



Advisory Committee for the South Carolina Building Code 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

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2011

Call to order:

Ann Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The following committee members were in attendance: Allison Dean Love, Carl Simmons, Drew Streett, Ed West, Emily Dziuban, Frank Sheppard, Gary Mason, Gary Wiggins, Jon Boettcher and Todd Hiott. Bruce White assigned his proxy to Allison Dean Love, Ed West assigned his to Ann Roberson and William Starnes assigned his to Gary Mason.

Approval of March 16, 2011 Minutes:

Mrs. Roberson asked if there were any additional comments or remarks concerning last month's minutes. Allison Dean Love previously sent Casey Brunson an email stating wildfire should be one word. The change has been noted and corrected in the draft the committee received. Ms. Love made the motion to approve the minutes and Frank Sheppard seconded the motion. The motion carried and minutes were accepted.

Review of Applications:

Mrs. Roberson stated the Subcommittee met Tuesday prior to the Advisory Committee Meeting and a few applications were pulled for further review. Applications 1183, 1817, 1822 and 2166 were pulled and the committee was supplied with photographs and additional information about the homes. Ms. Love had a question about application 1397 and the square footage of the home and asked if it were approved by the subcommittee. Staff responded that it was approved and that the square footage is correct. Carl Simmons made a motion to move

forward by adopting the synopsis before the committee and Gary Mason seconded. The motion carried approving the synopsis as presented.

Ms. Roberson made additional comments about the applications that were pulled. She explained that application 1183 is in very poor shape and that staff had recently made an on-sight review and learned that in fact some of the windows had been boarded over. She stated that despite the fact that it meets all of the requirements, she did not feel comfortable using SC Safe Home funds for this project. Ms. Roberson asked if the Advisory Committee would agree with this assessment. She went on to explain that application 1822 is a brick home and in good shape. It is valued at \$7,294 and is 1,600 square feet and located in Gresham. She added that staff felt that the low assessed value is attributable to the fact that it is located in a very remote locate. As is the case for application 2166, Joseph McDonald was asked to make a site visit. While the inspection report does not reflect that there is an addition to the main structure, the estimate indicates that one does exist.

Ms. Roberson stated these homes are good examples of some of the issues that staff runs into regularly. She asked for the Advisory Committee to provide guidance and clarification. Carl Simmons stated that the rules should not be changed but taken case-by-case. Even though the home may meet the criteria, the Advisory Committee has the ability to deny.

Ms. Love asked if the appeal process should be added into the Plan of Operations. Ms. Roberson stated it should be included and said that staff would review and report back.

Old Business:

Ms. Roberson mentioned last month that staff has been working with Lamar Advertising and the drafts of the billboards were submitted to the committee. She added that there are about 50 boards going up mid May, located throughout the coastal communities. The messages are varied and state the dates of hurricane season, the SC Safe Home website and phone number.

New Business:

Ms. Roberson stated that we are going to revisit the *gotomeetings.com* because we would like to save the committee members from having to drive to attend the monthly meetings.

May 19th and 20th is the training for new contractors and inspectors in Charleston and the registration ends May 9th. Also on May 19th is the coastal public forum meeting. The public meeting will be held from 5:30-7:00 at Buyer Auditorium on the 2nd floor of Mark Clark Hall located at The Citadel in Charleston. She said that this information had been publicly advertised and would also be listed on the DOI website as well as other outlets.

The meeting concluded at 2:43 p.m. Ms. Roberson announced the next meeting date will be May 18, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Brunson

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