



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Summary

Regional Codes Coordinating Committee

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

9:30 AM, Regional Forum Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: David Kerr, City of Plano

1. Welcome and Introductions.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION / ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Service Award Presentation to Debra Carlin and Ernesto Lopez.** David Kerr, Chair of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), will comment on the years of service the RCCC has received from both Debra Carlin and Ernesto Lopez, followed with the presentation of awards.

Ms. Carlin and Mr. Lopez were not able to attend the meeting. NCTCOG staff will reschedule the awards presentation.

- 3. Development of a Survey for Code Adoption in the Region.** The RCCC will discuss the benefits and use of a well-developed survey. One of the details that could be included in such a survey would be one that would also include some big issues facing the code world such as the debate over the three year versus six year adoption cycle.

After some discussion regarding this issue, it was determined that a subcommittee will be created to formulate questions for the survey. Several entities offered databases that could be used to construct the survey. It was suggested that students compile the data. If any RCCC member wishes to volunteer, they were directed to contact David Kerr or Paul Ward.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4. Solar Ready Challenge II Project.** The NCTCOG is one of the nine regional councils working with National Association of Regional Councils on the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge II award. This project is intended to promote solar best management practices and implement more streamlined and standardized solar processes. The NCTCOG staff will report ongoing activity in regards to developing proven

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engagement and implementation of tested best management practices, training curricula and adoption strategies.

The US Department of Energy has identified Texas as one of the ideal states for incorporating the use of solar energy and wants to promote it in this area. With that goal in mind, a stakeholders meeting was held in December 2013 to ascertain information such as best management practices and any obstacles or barriers that might need to be overcome regarding the use of solar energy. A much larger meeting will be held in early February 2014 where the topics will include technology status, cost ratios, available rebates, and notification for emergency responders. Although other types of alternative energy were discussed at the initial meeting, the focus was on solar. Paul Ward said as an attendee of the December meeting, his feeling was that one of the goals was to streamline and standardize the solar installation process. Uniformity will be sought in the processes for permitting, submittal checklists, plan review, and inspection. Changes may be necessary to the electrical and fire codes. The Electrical Advisory Board will be involved.

- 5. NCTCOG Strategic Planning.** The NCTCOG would like to announce that the Agency's strategic planning activities are underway, with plans to distribute a survey in the near future that will seek input on the services, deliverables, and outcomes that communities receive from the NCTCOG, as well as what new or revised activities you would like to see the NCTCOG pursue over the next three to five years.

NCTCOG is currently updating its strategic plan. The Environment and Development (ED) Department is using a survey seeking input with regards to the services they currently offer, and are soliciting any suggestions for future endeavors. ED welcomes any and all comments at any time from our members, not just during strategic planning activities. Feedback received by ED will be shared with other NCTCOG departments.

Bahmin Yasdani asked since energy codes have had a direct energy savings on buildings and power plants, can NCTCOG devise a method to measure how many dollars have actually been saved due to new and improved codes?

The 2013 Municipal Fee Survey is available in the NCTCOG Public Affairs Department.

- 6. 2015 International Codes Council (ICC) Codes.** The RCCC will discuss the date and location of the ICC code adoption process.

The 2015 codes should be available in May.

Paul Ward, Chair of the Electrical Advisory Board (EAB), updated the RCCC on EAB activities. The EAB met on December 12, 2013, to begin the review of the 2014 National Electrical Code (NEC). Jerry Daniel, a guest presenter from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, reviewed issues in Texas such as non-licensed workers, not using the correct equipment, and solar panel installation problems. Review of the 2014 NEC is well underway. The EAB has broken the codes in to segments and assigned working groups to review specific portions. The next EAB meeting is scheduled on February 25, 2014.

Ed Dryden, Chair of the Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB), gave a status report on EGAB activities. The advisory board, in an information gathering phase, has had presenters at their last three meetings which included the City of Dallas, Texas Society of Architects, and the Dallas Builders Association. There is an interest in developing a concept for NCTCOG to facilitate a third party program to assist member cities with the implementation of code adoption. The next EGAB meeting is on January 31, 2014.

The RCCC thanked Ed Dryden for his willingness to serve as Chair of the Energy and Green Advisory Board which is a new addition.

- 7. Building Professional Institute (BPI).** The NCTCOG encourages all cities to attend the 2014 BPI for CE credit.

The 2014 BPI event will be held at UTA from May 20-24, 2014, at Nedderman Hall. To learn more, visit <http://civileng.uta.edu/BPISite/Files/Doc/21stbpi.pdf>.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 8. Future Agenda Items.**

The RCCC was encouraged to send any suggestions for future agenda items to David Kerr or Sandra Barba.

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

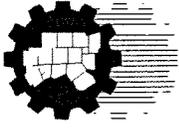
Jack Thompson made a motion to approve the RCCC June 19, 2013 draft meeting summary. Selso Mata seconded the motion. The RCCC was unanimous in its approval.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the UTA will host "Understanding the WaterSense Labeled Home" on March 26, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 10. Schedule for the Next RCCC Meeting.** The next RCCC meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 22, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room, NCTCOG Offices, CPII, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011.

- 11. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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MEMBER SIGN IN SHEET

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Judy Armstrong		Ellis County
Larry Bartlett		Associated General Contractors
Jack Baxley		Associated General Contractors
Warren Bonisch		Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Steve Covington		City of Frisco
Jack Craycroft		American Institute of Architects, East
Phil Crone	DAVID LEHDE (FOR)	Home Builders Association of Great Dallas
Ed Dryden		City of Dallas
Tommy Ford		Home Builders Association of Great Dallas
Teresa Foster		Building Owners and Managers Association - Dallas
Danny Hartz		Town of Flower Mound
Gary Jones		Associated General Contractors
David Kerr		City of Plano
Selso Mata	Present	City of Plano
Gary Miller		City of Irving
Bob Morgan		City of Fort Worth
Ted Padgett, Jr.		City of Dallas
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Keith Smith		City of Mesquite
Jack Thompson		City of DeSoto
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