

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

9:00 AM until completion

FIRE TAC PRESENT:

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman
Joe Belcher
Jeff Gross
Jim Schock

Kevin Carrier for Tony Apfelbeck
Charlie Frank
Brad Schiffer
Bobby Dwyer for Peter Schwab

FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:

Robert Hamberger

Joe Holland

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
April Hammonds
Robert Benbow

Marlita Peters
Jim Hammers
Chris Howell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Aaby
Kristin Steranka
Alan Zeedyk

Larry Dickey
Dr. Raymond Issa
Jamie Gascon

Welcome:

Time: 9:00 am

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of the Fire TAC. She provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 members present.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Frank entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

**To review and accept final draft report for research project titled:
["Evaluation of Fire Separation Requirements for Zero Lot Line Residential"](#).**

Mr. Madani gave a brief overview of the project as listed and advised that Dr. Issa, Mark Aaby and Kristin Sternaka will be providing a power point presentation of the final draft report.

Mr. Madani turned the meeting over to Dr. Issa for the presentation.

Dr. Issa introduced the staff involved with this study and the findings. He started the report findings and Ms. Sternaka completed the report.

TAC Comments:

Discussion on lot lines, fire separation, distances, and cost effectiveness of sprinklers were brought up for discussion by Mr. Schiffer, Mr. Schock and Mr. Belcher.

Ms. Sternaka responded to the questions and concerns posed by the TAC members.

Public Comments:

Larry Dickey inquired about the product used as being from the UK and that he did not feel it is a viable option.

**To review and accept final draft report for research project titled:
[“Evaluation of Fire Separation Requirements for Zero Lot Line Residential”](#). (cont.)**

Mr. Madani addressed the TAC regarding the intent of the TAC this morning is accepting the report as presented. The scope of the project began and was approved prior to HB 535.

Discussion among the TAC member followed regarding a possible clarifying statement for a motion to approve.

Ms. Hammonds explained the need of a motion for the acceptance of the report based on the original scope of the project.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 members in favor and one member opposing.

**To review and accept final draft report for research project titled
[“Evaluation of the Cost Impact of the 2015 I-Code Changes”](#)**

Mr. Madani gave a brief overview of the report and project as listed and advised that Dr. Issa would be providing the presentation.

Dr. Issa provided a power point presentation of the cost impact.

Mr. Belcher stated this report was excellent.

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to accept the report as presented. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Recommend and discuss potential research topics for consideration by the Building Commission:

Mr. Schiffer stated that there is a need to take the first project and expand go show the changes from HB 535 for next Code and look at the true zero lot line with direction and detail.

Mr. Madani and Dr. Issa provided information on future research for support of the TAC. Mr. Madani also asked if the cost impact report should be done for the triennial code changes.

Mr. Belcher stated the code impact and usage of future cost for projects would be helpful.

These recommendations are in the report.

Mr. Schiffer stated there should be only one group work on these changes.

Recommend and discuss potential research topics for consideration by the Building Commission (cont.):

Mr. Schock stated he is not opposed and is a good idea and agrees with Mr. Schiffer using one proponent for this. He asked about design changes and the effects in the report.

Dr. Issa stated they used a model and used that as their basis for the costs.

Mr. Belcher also stated it is not the design but with code change should provide good idea of costs.

Mr. Madani stated this is prescriptive requirement that you meet.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to adopt page 32 of the report as recommend subject for the proposal to the Commission for further research. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to recommend a second research report to submit to the Commission to expand on Code Changes for the first report on the zero lot line residential expanding and focus on the one hour soffit and true zero lot line layouts. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

There was no further Public or TAC Member comments or TAC Business.

Ms. Peters performed a closing roll call with 7 of the original 8 members remaining on the call.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 am