



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

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2010

Call to Order:

Ann Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The following committee members were in attendance: Frank Hodge, Ed West, Carl Simmons, Todd Hiott, John Reich, Gray Warr, Lisa Jones, Allison Dean Love, Frank Sheppard, Ann Roberson, Gary Mason and Gary Wiggins. Bruce White assigned Ann Roberson his proxy. Charlotte Harrison a staff member with SC Safe Home was also in attendance.

Approval of April 21, 2010 Minutes:

The Advisory Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting. There being no changes the meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Review of Applications:

Ms. Roberson indicated that the subcommittee met and reviewed the synopsis of applications. The subcommittee reviewed and approved the synopsis and requested that the Advisory Committee review and approve. Mr. Simmons questioned the bracing of the gable-ends in application 1285 and 1290. Ms. Roberson pulled the applications and showed the committee the contractor's notes as well as the photos and estimates where they indicated gable-end bracing would not be possible for these particular projects. After reviewing the information, the committee concurred. A motion was made to accept the synopsis, it was seconded and approved.

Ms. Roberson reminded the committee that she had forwarded the draft plan of operation language developed by the committee during the April meeting. It is as follows:

To be eligible for a grant, a residential property must:

1. be a single-family dwelling with an insured value of three hundred thousand dollars or less;
2. meet the general definition of a single family residence as outlined in Section 27-40-210. General definitions. (14) "single-family residence" means a structure maintained and used as a single dwelling unit. Notwithstanding that a dwelling unit shares one or more walls with another dwelling unit, it is a single family residence if it has direct access to a street or thoroughfare and shares neither heating facilities, hot water equipment, nor any other essential facility or service with any other dwelling unit; and
3. have undergone a wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection.

Ms. Roberson explained that as directed in the previous meeting and noted in the April meeting minutes, Mr. Simmons had developed a statement that would address Mr. Mason's concerns regarding language to prohibit funds being used for partial projects. Mr. Simmons provided the following:

Work consisting of a portion or not satisfying the basic purpose of a complete building element shall be ineligible for consideration of a grant.

Following a brief discussion, Ms. Jones made a motion to adopt the changes noted above to include Item Number 2 and the language submitted by Mr. Simmons (stated directly above). Mr. Mason seconded the motion, the motion carried. Ms. Roberson indicated that she would distribute the revised language to the committee members.

Ms. Roberson asked the committee to review Application 1191. It was placed on the agenda at the request of the Advisory Committee for the May meeting. There was a brief discussion and overview of the application. Mr. Simmons provided an overview and made a motion. Ms. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried and the application was approved with the necessary stipulations in place.

Old Business:

Ms. Roberson indicated that the committee needed to address the issue of the 50% Rule. Mr. Simmons provided information regarding this matter and proceeded to discuss this issue. He recommended we place a disclaimer on any awards that are made by the Advisory Committee. Mr. Simmons proposed the following language and stated that the 50% Rule language is not necessary, in his opinion. He suggested the proposed language be added to award letters:

*Disclaimer: All grants awarded shall have a disclaimer indicating that any code or **flood** regulation violation identified during the execution of the grant process, not addressed by the grant funded work, shall be the responsibility of the owner. All costs required to correct a problem of this type shall be at the expense of the owner.*

It was suggested and agreed upon by the Advisory Committee that this language be added to the application instead of being included in the award letter. The motion was amended to delete the word

flood and the language shall be included in the application. It was seconded by Mr. Mason. The motion carried.

Newsletter:

Ms. Roberson indicated that she was working on the newsletter and requested information regarding flood insurance. She explained that this newsletter will be distributed at other events we attend to include Hurricane Expos and other public meetings and that she needed it to be ready by June 1, 2010.

Ms. Roberson asked if there was any additional old business. Mr. Mason indicated that there was language being debated at the Federal level to delay the implementation of the lead base paint rules. Implementation will be held up until next year. Mr. Mason indicated that it would cost about \$200.00 to abate the lead paint per window once this rule is in place.

Mr. Simmons brought proposed language before the committee to help address some of the code compliant issues that we have been trying to resolve. The following language is as follows:

Grant applications for improvements to an existing code compliant opening protection system will be considered for approval if one of the following conditions exists:

- a. The new installation proposed exceeds the code requirements in place at the time the construction permit was issued.*
- b. The original opening protection system provided with the building is no longer usable or available due to no fault of the current owner.*

Mr. Simmons suggested that this language be placed in the Plan of Operation. Ms. Roberson said that she would send it out for the committee members to review prior to the next meeting. It was determined that it would be included in the Plan of Operation following the language we just approved. Ms. Roberson asked if there was any additional old business. There being none, Ms. Roberson moved onto new business.

New Business:

She announced that the Department and SC Safe Home will be represented at the Horry County Chamber of Commerce Hurricane Expo on June 7th. She also announced that the Department and Program would be participating in the Isle of Palms Expo on Jun 18th. She said that she would send out information to everyone about these dates. Mr. Warr indicated that SC EMD will have a full scale exercise the week of June 14th. Mr. Warr indicated that he would be leaving the SC EMD and that EMD will no longer have a representative on the SC Safe Home Advisory Committee. It was also noted that SC EMD as moved to a four ten-hour day weekly schedule. Ms. Jones indicated that there were also changes occurring at the SC Department of Natural Resources. She announced that she was moving to work with the Deputy Director at DNR. Maria Cox will fill Lisa's position of State Floodplain Coordinator and Andy Brandenburg will be the SC Safe Home representative. These changes were effective immediately. Lisa and Carl announced that Charleston County received a Class 4 CRS rating for Charleston County. This is the only Class 4 rating in the state.

There being no additional information or new business, Ms. Roberson announced that the next meeting is scheduled June 16th and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Roberson

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