

South Central Regional Construction Code Council Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2008
Time: 10:00AM

Location: St. James Parish Courthouse Annex
2631 La. 20 West
Vacherie, La. 70090

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance were:

Pat Gordon (Terrebonne)
Robert Jones (St. James)
Kevin Belanger (SCPDC)
Deborah K. Moore (Lafourche)
Kristy Murray (St. John)
Kim Torres (Assumption)

At approximately 10:00am the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. All members were present.

Mr. Pat Gordon opened the floor to Mr. Rob Hamilton, president of the Home Builders Association for comments. Mr. Hamilton requested from each parish the procedure of the permit process due to the storms. Discussion ensued.

Another issue Mr. Hamilton wanted to check on is the procedure of how each parish was handling other companies coming into our area. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hamilton suggested to the parishes possibly getting the local contractors badges to re-enter into the parish quickly after a storm to help with the recovery efforts. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore, to approve and adopt the minutes of the July 24, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeremy Landry of Assumption Parish wanted to comment to the board that he is very pleased with the system that is in place. He plans on returning to future meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Kim Torres to discuss items 7 & 8 prior to the financial analysis. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Belanger introduced to the board Draft 3 – Proposed Procedure for Modification of Fee Schedule. He requested that item VI is added into the Fee Schedule reading as follows:

Each parish shall have the right to eliminate the administrative fee and also to request SCP to waive their administrative fee in an emergency event. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Belanger stated SCP is dependent on the revenues that come in by the permit fees. Each parish has the right to eliminate their 15%. No parish should have the right or ability to waive SCP Fee. In the future there should be a clear understanding that the permit fee should be continued. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mr. Robert Jones, to table the matter for another month. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wich read out loud the proposed fee changes from the sheet that was provided to the board. Mrs. Moore stated Lafourche Parish passed an ordinance that citizen's are allowed to file a waiver on certain size residential structures. Mrs. Moore's concern is that these proposed fee changes would affect that ordinance. Mr. Wich informed her he did not feel it would but warned per State Legislature affidavits are illegal and she needs to be careful with the square footage. Discussion issued.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore, to adopt these new fees with the stipulation that a common ordinance be derived so that they may go parish to parish and present. It will not be introduced until this board blesses the ordinance so that they can go to each respective council. Discussion ensued. Motion Carried.

Ms. Dawn Allemand presented the board with a financial analysis for the breakdown of the fiscal year along with the months of July and August. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Kim Torres, to adopt the financial report. Motion carried.

Item 5 on the Agenda – Post storm permit fees had previously been discussed.

Item number 6 on the Agenda was In reference to the ordinance and fee schedule committee assignments. Previously the committee was made up of Mrs. Lou Vaughn, Mr. John Boudreaux, Mrs. Deborah Moore and Mr. Michael Wich. Mrs. Vaughn is no longer on the board, it was agreed Ms. Kristi Murray would replace Mrs. Lou Vaughn's committee position.

Mr. Wich informed the board he returned to the Agenda Wood Pole Bill Board Signs as there seemed to be some confusion as to what is required. It was requested that there be some sort of conclusion as to how to handle the existing signs up already. Mr. Wich made the recommendation if an existing structure that is up in this past storm or any future storm events should fail, they need to get the proper permits and be sure they are repaired properly and up to code. If any of the bill boards made it through this storm as well as any future storms just leave as it is. Discussion ensued.

The next SCRCCC meeting will be held, October 23, 2008 in St. John the Baptist Parish at the Percy Hebert Building, located at 1801 West Airline Highway, Laplace, La. 70068 at 10:00am.

Mr. Rob Hamilton asked if the roof inspections were getting Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Wich informed Mr. Hamilton to contact him should he need one.

There being no further information to be discussed, it was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mrs. Kim Torres, to adjourn. Motion carried.