



STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

1500 Jefferson Street SE • P.O. Box 41449 • Olympia, Washington 98504
(360) 407-9280 • fax (360) 586-9088 • e-mail sbcc@des.wa.gov • www.sbcc.wa.gov

BUILDING, FIRE AND PLUMBING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: DES Building, Rm. 2332
1500 Jefferson Street, SE
Olympia, Washington

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2016

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Jim Tinner. <u>Members in Attendance:</u> Steve Simpson, Council Chair; Jim, Tinner, Committee Chair; Dave Kokot; Doug Orth; Diane Glenn; Rod Bault <u>Staff In Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Joanne McCaughan; Peggy Bryden <u>Visitors Present:</u> Al Audette, Traci Harvey, Michael Devlin, Kent Hegsted, G.F. Scheuermann
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as modified.
3. Review Items Not on Agenda	Nothing was reported
4. Cannabis TAG Update	Tim Nogler discussed the upcoming Cannabis Issues TAG. There will be further discussion at tomorrow's Council meeting and action to approve the work plan, along with the initiation of the meetings of the TAG. An emergency rule is in place at this time regarding extraction facilities. The TAG will identify changes that need to go to permanent rulemaking.
5. Interpretation Request	The interpretation request from Snohomish County is regarding unisex bathrooms. The Committee reviewed the proposed response and discussed the possible revisions. It was noted that the exception does not alleviate the responsibility to assign the gender. Tim noted these projects would become more common. Snohomish County has already made their decision, so there is no rush to make a decision immediately. We can delay this or modify the interpretation. Rod Bault moved to table the issue , noting that people with disabilities may need assistance to use the facilities. Doug Orth seconded the motion. The motion to table was carried. It was suggested that the BFP Committee could hold a special meeting to discuss the issue further. Staff was asked to set up this meeting.

5. Staff Report	<p>Tim Nogler commented we are now in the first year of our three year cycle. We are preparing the insert pages for each of the codes, and hope to have these completed by the end of the month.</p> <p>Tim then stated that the IBC TAG reviewed a proposal from the City of Seattle regarding the Solar Reach Zone in Appendix U of the Building Code. Now the City wants to make further revisions, beyond what was agreed to for the 2015 codes. The Committee discussed this proposal, being an appendix for voluntary local adoption, was not subject to Council approval. However, Diane Glenn indicated it should be considered by the Council since the Council had already entered rulemaking on the appendix language. It would be important for them to show the need for additional changes applicable to the City of Seattle. Dave Kokot noted that the original amendment request on the section was proposed by Seattle. Tim indicated we would need to determine if this meets criteria for local amendments</p> <p>Diane Glenn made a motion to have this forwarded to the Council for rulemaking. Doug Orth seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>
6. Other Business	<p>Proposals 16-01 and 16-02 were submitted by Shawn Shepherd. The proposal regarding the electrical code, which is adopted and administered by the Department of Labor & Industries. The proposal would lower the threshold for egress to 800 amps, and make changes to the battery room regarding the door swing. There was some discussion around whether it should be included in the IBC as it is in the NEC. Jim Tinner indicated he might favor that approach for consistency. Not all building departments conduct electrical code compliance reviews. Tim indicated that the Committee can determine how to proceed; Dave Kokot would prefer to move the issue forward to rulemaking, beginning with an emergency rule and following up with regular rulemaking. Doug Orth does not see this as an emergency issue. Diane Glenn indicated her preference would be to move it to the next code cycle. Dave Kokot would prefer to address it sooner rather than later; Jim Tinner asked how to get it into the code. Tim indicated it is appropriate to follow the regular rulemaking process.</p> <p>Dave Kokot made a motion to file an emergency rule and bring the issue forward to the Council. Diane Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>It will be recommended to the Council at tomorrow's March 11 meeting.</p>
7. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.