIBU |
| 7. Steve Widmayer | WILLDAN ENGINEERING |
| 8. Ritchie Kato | CSG CONSULTANTS |
| 9. Addison Smith | JAS PACIFIC, INC. |
| 10. Jesse DeAnda | CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS |
| 11. Yung Kao | CITY OF MONTEREY PARK |
| 12. Marty Moreno | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 13. Linda Haines | CITY OF DOWNEY |
| 14. Fouad Barakat | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 15. Matthew Gatewood | CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE |
| 16. Kermit Robinson | ICC STAFF |



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| 17. | Mandhir Singh | CITY OF INGLEWOOD |
| 18. | Grace Harper | CITY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 19. | Chon Cervantes | CITY OF MONROVIA |
| 20. | Steve Ikkanda | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 21. | Tom Stevens | CITY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 22. | Sarkis Hairapetian | CITY OF GLENDALE |
| 23. | Osama Younan | CITY OF LOS ANGELES |
| 24. | Stuart Tom | CITY OF GLENDALE |
| 25. | Ron Takiguchi | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES |

3. Background, Establishment of the Committee

Chair Ron Takiguchi explained the background of the Basin Chapter's Board of Directors decision to establish the Green Building Standards Committee (GBSC). The Board wanted the members to be more informed about green building requirements and felt that we needed consistency in our application of these standards among local jurisdictions. The Board felt there is a real need to establish a Committee to tackle these issues.

Therefore, the Board voted and approved the formation of the GBSC and approved Ron Takiguchi to Chair this Committee. They also assigned Mr. Victor Cuevas as Board Liaison.

4. Assignments

a. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Mr. Takiguchi opened the floor for nominations for Committee Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Ikkanda and seconded by Mr. Tom Stevens to nominate Mr. Osama Younan to be Committee Vice-Chair. The Chair called for other nominations. No one came forward. The Chair then closed the nominations and called for a vote by a show of hands. The Chair then declared the vote to be unanimous.

b. Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested a volunteer to record meeting minutes. Mr. Fouad Barakat volunteered and was approved.

5. Purpose of the Committee

Mr. Takiguchi briefly stated his reasons for approaching the Board of Directors with the idea of formulating the Green Building Standards Committee. The reasons cited coincided with the development of the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code, the International Code Council's International Green Construction Code, and the many green standards available. The Chair shared that building departments have a specific role in the development and implementation of building and green standards and this Committee will take the lead for the greater Los Angeles County Region, and neighboring Chapters.



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It was discussed that some of the Committee's Purpose would include:

- To provide the membership with information related to Title 24, Part 11, the California Green Building Standards Code, and other applicable energy and environmental standards.
- Examining and comparing required standards in Part 11 against existing or proposed building and energy standards.
- Examining Part 11 voluntary standards for possible local adoption.
- Recommending consistent local green building standards, and examining and providing public comment to ICC's (draft) International Green Construction Code.

6. Goals of the Committee

The Chair handed out a draft of the Committee Goals (see attached) and opened it for discussion. The Chair recognized Mr. Stuart Tom who asked every member representing their local jurisdiction to provide a brief presentation of their green building standards. After everyone provided their input, Mr. Tom stated that it was obvious that there was a broad difference in the application of these standards by the various jurisdictions. He continued by saying that this causes a problem because of varying compliances and expectations. This requires that we have a unified green building standards code for consistency.

Mr. Tom shared that another goal to consider is guiding local jurisdiction in the direction of making changes to existing practices. He continued by stating that there is a need to see where California is headed toward development of green standards with the State Agencies and possible adoption of a model green code. He also stressed that California is developing a building standard and not just a rating system.

Mr. Tom emphasized that just because rating system preceded a green code does not force automatic consideration of rating systems.

Mr. Kermit Robinson said that the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) is being developed as we speak.

Mr. Craig Johnson brought up the issue of improving the efficiency of existing buildings and suggested that this Committee explore requirements for existing buildings.

Mr. Robinson added that the IgCC has a chapter on existing buildings.

Mr. Tom Stevens suggested that we provide incentives to existing buildings to "go green".



