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International Code Council

Minutes of April 13, 2010

San Ramon Community Center, San Ramon

Meeting called to order by President Vance Phillips at 9:04 am

I. Self Introductions

II. Program Pete Guisasola gave presentation on CASp and explained, what it means to local building department. Pete currently serves on the DSA Advisory Board and was directly involved in the development of the CASp program. Pete gave detail understanding on time line for the application of the CASp requirements.

III. Chapter Business

A. **Minutes:** (Ray Kansara): Minutes from the meeting on March 09, 2010 at Englander in San Leandro were approved by the membership, with one change on second page line 1, from "SB1247" to "SB1227". The final meeting notes are posted on the chapter web site.

B. **Treasurers Report:** (John McGuire) The Treasurers Report included an update for the month of March 2010. The report was approved by the membership on motion by Ray Kansara and second by Joel Wishnoff.

C. **Unfinished Business:** (Membership)
The tax filling has not been accomplished, so Vance mention that he will be looking to hire new tax consultant.

D. **New Business:** (Membership)
The Tri-chapter meeting is on June 4th at Coconut Grove in Santa Cruz. The announcement has already sent to the chapter membership. Make your reservation as early as possible. The space is limited and the meeting is very informative per President Vance Phillips.

Ray mentioned that the list of paid members is e-mailed to the membership. If you do not find your name or your info is incorrect please let him know and if you have not yet paid then please make your membership payment with the required membership form.

E. **Communications:** James Russell indicated that he received an e-mail from ABAG inviting him and a couple of other East Bay Chapter Building Officials (William Shock, Stephen Kiefer) to a conference on Tuesday April 20, regarding SB 1205 (Corbett) that proposes establishing a regional planning authority for post disaster long term recovery.

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His main concern is that this new authority will have the power to apply for grants from other levels of government (Federal and State), and that ability could place the new authority in competition with local governments seeking grants from the same sources. Mr. Russell stated he would attend the ABAG meeting and provide information on this matter at the next chapter meeting.

- F. **Code Questions/Interpretations:** (Vance Phillips). A question was presented regarding maintenance of the surface for accessibility. Vance and Pete provided the interpretation. Kerwin Lee had a question concerning multifamily dwelling, four story and up, regarding horizontal exit and area of refuge. These buildings have firewall separating two structures. John indicated that one building could act as area of refuge for the other building. Kerwin thinks that each one shall have separate area of refuge. The question was not resolved. Allen Lang had question regarding townhomes accessibility requirements. The current HCD proposal removes the requirements of accessibility. Vance mentioned that they are multiple units in building and so they could be considered Multi-Family Carriage units as the change is being proposed by HCD. Reggie mentioned that they are also condominium per the Subdivision Map Act. So it appears they may only be eliminating the townhome condominium, which are built similarly to single family homes and also own the ground underneath them, whereas others may only own airspace and a common interest in the surrounding land including the land they are on top of. Jim mentioned that this is coordination issue between CBC and CRC. Chapter 11A will not apply to these types of townhomes. It may be only a clarification issue.

III. Organizational Reports

- A. **ICC Report:** No Report.
- B. **CALBO Report: (Stephan Kiefer).** Stephan Kiefer presented the CALBO report. Stephan reminded everyone of the upcoming 5th annual CALBO Leadership & Advocacy Day, to be held on April 27 in Sacramento. He distributed the registration form and urged participation. Stephan also announced that the 2010-11 CALBO Committees have been selected, and that 14 East Bay chapter members have been appointed. He commended the chapter for its active participation. On a related note, Stephan informed the chapter that the CALBO Legislative Committee was meeting this week and would be reviewing a variety of proposed State legislation. Finally, Stephan distributed the CALBO response letter to a SFM letter dated April 2009. Stephan noted that CALBO disagrees with the SFM interpretation, and supports local government control in meeting the intent of state law.
- C. **Education:** (Greg Shriver) Greg gave information that the full day seminar in Marin has been cancelled due to lack of registration and the full day seminar in San Leandro is on this Thursday. He gave information on half-day seminars.
- D. **Building Standards Commission:** (Stephen) Stephen mention that there are two vacancy due to Christina and Susan stepping down. The Structural Engineers position is not appointed but the name is given.
- E. **IAEI:** No Report.

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- F. **Code Development Committee:** (Vance Phillips) Kerwin mention that the meeting for the Tri-chapter code development will be on 4/26..
- G. **TUCC Report:** (Ray Kansara) The next meeting will be on Thursday 5/13 in Milpitas. Jim talked about the balcony live load that he is trying to provide amendments to code.
- H. **Membership Committee:** No Report

NEXT MEETING ON MAY 11 IN CONCORD AT LEGENDS AND HEROES.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am