

Northern Nevada Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes for Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Mike McCullogh, NNICC Northern Nevada Steering Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present. Steering Committee members present: Mike McCullogh, NNICC; Jim Ball, City of Fernley; Kevin Gattis, Carson City; Mark Meranda, City of Sparks; Jess Traver, BANN; Alan Bennett, City of Reno (representing Eric Simonson); Don Jeppson, Washoe County; Clara Andriola, ABC; Nick Malarchik, Lyon County; Sheena Beaver, BAWN and new member Shannon Gardner, Storey County.

(1) Additional members to the steering committee

A vote was taken to add Shannon Gardner to the steering committee. Passed unanimously.

(2) Consider amendments to the 2009 IECC

Mr. McCullogh gave an overview of the Northern Nevada Stakeholders meetings held by the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Authority (REEEA). The State of Nevada is planning to adopt the 2009 IECC statewide, possibly as soon as July 1, 2011.

Items for consideration included whether the steering committee would want an NNICC amendment package on the 2009 IECC and how the steering committee would want to handle the certification of the State's program and who would do the certification. There is a sampling and compliance process that involves filling out lengthy data collection forms for both commercial and residential projects. The Southern Nevada Building Officials have chosen to do their own certification program. The Steering Committee also needs to consider the certifications that the codes will require, i.e. duct testing. