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TO: Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members

FROM: Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Program Manager

DATE: November 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes- October 15, 2012 Open Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on October 15, 2012 at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Fairgrounds, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were in attendance:

IDPH Staff

Ken McCann, Division Chief, Environmental Health
Frank Shimkus, Manager, Plumbing Program
Mark Kuechler, Regional Supervisor, IDPH Champaign Regional Office
Tiago Maia, Graduate Intern
Irma Anaya Villa, Administrative Assistant

Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members

Beverly Potts
David Menzel
Dennis Doolan
Doyle James
Gerald Tienstra
James Majerowicz
Jeremiah Deakin

Guests

Larry Swope, Illinois Pipe Trades Association
Matthew B. Marciniak, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)
Garry Hinderliter
Josh Ellis

Welcome and Introductions

McCann introduced himself and welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.

Motions

- A motion was made by Majerowicz, seconded by Potts, to approve the agenda. Potts noted a mistake: MPC stands for Metropolitan Planning *Council* (rather than Committee).
- The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote
- A motion was made by Majerowicz, seconded by Tienstra, to approve the meeting minutes from the August 20, 2012 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote

Agenda

- Larry Swope brought a copy of the irrigation bill with the proposed language change which was previously discussed and distributed to the group.
- Maia began with an update on the Plumbing Code edits from the last meeting. He reported that the Department's legal division is about half way through reviewing the document and it's looking good so far. He e-mailed a copy to everyone earlier in the month as well.
- McCann predicted not making the State Board of Health meeting in December, and more likely having the document submitted in February to the subcommittee and full board in March, which means it would go to JCAR in April.
- The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) will have a meeting with IDPH staff present around November 5th so that any changes can be discussed and added at the November PCAC meeting.
- The group discussed concerns about long term public health risks with combo systems that use alternate water sources for non-potable applications. The responsibility would fall on the property owner to ensure that water sources be kept separate and used appropriately. Nobody could think of a dual source fixture, but further research is needed.
- Ellis suggested a performance based code rather than a source code to focus more on water quality and treating water to allow more flexibility, but the group questioned the amount of energy and cost of treatment and the Department's ability to test and approve water quality. That regulation would probably fall under a different section of the Department and not in the scope of the Plumbing Code. With such an evolving industry, the rules would have to be changed as the technology does.
- Tiago lead the review of the green supplement document.

Break Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Agenda Cont'd

- Review of the green plumbing document continued after the lunch break
- McCann distributed additional resources to the group provided by Ellis and the board committed to send Ellis a draft of the document for his constituents to review keeping in mind that it is still a draft only.
- Potts had attended a meeting the previous week where they discussed the need to define “sanitary” and she suggested adding that to the Phase III issues. She also suggested adding fines for plumbing code violations and several council members agreed. Phase III topics will be kept as a running agenda item.
- In regards to irrigation systems, Majerowicz noted that the only way to inspect something that gets buried into the ground is to have a licensed plumber present at the time of installation, which was the original intent of the irrigation law, but it has gotten misconstrued.
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Motion

- A motion was made by Majerowicz and seconded by Tienstra to add to the irrigation law language.
- The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
- A motion to set the next meeting date for November 19, 2012 was made by Majerowicz and seconded by James.
- The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tienstra, seconded by Potts.
- The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

Meeting adjourned Approximately 2:30 p.m.