

December 9, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee

FROM: Bob Lee, CBO, Cave Creek , Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

December 17, 2003 - 2:00 pm  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Cholla Room  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee may attend either in person or by videoconference or telephone conference call. **Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG site by the Monday prior to the meeting.** Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to notify MAG staff at least one day in advance and call 602-261-7510 between 1:55 p.m. and 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting. After prompting, please enter the meeting ID number 28453 (build) on your telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

If you drive to the meeting, please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building and bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees must have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 13 people for the MAG Building Codes Committee. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send a proxy from your jurisdiction or agency to represent you.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me (480) 488-6632 or Michelle Green at (602) 254-6300.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Introductions</u>	2. For information
3. <u>November 19, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>  Members may discuss the meeting minutes and recommend changes to the minutes prior to approving them.	3. For information, discussion and action.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Building Codes Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. A total of 15 minutes will be provided the Call to the Audience agenda item unless the Building Codes Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wanting to comment on action agenda items will be given the opportunity to do so when the agenda item is heard.	4. For information.
5. <u>Comments From the Committee</u>  Members of the Building Codes Committee are provided with an opportunity to present a brief summary of current events or raise an issue. The committee is not allowed to take action on any matter unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.	5. For information.
6. <u>NEW Article In 2002 NEC</u>  NEC Article 80 is a new article in the 2002 NEC that covers Administration and Enforcement and an Electrical Board as well as Inspector qualifications. Bob will provide a brief overview.	6. For information and discussion.

7. Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee Discussion Regarding The City of Phoenix's Building Code Development Process

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee discussed the pros and cons of the current process adopted by Phoenix City Council through a resolution that requires the City of Phoenix to adopt a "voluntary consensus code." There were two memos that were sent with last months agenda, one with responses from NFPA requesting that the Chamber remain neutral on the issue and a second from the Chair of the Phoenix Development Advisory Board, Howard Bashford – Professor at ASU and Michael Goldwater – Independent consultant for ICC, stating their position that the process should be open. Copies available upon request.

8. Carstens vs. City of Phoenix

The Maricopa County Superior Courts affirmed the lower courts ruling that building inspectors are not economically responsible for negligent inspections.

9. Constructive Comments For the Chair

The Chair would like to hear from committee members. Any comments regarding his performance over the last year would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions and ideas for improvement are welcome.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. For information, and discussion.

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| <p>10. <u>Level of Commitment to the Committee</u></p> <p>The level of commitment that members feel for the committee will be discussed and ideas as to how it could be improved may be developed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>10. For information</p>                                  |
| <p>11. <u>Building Inspectors Plans Examiners Forum</u></p> <p>The Building Inspectors Plans Examiners Forum Met on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003. A copy of the minutes of their meeting will be sent to you by e-mail. Copies are also available upon request.</p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>11. For information and discussion.</p>                  |
| <p>12. <u>Update on the State Plumbing Commission</u></p> <p>Steve Burger will provide an update on the status of the State Plumbing Code Commission.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>12. For information, discussion and possible action.</p> |
| <p>13. <u>MAG Adobe Construction Amendments to the Uniform Building Code</u></p> <p>In 1982, the MAG Building Codes Committee adopted Adobe amendments to the Uniform Building Code. These amendments were then updated in 1984. Although codes have changed since then, no change has been made to this document. There are two issues. First, the amendments are not easily accessible and second, the amendments may no longer be relevant.</p> | <p>13. For information, discussion and possible action.</p> |
| <p>14. <u>MAG Work Program FY2004/2005</u></p> <p>Work is beginning on developing next years work program. Any</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>14.</p>                                                  |

suggestions would be greatly appreciated

15. Update Survey of Code Adoption

Attached you will find a copy of the information we have regarding the codes member agencies have adopted. Please take the time to review this information and let Michelle Green know if there are any updates or corrections you think should be made, also, please keep in mind that the committee has voted to adopt the 2003 International Building Codes with an effective date of July 2004.

15. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

The Committee Roster was transmitted with this agenda. If you see any changes that should be made, please speak at the meeting, or notify Michelle Green at (602) 254-6300 or e-mail her at mgreen@mag.maricopa.gov.

16. Topics for Future Agendas

Potential topics for the next meeting will be discussed. The next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee is scheduled for January 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at the MAG Office in the Cholla room.

17. Adjournment

15. For information and discussion.

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16. For information, discussion, and possible action.