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HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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August 27th, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Minutes

HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Schock, Chairman
Sergio Ascunce
Joe Belcher
Anne Cope, Ph.D.
David Compton
Jeffrey Gross
Mark Mikkelson

Craig Parrino
John “Bud” Plisich
Mike Savage
Angela Schedel, Ph.D.
Brad Schiffer
Jeffery Schnellmann
Vince Seijas
Brian Swope

**HURRICANE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Jeff Blair
Thomas Campbell

Lerrah Clark
Jim Hammers
Justin Vogel

MEETING FACILITATION:

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Consultation, Process Design & Facilitation. Information at: facilitatedsolutions.org

Welcome:

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Blair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Roll Call:

Mr. Blair performed roll call; a quorum was met with 15 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Mr. Blair covered the agenda items for the meeting today.

Mr. Blair requested a motion for approval of the agenda for today's meeting.

Mr. Compton entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seijas. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0 in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2021:

Chairman Schock asked for a motion to approve the minutes for June 21, 2021 as posted if there were no changes.

Mr. Schnellmann stated there was a typo and requested an amendment to have the typo corrected.

Mr. Mikkelson entered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting as amended. Mr. Seijas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 15 to 0.

Update from the International Code Council On Their "Ensuring The Safety Of Existing Buildings" Panel Discussions:

Dominic Sims from the International Code Council presented a slideshow for Ensuring the Safety of Existing Buildings.

This presentation outlines:

- ICC Review of the Property Maintenance Codes & Regulations in Florida
- Panel Discussion in West Palm Beach August 17th, 2021
- West Palm Beach – Three Panels
- Takeaway from Panel Discussions
- Existing Building Inspection Guide – Appendix C
- ICC Recommendation

Committee Member Questions and Discussion:

Committee members asked questions and offered comments about ICC's presentation and ICC provided feedback on those questions and comments

Discuss and Review All Relevant Guidelines, Statutes, Local Ordinances, Standards, and Model Codes Related to Building Recertification Requirements and Inspection Schedules for Existing Buildings.

Mo Madani provided an overview of the information associated with this agenda item.

Discuss Approach for Continually Tracking and Compiling Findings From Investigations of Champlain Towers.

The Committee members discussed options for tracking and compiling information related to investigations of Champlain Towers.

Mo Madani stated that any information that is generated will be housed on the Building Code Information System on the webpage dedicated to the Hurricane Research Advisory Committee.

Evaluate What Role, If Any, The Florida Building Code Could or Should Have Regarding Inspections and Maintenance of Existing High-Rise Residential Buildings and Other High-Rise Buildings As Appropriate.

The Committee members discussed their views on the issue.

Identification and Discussion of Next Steps.

A. Is Additional Research Necessary to Address Existing Data Gaps?

The committee discussed their views and ideas on existing data gaps and additional research projects.

Jeff Blair summarized this discussion by providing a recommendation that the Commission approve a literature review/data collection of the building safety inspections/recertification inspections that have been completed in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties to date. Additional direction was given to staff to develop a scope of work and a source of funding for this project with a preference that the projects approved by the Commission in June 2021 be executed as soon as possible. Chairman Schock made the motion, Joe Belcher seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously by a vote of 15-0.

B. Identification of Possible Briefings/Presentations from Other Experts

Committee members provided their views on additional information and briefings they would like to receive. Committee members also expressed concerns about duplicating research projects that may already be underway by NIST and asked staff to reach out to NIST to get more information about NIST's projects.

C. Identification of Opportunities for Collaboration with Other Groups Evaluating the Issue

The Committee members identified the following groups as having potential for collaboration:

Fire Safety Advisory Council=Shock
Structural Engineering Society/Andrew Lovenstein-Shock
Florida Board of Professional Engineers-Seijas
Div. of Condos, Timeshares, and Mobile Homes Under Ch. 718, Florida Statutes - Seijas
Insurance Industry-Seijas
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)-Schedel
ASCE's Structural Engineers Institute-Schedel
American Concrete Institute-Belcher
NIST-National Institute of Science and Technology

Public Comment

Jennifer Bridge from the University of Florida presented a brief proposal for conducting an examination of the current technology available to conduct building inspections.

Additional Workgroup Business:

None.

Closing Comments:

None.

Adjourn:

There being no further business before the Committee Chairman Schock adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.