

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

June 21, 2006

Maricopa Association of Governments Office  
Cholla Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Nakagawara, Peoria, Chairperson  
\*Dennis Dixon, Apache Junction  
Ken Sowers, Avondale  
Phil Marcotte, Buckeye  
\*Mike Tibbett, Carefree  
\*Bob Lee, Cave Creek  
A - Alex Banachowski, Chandler  
\*Art Swanson, El Mirage  
\*Peter Johnson, Fountain Hills  
\*John Smith, Gila Bend  
\*Jo Rene DeVeau, Gila River Indian  
Community  
A – Ray Patten, Gilbert  
\*Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale  
A - Ed Kulik, Goodyear

\*Chuck Ransom, Litchfield Park  
Tom Ewers, Maricopa County  
\*Dean Wise, Mesa  
\*Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley  
Tom Wandrie, Phoenix  
A - Dennis Street, Queen Creek  
\*Larry Francis, Salt River Pima Indian  
Community  
Michael Clack, Scottsdale  
Forrest Fielder, Surprise  
A - Michael Williams, Tempe  
Mario Rochin, Tolleson  
\*Lyle Murdock, Wickenburg  
Bob Cooperider, Youngtown  
Rus Brock, Home Builders Association

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Derek Horn, Phoenix  
Steve Gross, MAG  
Heidi Pahl, MAG  
Lana Collins, Surprise

Warren Leek, Maricopa County

\*Those members neither present nor  
represented by proxy.

A-Those members participating via  
audioconference

V-Those members participating via  
videoconference

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Dave Nakagawara, City of Peoria, called the meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee (BCC) to order, at 2:06 p.m.

2. Introductions

Members of the committee introduced themselves.

3. May 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Ken Sowers, seconded by Mario Rochin, and unanimously recommended to approve the May 17, 2006 meeting minutes.

4. Call to the Audience

No comments were made by the audience.

5. Comments From the Committee

Dave Nakagawara said that there is an Arizona Building Official (AZBO) Code Development meeting June 23, 2006 in Oro Valley and interested parties should RSVP to Mike Baker. Mr. Nakagawara announced that on July 15, 2006 there would be an IAPMO ICC Town Hall meeting in Denver, Colorado. Dave Nakagawara said comments on the proposed second marriage between IAPMO and ICC could be provided at the Town Hall meeting. He said more information is available at: [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org). Mr. Nakagawara announced that the Governance Ad Hoc Committee for ICC is prepared to accept comments on their preliminary report. He said there are three different models proposed for consideration in this report. He said that more information is available at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

Rus Brock asked if it would carry more weight to have one Arizona body provide comments to the report rather than individual member agencies. Dave Nakagawara replied yes, a larger body carries more weight however he encouraged individual agencies as well as the State to provide comments.

6. Storage Space Lighting

Dave Nakagawara provided background on the storage space lighting issue. Mr. Nakagawara read the resolution.

It was moved by Forrest Fielder, seconded by Michael Clack, and unanimously recommended to approve the storage space lighting resolution, Attachment One in the agenda packet. Tom Ewers suggested changing heretofore to hereafter in the storage space lighting resolution. Dave Nakagawara agreed.

Rus Brock said he checked with some home builders and many of them are putting a light in a storage space to ensure home owners are happy with their home. Mr. Brock said they are most likely placing a light in storage spaces because of market feedback.

## 7. Certified Steel Fabricators List

Dave Nakagawara said that Derek Horn attended the May BCC meeting to explain the certified steel fabricators list and city of Phoenix program. He read the resolution.

Forrest Fielder asked if a registrant designates a shop that is not on the list could the City of Phoenix approve the use of shop. Derek Horn replied no, the City of Phoenix would be looking for the shop under special inspection or try to get them on the list through their program.

It was moved by Tom Ewers, seconded by Mario Rochin, and unanimously recommended to adopt the City of Phoenix Approved Steel Fabricators resolution, Attachment Two in the agenda packet. Derek Horn thanked MAG BCC for endorsing the program.

## 8. Maricopa County Mutual Aid Agreement

Dave Nakagawara introduced Warren Leek, Director of the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management. Warren Leek gave a presentation on Maricopa County emergency management. He stated that Attachment Three in the agenda packet is an outdated mutual aid agreement that was signed by the county and 12 cities and towns; and that the agreement terminated June 2005. He said the agreement establishes terms for sharing of personnel and equipment resources during and after a major emergency.

