

Florida Building Commission
Rehabilitation Code Ad Hoc Committee Report
December 3, 2001
Rosen Plaza Hotel
9700 International Drive
Orlando, Florida

Attendees

Med Kopczynski, Chair	Dan Shaw	Nick D'Andrea
Ed Carson	Christ Sanidas	Frank Quintana
John Calpini	Leonard Lipka	Peggy Harris

Committee Objectives

- To Receive Comments from Interested Parties
- To Discuss Committee Recommendations
- To Discuss and Approve the Draft Report to the Legislature

Overview

The meeting was declared open at 9:10 a.m. by Mr. Medard Kopczynski, chair. Mr. Kopczynski discussed reviewed the meeting objectives and agenda. A presentation was made by Mr. Jim Quinn, Bureau Chief, Division of Community Planning, Department of Community Affairs regarding the recommendation for a rehab code by the Governor's Growth Management Study Commission. Mr. Tom DeYampert, City of St. Petersburg, Housing and Community Development made a presentation about the need to address both owner and tenant occupied residential rehabs. Mr. John Battles, Southern Building Code Congress International discussed the development of the International Existing Buildings Code. Mr. David Hattis, HUD consultant discussed rehab code development issues experienced by other states. Suzanne Schmith discussed the legislative issues and the Commission's ability to adopt a one and two family owner occupied rehab code. There were lengthy discussions on rehab code related issues including affordable housing, other model rehab codes versus the Florida Building Code and recommendations to the Legislature.

The meeting agenda and minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Committee Actions:

1. The draft report to the Legislature was reviewed and discussed.

Motion: In the first bullet of the recommendations, change the term "support" to "evaluate".

Harris/Lipka

Mrs. Harris withdrew the motion.

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Motion: Change language in the fifth bullet including striking “owner occupied”; change the term “preservation” to “rehabilitation”; and adding the phrase “in order to preserve and enhance properties that are homesteaded” at the end. D’Andrea/Calpini

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Comment: In bullet number six, rehabilitation thresholds should be based on categories of work.

Motion: Delete language in bullet number six and change to, “Rehabilitation thresholds must be established.” Lipka/Quintana

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Motion: Add bullet number seven, “Compare the International Residential Code and other appropriate codes to the Florida Building Code as part of the evaluation and development of a rehab code.”

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Motion: Recommend forwarding the report to the Legislature and recommendations to the Commission.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.