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BUILDING, FIRE AND PLUMBING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: DES Conference Center, Room 2320
1500 Jefferson St
Olympia, Washington

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2016

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.</p> <p><u>Members in Attendance:</u> Jim Tinner, Chair; Doug Orth; Rod Bault; Steve Simpson</p> <p><u>Staff in Attendance:</u> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Krista Braaksma; Joanne McCaughan; Peggy Bryden</p> <p><u>Visitors Present:</u> Traci Harvey; Dave Kokot; Darin MacGillvray; Grace Yuan; Jan Rohila; Alan Husby; Jon Dunaway; Patricia Allen; Caron Cargill; Bruce Beragi; Bill Davis; Mike Murphy; Earl Gray</p> <p>A quorum is present.</p>
2. Review and Approve Agenda	<p>The agenda was modified to review the minutes of the March 10 meeting. Steve moved approval; Doug seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>The agenda was approved as modified.</p>
3. Review Items Not on Agenda	<p>Nothing was reported.</p>
4. Statewide Amendment Proposals: <i>16-03, IFC 907 NICET</i>	<p>Michael Autio presented proposal 16-03; Tim noted it would not yet be in effect, it is part of the 2015 code adoption. Discussion among the committee regarding the proposal indicated that the State Fire Marshal requires NICET certification, but there are other standards that could be considered; Tim reminded the committee that it would not be effective until July 1, 2017, the committee can determine whether or not to recommend rulemaking this year. P. Allen asked if her program would be included; it would be up to the jurisdiction.</p> <p>Dave K. expressed concerns, several jurisdictions have already adopted this at the direction of L&I, it is not an emergency; he recommends holding off until next cycle. Tim clarified it is a question of whether or not to enter rulemaking on the issue this year. Jim is concerned about potential impact on the industry. Dave asked about emergency rulemaking; Tim explained that we could go through rulemaking and go with a later effective date; Dave noted that unless it is an emergency it would not be enacted until next cycle. Doug O. asked for comments on the merits of the proposal; Dave explained that he has not seen the 2016 language, and alternate means and methods are available. Jim asked for a modification on the proposal; Rep Buys offered the idea that they could establish a bill to request authority for emergency rulemaking; he indicated that the Legislature might be the most expedient method of addressing the issue.</p> <p>Steve Simpson made a motion to not move forward on the proposal; Doug Orth</p>

<p>16-04, IFC 315 Ceiling Clearance</p> <p><i>Public Comment</i></p>	<p>seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Michael Autio presented proposal 16-04; the proposal is in regard to ceiling clearances in the IFC. The proponent explained that current language in the code is misinterpreted; he believes the proposal would resolve a conflict that seems to come up frequently. Dave K. noted it would not hurt anything to adopt the clarification. Steve noted it is not a life-safety issue, but a matter of interpretation. Rep. Buys asked for clarification on whether the code allows that flexibility; he noted they can work on legislation to go into emergency rulemaking or otherwise amend the code. Steve Simpson made a motion to reject the proposal; Doug Orth seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Bruce B. commented that it is interpreted incorrectly by some.</p>
<p>5. Budget Proviso:</p> <p>ESHB 2380 Sec. 6012 Voice Alarms in Schools</p>	<p>Tim explained the Budget Proviso regarding the issue around Group E Emergency Voice Alarms in ESHB 2380 Section 6012. This will require revision of the Fire Code and Building Code in Section 907.2.3, to revert to the 2009 language, i.e. manual fire alarm system; emergency voice alarm communication systems are not required in that language. In addition, a state amendment for Group I-4 would also revert to 2009 language. This action would be taken as an emergency rule, followed by permanent rulemaking and public hearings; by law permanent rules must be adopted by December 1, and cannot become effective until after the following Legislative Session. Traci H. noted she prepared a draft for permanent rulemaking.</p> <p>Jim T. commented that the Legislature passed the statute and the Council is obliged to follow that direction; the proviso directs action by June 1, 2016. Doug O. asked about the process, Steve explained we must adopt as required by the proviso. Dave K. noted this will require more expensive systems than under current requirements.</p> <p>Grace Yuan, Mike Murphy, Earl Gray, of the Puget Sound Schools Coalition, are all in support of the amendment. The Legislature directed schools to work with law enforcement and with evolving technology; these systems are light years away from what the code requires. Bill Davis/Snoqualmie Valley Schools explained the systems in place there; Jim asked about the addition for Mt. Sai HS, and whether the building eventually was sprinklered. Tim asked about the connection between manual fire alarms and the new system. They have the ability to have those systems work together, but have not yet approached the AHJ to set that up. This summer they will have 12 buildings on the system, all except for the High School. Grace introduced the concept of the ‘command wall’ which integrates all systems together; it will allow schools to get more information compared to the current systems; it will allow for better decision making, more quickly.</p> <p>Steve S. asked Dave K. whether there were any comments brought up on the issue during the last code cycle. Dave explained that this proviso took the fire service community completely off guard; they are aware of the notification systems, but the districts have not talked to the fire service, at least on the east side of the state. These are very high cost systems compared to other systems; this should be a cooperative effort, but nothing was shared with them. Doug O. asked whether the Council has a choice on whether to implement this; it is a legislative directive, so the answer is no. Steve asked whether the Council agrees to the proposed language. Jim agrees with Steve, that the option is limited to reviewing the proposed code language and whether or not that meets the intent of the legislation. Rep Buys stated there is no direction to go back to the 2009 code, as long as the language does not require the mandatory voice alarm system. There would be a problem as some districts that have already put these systems</p>

	<p>in would need to put in a redundant system; this would remove that redundancy. Jim T. pointed out that the Council must adopt the language per Legislative directive. The directive is for schools to work with local law enforcement, not the fire marshal. Doug noted it points to the RCW, not to the building code; they must work toward the higher level systems. Traci pointed out that 2.4. and 2.5 only apply to item 2; not the voice alarm. We could be creating a non-functional system by striking 2.4 and 2.5. Dave noted that Spokane municipal code already requires voice alarm systems, it would not affect his jurisdiction, but the Fire Marshals do have a larger concern. Traci noted the only item removed is the voice alarm requirement, otherwise it is similar to the 2015 code. Steve recommended that the Committee table this, have the Council review it. Rep. Buys suggested looking at the 2015 cod and striking any references to voice alarms. Jim asked if we would be creating a less effective fire alarm system than in the prior code. Steve asked staff if we can get the language processed prior to the Council meeting; Tim affirmed that request is possible.</p> <p>Steve Simpson moved to amend the 2015 code language, to have staff bring it forward to the Council. Doug Orth seconded.</p> <p>Tim Nogler read the proposed language to delete item 2 and item 4; we would retain item 3 under the conditions listed.</p> <p>Grace Y. asked about alternative language; Steve noted the Council must follow the terms of the proviso. Traci reviewed the horn issue. Bruce commented that ‘normally occupied’ and ‘constantly attended’ have different meanings; both should read ‘normally occupied.’ Traci noted the language that came through the Legislature does not appear to offer the right path.</p> <p>Steve Simpson called for the question. Motion carried.</p>
<p>6. Interpretation Requests</p> <p>16-May01 San Juan County Carports</p> <p>16-March02 Snohomish County Separate Toilet Facilities</p>	<p>This request is regarding how to determine if a carport meets the requirements of IRC R309.2/Carports.</p> <p>The requirement is that a carport must have 2 ‘open’ sides; the question is what qualifies a structure as being open? After a brief discussion the decision was made to have staff do additional research and bring the issue back to the June meeting. Moved by Steve Simpson, seconded by Doug Orth. Motion carried.</p> <p>This request is regarding proposed design for a Kindergarten Center, with a question on whether it is acceptable to provide only family or assisted-use toilet facilities. It is noted that the proposed design would provide more than the minimum required water closets, as well as safety and privacy.</p> <p>The response is that this substitution is not allowable under the occupancy classification of the building. This was referred to Council for action.</p>
<p>7. Staff Report</p>	<p>Tim noted that the insert pages have been completed; he reminded everyone that these pages only include the amendatory language. He noted that the agenda for the Council meeting is full; we will be looking at our work plan for the rest of the year.</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p>	<p>Brief discussion of possible future publication of state codes through ICC; Jim T. noted many jurisdictions no longer use paper version of the code, preferring the electronic version.</p>
<p>9. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.</p>