

SSBC Technical Panel

11.13.08

Minutes

Present: Jon Kinstad, Janine Snyder, Melissa Wyatt, Glen Morgan, Matt Stais, Larry Renfroe, Verne Hedges, Randy Wheelock

Public Comment Structure – public comment for non-formalized requests; 2 minutes per person; allow comments from public at interpretation request; no floor modifications; stack internal issues at the end; review & approval agenda & minutes of first meeting (first)

Review Agenda: no changes.

Verne: SCBA filter through Verne (comments, suggestions, etc.); comments should be in writing; re-send Interpretation Request Info to SCBA and filter (\*\*CARLY to send Interpretation Request to Verne for distribution to SCBA & details on Training 12.12.08). Matt: add reminder of interpretation request protocol to beginning agenda.

Matt: Suggest to improve visibility on HC3 website and include upcoming dates and workshops

Jon: Add link and info on Town websites

Larry: Create flyer for builder training; also, create workshop schedule for more.

Glen: Make sure that specific requests (i.e, regular questions on specific points and whatnot) actually go to the building department. But, new products go to HC3. This group is really about new stuff and trying to fine tune the existing documents, not about answering specific questions (i.e., on spray foam). Reminder that can't change code, all changes should be through the resource guide.

Verne: Gray area; one can argue that changing resource guide can change code.

Glen: True, but not changing code language.

Matt: This council less like Town Council, more like LEED Credit Interpretation Request – Innovative Points. Interpretation Requests shouldn't really address mandatory measures, suggest to add to Version 2.0 could be appropriate

Larry/Glen: Avoid process that requires you to go back to council. Not practical.

Matt: Changes may come from SCBA members, or calls to council.

Randy: 3 years waiting seems too long...

Glen: Can offset using resource guide...and sync with major code change series come up...i.e, update SSBC when those code changes come up.

Larry: Should we establish protocol to minimize any complaints. We should let people know that there is a process to get your voice heard and influence code. We should encourage them to exhaust options for this process.

Verne: SCBA process also does this.

CHANGE to 1.1 and CHANGE DATE (December 2008)

For Interpretation Request Instruction Doc– add person requesting/contact info – add date as part of numbers, first, like building departments do.

Randy: How does 90 day response work into your plans (to Verne and Matt)?

Matt: Just do what's in the code ...if you need extra points, plan for them or plan around them.

Melissa: Suggest change 90 days – CHANGE to 14 days after date of decision.

Melissa: 4' trees are scrawny; should be higher; maybe for next round.

Resource Guide Edits (see attached for **edits in YELLOW**)

Verne: Add sliding scale for good scores in Blower Door Test and Energy Ratings. Group: OK, good idea. Randy and Jon will meet.

Verne: Energy Raters perform redundant inspections with building officials.

Glen/Janine: Show insulation inspection from Rater; individual departments make those discretionary calls.

Matt & Spreadsheet: Secondary Measures are now negatives. Change “required points” language

(Carly: add addition explanation to instruction checklist with two lines and grandfathered existing for over 3000 square feet) add instructions for those who don't know excel...i.e., what is # value.

What about projects that have multiple boiler? Aggregate for whole project.

Carly – What about Thresholds – Group: OK with Thresholds

Carly - What to do with Mark Hogan's letter? Group: We just received it, will review at next meeting.