



Advisory Committee for the South Carolina Building Codes Council, Loss Mitigation Grant Program and South Carolina Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Grant Program

Location: Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of SC
800 Gracern Road, Columbia, SC 29210

October 19, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Ann Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. The following committee members were in attendance: Allison Dean Love, Bruce White, Carl Simmons, Emily Dziuban, Gary Mason, Gary Wiggins, Todd Hiott and Ann Roberson. The following members submitted proxy's in their absence: Drew Streett, Ed West, Frank Sheppard, Jon Boettcher, Bill Starnes, and Tim Reinhold. Frank Hodge indicated that he would be unable to attend.

Approval of September 21, 2011 Minutes:

Ms. Roberson asked if there were any additional comments, remarks, or suggestions concerning the minutes. Mr. Simmons noted a change on page 3 under 'Old Business', which was noted and made. Ms. Love asked that the IBHS initiatives (Fortified for Safer Living and Fortified for Existing Homes) be referenced as Fortified Programs through IBHS. A motion was made by Mr. Mason to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Dziuban seconded the motion; The motion carried and the minutes were accepted as amended.

Review of Applications:

Ms. Roberson explained that the synopsis of applications was the same from the previous month's meeting. The Application Review Subcommittee previously reviewed the synopsis and made comments. Ms. Roberson read through the synopsis and explained why application #1233 and #2004 were both held over and under further review. She stated that #1233 involved a particular contractor that had been discussed and that the subcommittee has recommended this application be held until we receive further information regarding outstanding circumstances with this contractor. She explained that the homeowner did not wish to select another contractor and therefore this application must be withheld until the issues with the chosen contractor are resolved. Mr. Simmons made a motion to postpone funding this application, Ms. Dziuban seconded the motion; The motion carried and application #1233 will be held until further information is received. Application #2004 was discussed at length last month. The discussion took place regarding the applicant's qualifications for opening protection. The Advisory Committee wanted to see the specifications for the shutters that are being proposed in the application.

Mr. Simmons and Mr. Wiggins reviewed the specifications and asked for further clarification as they were unsure of the testing specifications referenced and said that they were unfamiliar with the particular tests cited therein. Following a discussion, it was determined that they would like to see additional information. Ms. Roberson indicated that contractors are taught to recognize the particular ASTM E 1886 & 1996 standards. Specifically, the committee requested further information explaining what the 2007 Florida Building Code TAS 201, 202, and 203 standards mean. Ms. Roberson said that they would bring it back to the Committee at next month's meeting.

The Advisory Committee then reviewed the remaining applications listed on the synopsis. The subcommittee recommended that these applications be awarded. Mr. Simmons made a motion to award the applications on the synopsis except for application #1233 and # 2004, Ms. Dziuban seconded the motion; The motion carried and the synopsis was approved as amended.

Old Business:

Mr. Simmons asked if the Advisory Committee wanted to discuss establishing a particular date from which homes will be considered for grant funds. Ms. Roberson repeated Mr. Simmons previous suggestion to adopt the date of July 1, 2006 as it relates to opening protection. He asked that this be discussed further at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Roberson asked Mr. Wiggins to provide further information explaining why this date is appropriate. Mr. Wiggins explained that the IRC code in place at that time required that opening protection be supplied at the time of occupancy. Ms. Roberson offered to write it up for the Advisory Committee to review prior to the upcoming meeting.

Ms. Brunson reported that Orientation for new contractors and inspectors took place the week prior and that these contractors and inspectors will be added to our on-line and printed lists. Ms. Brunson also reminded the committee that next month's meeting will be in Myrtle Beach on November 18, 2011 and will be held in conjunction with the 2011 SC Safe Home Annual Meeting. She explained that the meeting will be held at 2:00 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and that a call-in number would be provided for those unable to attend. Ms. Roberson provided an update of the three sessions that were held with the Wood Lake Community. She added that the sessions were well attended and received by the community. Ms. Roberson thanked the Advisory committee members for all of their help and support in spreading the word about the importance of the Safe Home program and the funds available for homeowners.

Mr. Simmons said that he would have the subcommittee (for the prioritization of funds) that was discussed this past August look at the Plan of Operation. He asked that the staff review the minutes from previous meetings and discussions and provide this information to the Advisory Committee so that it can be included in next month's discussion. There have been conversations regarding board appointments and Ms. Roberson thanked the Advisory Committee members for their service and asked them to please be patient with us as we work to review the assignments and move forward. There being no additional old business, Ms. Roberson asked if there was any new business.

New Business:

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned and concluded at 2:45 p.m. Ms. Roberson announced that next month's meeting will be Friday, November 18, 2011 in Myrtle Beach at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and that information pertaining to this meeting would be forth coming.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Brunson

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