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BUILDING, FIRE and PLUMBING CODES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: DES Building, Room 2331
1500 Jefferson Street
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MEETING DATE: May 11, 2017

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Jim Tinner, Committee Chair. <u>Members in Attendance:</u> Jim Tinner, Chair; Andrew Klein, Vice Chair; Diane Glenn; Robert Graper; Traci Harvey; Phil Lemley; Doug Orth; Steve Simpson <u>Staff In Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Krista Braaksma <u>Visitors Present:</u> Al Audette, Paul Cecka, Bart Eggen, Pam Ketner, Lee Kranz, Jan Rohila, Jed Scheuermann, Al Spaulding, John Williams, Ron Wright
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda	None offered.
4. Interpretation Requests	<p>The first interpretation request is from the Mason County and deals with egress from a room attached to a garage and whether it may exit through the garage. Andrew Klein felt the space should be considered accessory and not require an additional exit. Jim Tinner agreed and felt the first draft answer was the correct response.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> Doug Orth moved to approve the reply to the question using the first draft response. Steve Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p><i>Whatcom County</i></p> <p>The second question comes from Whatcom County and deals with egress in an existing building and if, in a building built prior to the adoption of a building code, the egress would need to be brought up to code. Andrew felt it would depend on the work being done and the occupancy of the building. If there were hazardous operations performed in the building, it would need to meet the appropriate requirements.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> Andrew Klein moved to reply with the second draft answer, along with the third paragraph modified to include the sentence "Hazardous operations would have to conform to the relative codes." Doug Orth seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>

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<p><i>Moses Lake</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p> <p><i>Bellingham</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>The next request comes from the City Moses Lake and deals with occupancy classification of a greenhouse with a controlled environment. Tim said he discussed this proposed answer with a third party inspection group and how they deal with the use of carbon dioxide. The general agreement was it would be a Group U occupancy classification.</p> <p>Doug Orth moved to approve the interpretation request as written. Andrew Klein seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>The last two requests come from the City of Bellingham. The first is regarding outdoor air in IRC buildings and if operable windows are allowed to be used.</p> <p>Doug Orth moved to approve the interpretation request as written. Robert Graper seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>The second Bellingham requests looks at toilet facilities for carwashes. The Committee spent some time debating the issue, feeling the practical answer should be they are not required but there does not seem to be any allowance for an exception in the building code. Failing to arrive at a clear code path to the desired answer, the Committee tabled the interpretation for further research.</p>
<p>5. Residential Treatment Facilities</p>	<p>Ron Wright spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns on the classification of residential treatment facilities, which were previously addressed under Licensed Care, as Group I-1, Condition 2. There are two areas of concern. The first is using a single code classification for all Residential Treatment Facilities. There are many types of services provided by RTFs—an RTF for chemically addicted pregnant women has the same code requirements as an involuntary mental health evaluation and treatment facility. The second is the requirement for each bedroom to be treated as a sleeping unit with one hour fire protection, as well as corridor protection for the common area adjacent to the bedrooms. This results in excessive costs, especially for existing buildings being converted to RTFs.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the issue with Mr. Wright and representatives from Department of Health Construction Review Services. The Committee recommends establishing a Technical Advisory Group to review the issue and determine any possible actions.</p>
<p>6. Staff Report</p>	<p>Deferred to Council meeting.</p>
<p>7. Other Business</p>	<p>Not heard due to time constraints.</p>
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>