



Meeting Summary

Regional Codes Coordinating Committee

9:30 a.m., Monday, July 30, 2012

Regional Forum Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments, CP II

1. **February 22, 2012 Meeting Summary.** As there were no comments or objections to the February 22, 2012 meeting summary, David Kerr announced them approved by the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC).
2. **Presentation by the South-central Partnership for Energy Efficiency as a Resource (SPEER) Regarding Their Mission and Energy Code Interests.** Steve Saunders, SPEER Chair, explained that SPEER is a 1-1/2 year old private regional group covering Texas and Oklahoma designed to improve energy efficiency in existing and new structures. SPEER offers national educational programs, some certified, but their main focus is on communication, education and technology. He stated that the Building and Residential Advisory Board is a role model for regional codes and SPEER would like to offer their administrative support for the codes advisory boards. He also asked that SPEER's Executive Director, Doug Lewin, become a member of the newly formed RCCC Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB).
3. **Introductory Presentation by Texas Hero Energy Rating Organization (HERO) Regarding Energy Code Interests.** C.T. Loyd, Chief Operating Officer of Texas HERO, presented a brief overview of their organization. Texas HERO is a non-profit, membership organization that exists to educate the public and home energy rating profession. They strive to provide a forum for best practices, ethical standards and policy goals. Texas HERO promotes the benefits of energy conservation initiatives and incentives to homeowners, homebuilders and businesses. They offer a wide variety of training. Mr. Loyd will replace Tom Fitzpatrick as the Texas HERO representative on the Building and Residential Advisory Board.
4. **Code Review Progress Reports for the 2012 I-Codes and Amendments:**

Plumbing and Mechanical Advisory Board (PMAB): Acting Chair, Gilbert Urvina, City of Frisco, reported PMAB is on track and on schedule with their codes review.

Fire Advisory Board (FAB): Chair, Bob Morgan, City of Fort Worth, reported FAB's review should be completed after their upcoming meeting on August 7. There was discussion regarding reduction of the sprinkler thresholds on new commercial structures from 6,000 square feet to 5,000.

Building and Residential Advisory Board (BRAB): Chair, Selso Mata, City of Plano, stated that BRAB is on target for completion of their codes review. There was discussion regarding span tables for wooden 2x4 rafters.

Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB): Chair, Ed Dryden, City of Arlington, stated that EGAB would proceed once the RCCC had approved the nominees.

5. **Consideration of Member Candidates for EGAB.** EGAB's Chair, Ed Dryden, City of Arlington, presented a proposed member list. An in-depth, detailed discussion was held regarding the formation and structure of this new advisory board. Ed Dryden made a motion to limit membership to one voting member per city. Bob Morgan seconded the motion, and it was approved by the RCCC. The following public sector members were nominated:

Ed Dryden, City of Arlington
 Mike Arellano, City of Coppell
 Daniel Garcia, City of Carrollton
 Kurt Hansen, City of Denton
 Danny Hartz, Town of Flower Mound
 Cyndi Lewis, City of University Park
 Larry Ewing, City of Mesquite
 Jack Thompson, City of Desoto

Susie Hernandez, City of Southlake
 Bahman Yazdani, Energy Systems Lab
 Clint Sparks, City of Irving
 Jason Vanderburg, City of Granbury
 Steve Covington, City of Frisco
 Evan Roberts, City of Fort Worth
 David Session, City of Dallas

Ed Dryden made a motion to approve the public sector nominees. It was seconded by Carroll Pruitt. The RCCC was unanimous in its approval.

David Kerr asked that the RCCC vote on each of the proposed private sector EGAB nominees. A nomination was made by Debra Carlin to limit the private sector to seven or eight. Phil Crone seconded the motion. The RCCC was in agreement. Voting for the private sector was as follows:

Nominee	Motion	Second
C. T. Loyd, Texas HERO	Ed Dryden	Bob Morgan
Gerald Kettler, US Green Building Council	Ed Dryden	Phil Crone
Doug Lewin, SPEER	Ed Dryden	Jack Baxley
Phil Crone, Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas	Ed Dryden	Jack Baxley
Al Godwin, Aon Risk Solutions	Ed Dryden	Jack Thompson
Jack Baxley, Associated General Contractors	Ed Dryden	Phil Crone
Carroll Pruitt, American Institute of Architects West	Ed Dryden	Paul Ward

6. **Discussion of FY2013 Regional Codes Coordination Activity Scope.** Sam Brush informed the RCCC that NCTCOG's proposed budget for regional codes in 2013 would be approximately \$20,000. A work plan could be provided. There was discussion on what the funding might cover such as committee support, a code survey, the upcoming electrical code review, submittals to NCTCOG's Executive Board, etc. Should additional funding be done by cost share? Funds could be sought by a grant from SECO or EPA. David Kerr requested that all the advisory board chairs provide feedback to Sam Brush on this issue.
7. **Upcoming Appointment Schedule for the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee.** Sam Brush reminded the members up for reappointment in 2013 to submit their forms if they wish to continue to serve on the RCCC. NCTCOG staff will work with the RCCC Chair to fill the two public sector vacancies. Gilbert Urvina has volunteered to act as chair for PMAB.
8. **Other business.** Fort Worth has formed an adhoc code development committee that is currently reviewing the international building code. There is a possibility that when the 2015 code is adopted Chapter 34 will not exist.
9. **Next RCCC Meeting.** The next meeting of the RCCC is tentatively scheduled for September 2012.