Dave Nakagawara said that a building official could request assistance under this agreement. Mr. Nakagawara said that in his estimation it would not take a lot of effort to update this mutual aid agreement. He asked how the MAG BCC could offer support for this agreement. He also asked how it would be best to update this agreement. Warren Leek suggested that a MAG BCC member review the document and provide suggestions to Maricopa County staff. He said Maricopa County staff would respond to comments then e-mail the updated agreement to each member agency. He suggested each agency request their legal staff to review the agreement. He said that as long as there are no substantive differences between agreements the member agencies could each adopt their own agreement. Mr. Leek said this agreement is done in counter parts where the cities and towns sign similar agreements then put all of the documents together to form one agreement. He said Maricopa County would be happy to broker the agreement.

Dave Nakagawara stated that this agenda item would be carried forward for further discussion at a future meeting. He said that a MAG BCC member would work on updating the agreement and circulate a draft of it to all MAG BCC members. He said the agreement formalizes assistance in times of need. Mr. Nakagawara said building officials' expertise is valuable to updating this document. He stated that the Peoria Building Safety Division created a mitigation plan for emergencies.

Ken Sowers asked why Avondale was not included in the original agreement. Mr. Sowers added that the Avondale intergovernmental representative would spearhead this effort in Avondale. Warren Leek said Maricopa County could provide a list of the emergency managers for each member agency.

Dave Nakagawara indicated that as part of the Arizona Building Official (AZBO) annual business meeting there is a full day training session on July 21, 2006 about developing an emergency management plan for building departments. He added that Peoria is offering a training class for their building officials on how to evaluate damaged structures.

Tom Wandrie announced that the City of Phoenix Fire Department is part of FEMA Arizona Task Force I Urban Search and Rescue. He said the Phoenix Fire Department recently attended a training class in Sacramento on shoring to stabilize structures after natural disasters. Mr. Wandrie offered the Phoenix Fire Department as a resource for emergency management.

9. Regional Plan Review/MAG Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners (RPR/BI/PE) Forum Update

Dave Nakagawara said Cheryl Mullis is not in attendance to provide an update. He said the MAG Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners met recently and had good discussion. He reported that they discussed backflow prevention on residential fire lines determining that this is not required. The City of Glendale discussed the significant changes of IRC, and a new chair for this group was not appointed due to staff changes in Cave Creek.

Tom Wandrie said that he received feedback on service entry section (SES) panels installed on single-family homes. Mr. Wandrie mentioned that this feedback was submitted to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to get an electrical code change and it was defeated initially, as the federal committee did not recommend it for approval. He said that if it does not get approved it could be a future issue for building officials. Dave Nakagawara asked if there were stated reasons why it was defeated. Tom Wandrie said he did not understand the stated reasons but would provide more information at a future meeting. Mr. Wandrie indicated that more support on this issue is needed, and he hopes that the Home Builders Association gets involved.

10. Permit Technicians Forum

The Chair of the Permit Technicians Forum, Lana Collins, provided an update. She distributed an Arizona Permit Techs newsletter. She announced that AZBO is willing to take them on as a committee, with name, logo, etc. She requested support from MAG BCC to send staff to the Permit Tech meetings. She said they want to become a formal committee to become accredited so that they can offer training and people can be credited for their certifications. She said that in the fall they would have two booths at AZBO conference to try and promote attendance to the Permit Tech forums. She indicated that they would like to offer full-day training sessions instead of the current bimonthly two-hour meeting. She suggested that the Permit Techs Committee would like to charge for membership and use the funds to hire trainers. Forrest Fielder commended the Chair on the newsletter. Lisa Wood thanked Ken Sowers and Forrest Fielder for conference room space for the Permit Tech meetings.

11. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

Heidi Pahl stated that any changes to the committee roster could be given to her during the meeting or after the meeting. No updates were provided.

## 12. Update Survey of Code Adoption

Heidi Pahl said that Attachment Two identifies the codes that member agencies have adopted. She asked members to review this information and provide any updates or corrections to her. No updates were provided.

## 13. Topics for Future Agendas

Dave Nakagawara reported that the next meeting is Wednesday August 23, 2006 and the July meeting is canceled. He said he has reinvited Ron Darlymple to provide an update on the Board of Technical Registration activities. He said he invited Anthony Floyd from the City of Scottsdale to provide a presentation on sustainability. He mentioned that the mutual aid agreement for emergency management planning would be a carry forward agenda item to appear on the August agenda.

Forrest Fielder added that the new change in the International Residential Code (IRC) from 3-foot setbacks to 5-foot setbacks would be an interesting agenda topic for a future meeting. Rus Brock said that this would be reviewed by AZBO at their July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rus Brock said they are trying to understand the originating justification for that change getting into the code. He said that the home builders do not have a really good argument for the change. Mr. Clack and Mr. Fielder added comments about implementation problems with subdivisions that are half way built.

## 14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.