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TO: Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members
FROM: Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Program Manager
DATE: December 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Minutes- November 19, 2012 Open Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on November 19, 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
Justin DeWitt, Chief, General Engineering Section
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
James Flemming
Gerald Tienstra
James Majerowicz
Jeremiah Deakin

Guests

Deirdre Darnall	Bob Neagle
Josh Ellis	Jay Peters
Len Fassett	Mike Waldinger
Gaary Hinderliter	

Welcome and Introductions

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

Motions

- Majerowicz made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Deakin.
- Potts made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for the last meeting pointing out that the word “sanitary” did not need to be defined, but deleted rather. No further corrections were voiced, so Tienstra seconded the motion.

Agenda

- Jay Peters of ICC confirmed with the PCAC received the studies his staff provided which address a uniform plumbing code.
- IDPH reported that Phase I edits are now complete and will be combined with Phase II to get all the work done in a timely fashion. Phase I consists of mostly technical edits and Phase II is the Green supplement which includes technical and procedural changes
- Majerowicz provided an update on the MPC (Metropolitan Planning Council). They mainly recommended:
 - add a water quality table (which was provided to Tiago in the meeting)
 - replace “cloth” for “electronic submissions”
 - add a standard for water treatment
- They also wanted to mention that grey water cannot be held for more than 24 hours, more guidance on air conditioner condensate.
- IAPMO asked that their name be included since their language was used and the group was agreeable.
- Board discussed waterless urinals and requirement to have a water connection in case it fails. The group discussed Shedd aquarium’s frustration with having to rod their urinals every couple weeks as well as other facilities. Majerowicz explained that most places are not going to be able to dedicate the staff and time as Disney, for example, to stay on top of the bathroom conditions around the clock. Hinderliter added that when a facility changes ownership, the new owners may or may not be aware of the maintenance requirements at all.

- Discussions were had about not needing a license to design water retention receptacles or a permit for an owner to place/install them around his/her house, but just as plumbing, if a third party is needed for installation, then that person must be licensed. The Plumbing Code only has jurisdiction once the system(s) are brought into the house. They explained that the issue is not that the water is being collected regardless of the amount, but how it is used after that. Guests pitched in to suggest referencing the section where the definition of plumbing is provided or to change the language to focus on the work rather than the person (i.e. "a license is not required").
- Ellis asked if a retention pond would be regulated and the answer was "no, unless it is going to be pumped out for use". Dewitt stated there is no State law currently to regulate any type of collection or retention of water and the PCAC does not have the power to create restrictions. All PCAC can do is say that the design of the collection system is not regulated. If the question arises from the public, the response will have to be that it's not covered in the License Law.

Break 11:50 - 12:05

Agenda Cont'd

- Dewitt distributed copies of a letter from Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC) objecting the reference of the Uniform Solar Energy. Board decided to review issue and discuss again at the next meeting to have time to research what standards and provisions would come along with doing so.
- The group discussed possible items to add to Phase III of revisions, but mainly whether or not floor drains in prison cells could be allowed to drain into a single drain outside the cell and whether juvenile cells should be allowed to have china fixtures. Menzel was to research the issue further and discuss again at the next meeting.
- The Council decided not to approve the Green supplement updates until the new edits are made and would like to agree on a meeting schedule for 2013 at the next meeting.

Vote The Council voted unanimously to approve adding a sentence to the irrigation bill to specify that a licensed plumber must be present at the time a new sprinkler system is installed.

Motion

- Majerowicz made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Deakin.
- The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned