



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Thursday, August 18, 2011

10:00am – 12:00pm

1100 4th Street, SW

Director's Conference Room, 5th Floor

Washington, DC 20024

Members Present	Members Not Present	Members of the Public
Paul Waters (Acting Chair)	Dave Hollinger	Ryan Meres
Alex Berley	Rabbiah Sabbakhan	Brendan Shane
Marc Fetterman		Dick Meyers
Curtis Clay		
Jill Stern		
Herbert Taylor		
Ethan Landis		
Robert Hershey		

Call to Order

Paul Waters called the meeting to order at 10:20 am and followed with a roll call of members present.

Review & Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved unanimously by the Board with an addition by Marc Fetterman to Old Business. A motion was made by Curtis Clay to approve the meeting agenda as amended; and the motion was seconded by Ethan Landis.

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 21, 2011

The meeting minutes for Thursday, July 21, 2011, were unanimously approved with edits by the Board with a motion made by Herbert Taylor and seconded by Ethan Landis.

Presentation on "Sustainable DC: A Sustainability Plan for the District of Columbia"

1. Brendan Shane from the Department of the Environment presented the Mayor's Sustainability Plan for making the District of Columbia "Greener." This plan will incorporate environmental health, economic prosperity and community equity across all eight wards of the City. In response to a question, Brendan Shane said the city is conducting extensive public outreach and will be working with stakeholders citywide to define what "sustainability" should mean here in DC.
2. The District of Columbia City Administrator will begin holding "Green" Cabinet meetings monthly during the planning process, with representatives from 15 District agencies, beginning in September 2011.

Zoning Green Area Ratio Briefing

Following up on Brendan Shane's presentation, Marc Fetterman asked Paul Waters to contact the Office of Planning to request a presentation to the CCCB on the proposed Zoning Regulations' "Green Area Ratio." Paul Waters agreed to follow-up with the Office of Planning.



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CCCB Green Working Group Update

1. Paul Waters provided an update on the CCCB Green Working Group which met July 28, August 4 and August 12, 2011. Paul Waters added that the Group believes it has completed its work.
2. Paul Waters also noted that Councilmember Cheh's office has established a Green Legislative Group to look at certain provisions of the 2006 Green Building Act that may need to be modified. Their second meeting was held on August 11 at DCRA; where DCRA and DDOE presented how each agency is implementing aspects of the Green Building Act. Responding to a question, Paul Waters clarified the differences between the CCCB Green Working Group and the Green Legislative Group.
3. Paul Waters emphasized that the CCCB Green Working Group addressed issues raised by the CCCB after it received a draft Green Code from members of the Green TAG. The Working Group decided that each element proposed in the draft Green Code should become a separate code change proposal and be forwarded to the specific TAG that would otherwise have oversight of this matter. This method is how DC is currently "Greening" the codes and this method results in fewer changes to Chapter 1 of the Building Code; a chapter that requires careful coordination within itself and with other codes. Ethan Landis handed-out 22 draft code change proposals to the CCCB members. These draft code change proposals are distributed among the codes as follows: 10 for Residential, nine for Mechanical, one for Building and two for Energy. Cost impact, an important part of each code change proposal, is still being developed but Ethan Landis thought it would be beneficial to get these draft code change proposals to other TAGs as soon as possible.
4. A question was asked, "If the Green TAG or another TAG chooses to submit a proposal to another TAG, how should the CCCB handle this process?" Robert Hershey responded that this matter would be decided by the Chair.
5. Ethan Landis revised the Green Matrix of the draft Green code, to reflect the code change proposals distributed today, and furnished copies to the Board members. Paul Waters will send an electronic copy of the matrix to the CCCB members.
6. Paul Waters informed the Board that he will re-label the code change proposals to reflect that they are coming from members of the Green TAG and he will send them to specific TAGs for review. It will be up to individual TAGs to accept or modify proposals that would then be forwarded to the CCCB. (The Board had a roundtable discussion on the submission of code change proposals.)

Green TAG Comments to AOBA

1. The matter was raised about previous AOBA comments to the proposed Green Code. Ethan Landis responded that members of the Green TAG had responded to AOBA's comments and, to the best of his knowledge, no follow-up responses had been received from AOBA. Ethan Landis said he does not believe AOBA is due additional information.
2. Marc Fetterman stated that, in his opinion, members of the Green TAG may be able to offer additional information to AOBA. For example, one or more issues raised by AOBA received a response from members of the Green TAG that DCRA would need to provide the answer. Marc Fetterman noted that DCRA is represented on the Green TAG and CCCB and we should be able to incorporate DCRA's responses into a reply to AOBA.
3. Ethan Landis stated that he has previously corresponded with Nicole Whiteman, AOBA, on these matters and he will follow-up with her. He will send to her the 22 code change proposals, distributed to the CCCB today.



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Draft Construction Codes for Review

Board members agreed to have a "Special" meeting on Friday, September 2, 2011, to review DC Office of Documents proposed edits to the following Codes: Fire, Residential, Existing Building, Fuel Gas, Plumbing, Electrical, Energy and Mechanical. At that meeting, a Green code change proposal to Chapter 1 of the Building Code will also be considered. Once this work is complete, these documents will be forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for review.

Old Business

Mechanical TAG Update

Curtis Clay has met with the Mechanical TAG on several occasions to address 17 questions submitted to the TAG by Marc Fetterman following his cursory review of edits to the Fuel Gas, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes by the Office of Documents. Curtis Clay noted that several issues have been addressed but those concerning the Mechanical Code's "Referenced Standards" will require additional meetings and may be deferred to the next code cycle.

Motion

Curtis Clay distributed and introduced code change proposal M-01A-11 which amends the Fuel Gas Code Chapter 8 Referenced Standards. This code change is a partial revision of previously-approved code change M-01-11. Curtis Clay made a motion to accept code change M-01A-11, Jill Stern seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board.

Accessibility TAG Update

Curtis Clay said the TAG continues to work on conforming the DC Construction Codes to new ADA rules.

Property Maintenance TAG Update

Marc Fetterman reminded the Board that this issue had been addressed at the July 21, 2011, Board meeting.

Mechanical Amendments to 12 DCMR 2008 Previously Approved by the CCCB

Marc Fetterman furnished to Paul Waters a copy of three previously approved amendments to 12 DCMR 2008. Responding to a request, Marc Fetterman agreed to send an electronic copy to each Board member. For some reason, these amendments have never moved beyond the CCCB to become part of 12 DCMR 2008. Paul Waters said he would follow-up on this matter and report to the Board.

CCCB Additional Board & TAG Members

Paul Waters deferred to Rabbiah Sabbakhan, who was unable to attend today's meeting.

Comments by Members of the Public

No comments were made by the public.

Adjournment

The CCCB meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm, following a motion by Robert Hershey that was seconded by Jill Stern.