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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399

JUNE 25, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Minutes

FIRE TAC PRESENT:

Tony Apfelbeck
Joe Belcher
Jeff Gross

Brad Schiffer
Peter Schwab
Jim Schock

FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman
Joe Holland

Robert Hamberger

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Robert Benbow
Joe Bigelow

Thomas Campbell
Chris Howell
Jim Hammers
Marlita Peters

Welcome:

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference meeting of the Fire TAC and Electrical TAC.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 6 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Peters asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended removing items #5 and #6.

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as amended. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

Review and accept final draft report for research project titled "Economic Impact Analysis and Evaluation of Property Insurance Rate Impact Resulting from Potential Changes to the Florida Building Code from the ICC Base Code Provisions."

Mr. Madani provided background on this project.

Dr. Raymond Issa provided the final draft report via power point presentation.

Commissioner Schock questioned the loss of personal income and employment loss.

Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz responded and advised they have to use assumptions on the calculation items that were given. He also advised they did not have access to the insurance industry cost analysis.

Commissioner Schiffer expressed his concerns also on these losses. He stated that the cost of construction would not decrease. Commissioner Schiffer stated the Commission would not lessen the requirements in the code that would cause these negative numbers.

Mr. Apfelbeck stated there have been times that the code has changed causing reductions.

Mr. Madani explained the original request in this reporting and how this was to be used. He said it was more qualitative and not quantitative.

Review and accept final draft report for research project titled “Economic Impact Analysis and Evaluation of Property Insurance Rate Impact Resulting from Potential Changes to the Florida Building Code from the ICC Base Code Provisions.” (cont.):

Mr. Belcher stated this information is totally incorrect as the code cannot be reduced as this calculation is showing.

Mr. Apfelbeck stated he is against this report and made a motion to deny approval of this report. Mr. Belcher seconded.

Discussion followed with Commissioner Schiffer provided further information in agreement with Mr. Belcher and Mr. Apfelbeck.

Mr. Madani asked the TAC’s to vote to approve the report with adjustments.

Mr. Apfelbeck amended his motion to accept the report with the following conditions:

1. The Fire TAC will review the report again prior to the acceptance by DBPR; and
2. Section (1)(c) be completely revised to target the original intent of fire sprinkler protection for one-and two-family dwellings and setbacks in the FRC and be updated or removed from the report; and
3. A peer review will be conducted of the economic analysis conducted in the report and a peer review statement provided in the report; and
4. A future work statement be included in the report calling out the items that require further study. (Accepted as a friendly amendment from Commissioner Schock.)

Mr. Belcher seconded the motion with discussion.

Commissioner Schock asked for a friendly amendment to indicate that a further study is needed to include intended requirements.

The friendly amendment was accepted by Mr. Apfelbeck with Mr. Belcher in agreement.

Mr. Apfelbeck stated he agreed to include this friendly amendment. Mr. Belcher also agreed.

Mr. Campbell offered that the TAC could approve the report with stipulations that it not be published as there are modifications needed and we could meet in a few weeks to review what has been done.

The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against.

Closing roll call:

Ms. Peters performed a closing roll call all 6 members remained on the call.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.