



**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**

**May 18, 2011**

**Call to order:**

Ann Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Allison Dean Love, Carl Simmons, Frank Sheppard, Gary Mason and Gary Wiggins. Bruce White assigned his proxy to Allison Dean Love and Jon Boettcher assigned his to Ann Roberson. Due to not having enough voting members a quorum was not met.

Another meeting was rescheduled for May 25, 2011.

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 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, Gary Mason, Gary Wiggins, Jon Boettcher and Todd Hiott. Bruce White, Timothy Reinhold and Drew Streett assigned their proxies to Allison Dean Love, Ed West and Frank Sheppard assigned theirs to Ann Roberson and William Starnes assigned his to Gary Mason.

**Approval of April 20, 2011 Minutes:**

Mrs. Roberson asked if there were any additional comments or remarks concerning last month's minutes. Mr. Simmons noticed that a sentence wording should be changed to case-by-case instead of base- by-base. Ms. Love made the motion to approve the minutes and Carl Simmons seconded the motion. The motion carried and minutes were accepted as changed.

### **Review of Applications:**

Mrs. Roberson stated that the Subcommittee met Tuesday, May 17th and the square footages and values of homes were addressed. Application 1122 was discussed and the square footage of the home is 986 square feet is, in fact, correct. After a closer review of the Inspection Report, it was noted that the square footage does not include the front porch or attached carport which makes up a large portion of the home.

Application 2184 was also discussed. It was built in 2006 by Beezer Homes and the home was supplied with OSB Boards for opening protection. Due to the age of the applicants, the OSB Boards are too heavy for them to install when storm warnings are posted so they are applying for an aluminum shuttering system. Mr. Wiggins asked if the program was opened to anyone that wanted additional protection and Mrs. Roberson stated it has been that case in the past. Mrs. Roberson added that this topic has been brought up before and she thought there was an understanding that if the home needed protection, as far as insurance purposes, then they could apply and that met the criteria of the program. Mr. Wiggins asked if it mattered if the house was brand new and in full compliance with the local building code. Based upon this concern, the application was pulled for further review. Mr. Wiggins added that the home was supplied with protection and now the homeowner is applying from a convenience standpoint and that may not meet the statutory requirement. Mr. Simmons asked that we review the Plan of Operations and hold the application until next month.

Mrs. Roberson looked in the Plan of Operation and noted that it does state under *Article 3, Purpose* that Grant Applications that for improvement to the existing code compliance opening protection systems will be considered for approval. The new installation proposed exceeds the code requirements in place at the time that the construction permit was issued and/or the original opening protection system that was provided with the building is no longer useable or available due to no fault of the current homeowner.

Mrs. Roberson stated that the Plan of Operation is to be addressed in the June meeting. Mr. Simmons approved the synopsis as amended and Mrs. Love seconded the motion.

### **Old Business:**

Mrs. Roberson stated several of the Billboards were up and that we have received positive feedback. Also, training for new Contractors and Inspectors interested in joining the program was held last week, May 19-20, in Charleston. We had 15 inspectors and 16 contractors show and were happy with the turnout.

Mrs. Roberson stated that the Public Meeting for the Coastal Property Insurance Market was held at the Citadel the afternoon of the 19th and that about 25 people attended. Smitty Harrison from the Wind and Hail Pool, Director Black and other members of the Department of Insurance staff spoke about the status of the market as well as the increase that had been recently approved by the Department. Mrs. Love asked about how many people were there that were not associated with insurance and Mrs. Roberson stated about six or seven.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Roberson stated that she as contacted by WTFC-TV out of Savannah and they are very interested in Safe Home and that they would like to interview a house in progress.

Mr. Simmons made everyone aware that June 15<sup>th</sup>, the next schedule meeting, is the day for the State Wide Hurricane Drill and that it may have impact on the attendance. The meeting concluded at 2:25 p.m. Mrs. Roberson announced the next meeting date will be changed to June 22, 2011 in order to accommodate the State Wide Hurricane Drill.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Brunson

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