



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# Summary

## Regional Codes Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

9:30 a.m., Regional Forum Room

### ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Welcome and Introduction of Director of Environment and Development.** The Chair welcomed the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) members, opened the meeting, and introduced Edith Marvin, the new Director of Environment and Development.
2. **Summary of the February 15, 2013 Meeting.** Larry Bartlett made a motion to approve the February 15, 2013 meeting summary. Phil Crone seconded the motion, and the RCCC was unanimous in its approval.
3. **2012 International Codes: Review and Regional Amendments.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Executive Board approved the 2012 Code Recommendations and Regional Amendments in March. The approved items were posted to the web, and a notice was mailed to all the communities in the region. NCTCOG staff will initiate a survey to gauge adoption status of the various code versions and compile any code issues that arise. The RCCC discussed energy codes and the recent push to review codes in a six year cycle versus a three year cycle.
4. **Building Codes and Solar Energy Systems.** Edith Marvin gave an overview on the "Solar Powering Your Community" workshop hosted at NCTCOG on May 20, 2013. RCCC memberships were encouraged to view the presentation videos available on NCTCOG's website at <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/air/energy.asp>. RCCC plans future discussions regarding the feasibility of solar energy systems in North Central Texas.
5. **Energy and Green Advisory Board Additions.** Membership is being sought for the Energy and Green Advisory Board (EGAB). Robert Smouse, City of Plano, Rita Bevins, Public Citizen, and Mark Gator, City of Garland, were placed in nomination. Ed Dryden made a motion to approve with Cliff Schaeffer seconding the motion. Bahman Yazdani requested that Stan Folsom with Energy Code Compliance be considered. After some discussion, the RCCC agreed that Mr. Folsom would replace Ms. Bevins. Mr. Dryden amended his recommendation and Cliff Schaefer seconded the amended motion. The RCCC was unanimous in its approval. It was noted that anyone may attend and participate in subcommittee meetings.

## PROGRAM HORIZON AND INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Section P2904 of the 2012 International Residential Codes and Texas Law regarding Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems.** Paul Ward encouraged the RCCC members to be mindful of the language in the codes regarding residential fire sprinklers. Although it is optional and not mandated, he encouraged the members to recommend installing fire suppression equipment in new homes. There was discussion on who is authorized to install fire alarm systems and fire suppression systems. City water department should be encouraged to participate in the process.
7. **Advisory Board Membership.** During this time of year, NCTCOG actively seeks new membership on subcommittees. The Electrical Advisory Board may be impacted as they have not met in some time and will be ramping up for their next review cycle. The RCCC members were encouraged to submit potential candidates to Sam Brush to replace persons no longer on an advisory board.
8. **Regional Codes Coordination Committee Appointments.** Very shortly, the RCCC members reaching the end of their tenure will be given an opportunity to renew their term or nominate a replacement. NCTCOG staff asked that the form they receive be completed and returned by the date specified. The proposed RCCC membership will be submitted to NCTCOG's Executive Board for approval at their September 2013 meeting.
9. **RCCC Information Sharing, NCTCOG Programs, and Code-Related Environmental Activities.** A "hot topic" workshop was recommended as a method of regional outreach. This activity would be an excellent project for the RCCC between code cycles.

Due to a house fire in West Texas that resulted in a death, a bill was introduced to the Texas Legislature to outlaw corrugated stainless steel pipe. Although the bill failed to pass, it did bring the issue to the forefront.

The Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency Conference is scheduled in San Antonio, on December 16-18, 2013. The Dallas Builders Show will be in Plano, on October 15, 2013. The Building Professional Institute will have a workshop at UTA, on October 21-24, 2013.

NCTCOG staff was asked to provide a legislative update for any topics that impacted codes.

The Safe Drinking Water Act goes into effect on January 4, 2014. How will it be addressed? Sam Brush said he would canvas the Water Resources Council.

10. **Adjournment.** The RCCC adjourned at 11:15 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
Debra Carlin		City of Dallas
Steve Covington		City of Frisco
Jack Craycroft		American Institute of Architects, East
Phil Crone		Home Builders Association of Great Dallas
Ed Dryden		City of Arlington
Tommy Ford		Home Builders Association of Great Dallas
Teresa Foster		Building Owners and Managers Association - Dallas
David Hall		City of Fort Worth
Danny Hartz		Town of Flower Mound
David Kerr		City of Plano
Ernesto Lopez		Associated General Contractors
Selso Mata		City of Plano
Gary Miller		City of Irving
Bob Morgan		City of Fort Worth
Carroll Pruitt		American Institute of Architects, West
Cliff Schaefer		City of Granbury
Philip Sikes		City of Dallas
Keith Smith		City of Mesquite
Jack Thompson		City of DeSoto
Gilbert Urvina		City of Frisco
Paul D. Ward		City of Southlake
Scott Williams		City of Grapevine
Richard Wright		City of Mansfield
Bahman Yazdani		Texas A&M Energy System Laboratory