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Minutes
ICC Peninsula Chapter Meeting
June 7, 2006

Mariani's Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA

- 1.0 **Called to order** at 10:21am with 25 members present. Self-introductions followed.
- 2.01 **Approval of Minutes.** Motion to approve made by **Patricia Kutzmann**, seconded by **Larry Ford**. Minor corrections were made. Motion passed unanimously, as corrected.
- 2.03 **New Business**
Dennis Richardson reported that he'd been forwarded a letter from **John LaTorra** regarding a proposal from the Vulcraft to form an Ad-hoc committee to discuss and outline requirements for building plan submittal. He asked if the code committee wants to be a part of that. After some discussion, it was decided to defer a decision until next month's meeting.
- 2.04 **Announcements**
Patricia Kutzmann announced that a new VP has been hired for Kutzmann and Associates: Mike Baird of Palo Alto

Larry Ford will be retiring at the beginning of October, after 32 years of service. He expressed his appreciation for being able to work with this group. Since he will be moving out of the area, he will not be able to continue as VP. There will be an announcement of his retirement on the website. He is helping with the recruitment of the new Building Official for the City of Morgan Hill. Details and applications can be found online at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

Tom Whisler commented on the scrambled nature of the ICCPC so far this year. He noted that he's only chaired 2 meetings and that there have been and will be changes in the Office holders. The chapter needs to re-focus; to put a fire back into this organization. Though there is a lot of participation, there could be more. Please think about what we can do. He proposed a lunchtime informal conversation to that end.

2.05 Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$6210.06 in the bank account. Last month the chapter spent \$340.67, largely on the UL seminar. As a reminder, membership/renewal checks are due by July 1; the form is on the website. A question was raised regarding the use of Paypal, which had been having issues. Those issues should be resolved at this point.

2.06 Code Discussion

Daniel Kostelec asked about the timeline for approval of the IRC. His understanding was that it would be this year and so has been entertaining exceptions based on the new code. When queried, all Building Officials present said they would continue to entertain such exceptions.

Considerable discussion followed whether an exception could be made to allow a 30" wide exterior stair with winders, specifically on tiny lots, based on the similarity to a spiral staircase.

Stephen Lau led a discussion about vertical access to 2 unit apartments or 3 unit condos entirely contained on the second floor with first floor commercial.

3.01 Code Changes

Mark Kluver reported that the Building Standards Commission Code Change Committee met yesterday. The new Executive Director of the BSC is Dave Walls. He's already going strong having worked on a schedule/timeline for the plumbing and mechanical code adoption in the first two days on the job. Steve Winkle is the chair of the committee and has indicated that they've received direction to have all work done by the end of August. Mark advised that there are a number of packages available on the web for updates, but that we should wait a week before doing so as some of them are not "finalized" yet. All submittals and changes should be done by the end of December with adoption in June. This would mean Implementation in January of 2008.

John LaTorra reasserted that we should get more involved in the code adoption process at the State level. The BSC Code Committee is chaired by Steve Winkler. There are currently 2300 code proposals. The ICC hearing is scheduled from September 20 through October 1. John would like the chapter to help interested members to attend the hearings. They will be broadcast over the internet and this year will be testing an off-site voting mechanism (let John know if you're interested in volunteering). The code committee meets at the end of July. **Tom Whisler** asked how many we'd like to send in September. John proposed setting up a budget rather than a specific number of people to get the "most bang for our buck". **Daniel Kostelec** moved to approve up to \$5,000 to be spent as efficiently as possible for members to attend, which was seconded by **Jack Aiello**. There was further discussion about the details and it was agreed that it would be best to use the funds to extend stays of members that will already be at the conference site for the annual conference. **Larry Ford** clarified that there are approximately \$22,000 in total assets and the previously mentioned amount is just what is actually in the checking account. Jack thought it might be best to wait until we know how many people are going to come up with a number. In general it was felt that the proposed amount was a good cap. John said he would come back with a more specific proposal within that budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Speakers: Ralph Loyd and Candice Hill from the California Seismic Hazard Program presented on the program and Implementation of new Seismic Hazard Maps.

4.02 CALBO report – out of order due to scheduling issues

Sheila Lee reported that Dave Walls is the new Executive Director. Members of the Accessibility committee have been selected. Peter Morgan and Jay Salazar are co-chairs. Walls invited all core advisory committees' chairpersons to a meeting asking to speed the approval. All agreed to do whatever it takes. They have been directed to finish the package by the end of August with several meetings being held before then. Some key are PME 6/30, Accessibility chapter 7/6 and HCD DSA 7/7. Once the package is submitted, it should only take 45 days to publish. It is possible that the codes could be implemented as early as September '07, but we'll have a better idea by August.

There was some questions as to whether E-solutions was considered a gift and therefore usable for publication purposes, but that has been resolved.

Any troublesome items that may delay adoption can be pulled from the complete package and addressed individually later. Things are looking positive right now as the different agencies are working together to speed things along. Amendment packages are available online at the BSC website. If you request it, they will send a copy.

SB1278, introduced by Senator Alquist adds 3 seats on the Seismic Safety Committee, but apparently removes the requirement to have a Building Official. This was a mistake and the language will be put back.

3.03 Special Inspection

Dennis Richardson reported that several jurisdictions are starting a coordinated effort for Special Inspection agency approval. So far San Francisco, Livermore, Fremont, Milpitas and San José have shown interest.

It was suggested that Special Inspections be moved to “Other Reports” as it is no longer a committee.

3.04 Education

We need to coordinate training with other agencies to improve consistency. **John LaTorra** will contact other groups and try to develop a schedule of trainings, including a weeklong training in Sacramento (not CTI and not education week). This should be a cooperative effort between the local chapters, CALBO and ICC. The education committee is set to meet on 7/20 do discuss education week.

There is an electrical training at the UL facility on 7/13. As a reminder trainings are currently being held there on the second Thursday of odd numbered months.

3.05 Membership Services

Patricia Kutzman asked if we are interested in doing an East Bay/Peninsula chapters picnic this year. Upon others expressing interest a tentative date of August 11th was chosen. This will replace meetings for both chapters. The meeting will begin at 2:00pm and the picnic will start at 5:00.

3.07 Tri-Chapter Code Adoption and Interpretation

There are a lot of amendments proposed in the ICC process. It is worth printing off of the internet. There is one error on the SFM material regarding 1-hour fire walls. A request for correction has already been sent in.

A meeting for TCUCIAP is not anticipated for this month.

4.01 ICC

John LaTorra reported that the ICC has begun printing the code books in Spanish. They are also in the process of hiring a new CEO, with hopes that it will be completed before the Annual meeting held September 17 – 20. The hotel rates for the annual meeting are \$119 and the facility is centrally located. Jane Lee Witt has sold the business, but will continue to work in an unofficial capacity.

A governance committee has been appointed to determine chapter divisions, number of committee members, etc.

On the 15th of July there will be an IAPMO & ICC meeting to discuss the joint process for the adoption of the 2005 Plumbing & Mechanical code.

IAI has drafted a letter to TCUCIAP regarding listing/labeling and modified equipment in the field. Dennis asked if the letter addresses unique and/or test equipment. It does. There are guidelines for inspection/concerns in a field evaluation.

Adjourned at 1:58 pm.