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Mr. Takiguchi stated that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has already asked County staff to consider, or develop standards for existing buildings.

The Committee agreed that the goals of the committee will include developing green requirements for existing buildings for recommendation to the general Basin Chapter membership.

The Chair requested that we form a sub-committee to develop green requirements for existing buildings and asked for volunteers. The volunteers are:

1. Grace Harper
2. Carol Jacobson
3. Craig Johnson
4. Charles Russell
5. Madhi Singh
6. Tom Stevens
7. Ron Takiguchi
8. Osama Younan

The Chair suggested that this sub-committee start looking at the IgCC chapter on existing buildings.

A motion was made by the Chair to add existing building standards to the Committee goals. The motion was seconded by Matthew Gatewood. The motion passed unanimously.

7. California Green Building Standards Code/ICC International Green Construction Code

The Chair stated that there is a general agreement to examine these codes once the Committee members receive them.

Mr. Tom asked "How do green building standards affect jurisdictions?" He recommended that we invite Mr. Dave Walls of the California Building Standards Commission to answer questions from the Committee. Ron Takiguchi shared that he already spoke with Mr. Walls at the Building Standards Commission final action meeting on January 12, 2010 and Mr. Walls agreed to meet with our Committee. Mr. Tom further stated that this meeting should be very direct with formulated questions prepared for Mr. Walls and that other Chapters should be invited as well.



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8. Title-24, Part 11 State Agency Proposed Standards

Mr. Takiguchi shared that the final express terms for the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code was approved by unanimous vote by the Building Standards Commission on January 12, 2010. Osama Younan stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Walls on the availability of the Code which will be approximately in a week.

Mr. Takiguchi then asked the Committee to examine the Table of Contents from both the 2008 and 2010 Codes citing the changes for 2010. Mr. Takiguchi noted that the 2010 Code includes several required code items and that enforcement by local jurisdictions will be required on January 1, 2011. It was then discussed and agreed that the Committee would examine the standards in the 2010 Code for the general requirements of Chapters 1 through 3, and the requirements for residential occupancies of Chapter 4 and the voluntary measures of Appendix Chapter A4. It was agreed that each Committee member would examine these Chapters with the Committee goals in mind as the main approach. Discussion of these Chapters would be the main topic of the next meeting.

9. Meeting Location/Frequency

Grace Harper asked about the frequency of the meetings noting the timeliness of the 2010 Code Adoption Cycle and allowing jurisdictions time for incorporating our recommended amendments into their local code.

After some discussion, everyone agreed that we should have our meetings before the regular monthly LA Basin Chapter meetings, this format commencing for the February 11th and March 11th meetings and thereafter. The agreed time of the meetings will be from 9:30 am to 11:30am.

Unless otherwise agreed, meeting location will be at County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works building in Alhambra, CA.

Assignment for next meeting:

- Review 2010 California Green Building Standard Codes. Osama Younan will send the PDF's (197 pages)
- Review and have questions ready from Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 & Appendix Chapter A4.

Inform other jurisdictions if they would like to join us.

The chair thanked the entire group for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Fouad Barakat.



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(MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AT THE JANUARY 14, 2010 MEETING)



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The Green Building Committee shall provide and report to the membership, on items related to the California Green Building Standards Code and other applicable energy and environmental standards. The goals and tasks of the Committee include the following:

1. Examine the latest and proposed versions of Title 24, Part 11, the California Green Building Standards Code for required standards and their applicability for enforcement by local jurisdictions.
2. Compare required standards in Part 11 against adopted or proposed building and energy standards of Title 24.
3. Examine voluntary standards in Part 11 and provide recommendations for possible local adoption.
4. Provide recommendations for more restrictive standards in Part 11 and suggest justifications by climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.
5. Provide recommendations for consistent standards among local jurisdictions where green building standards are established.
6. Examine ICC's draft International Green Construction Code and provide comments to ICC during public comment phase.
7. Examine other environmental and energy standards as determined by the Committee and the membership.
8. Coordinate with existing Basin Chapter Committees for consistency, updates and Chapter goals.
9. Provide reports to the membership on proposed green standards of the California Building Standards Commission.
10. Examine green building measures for existing buildings and provide recommendations.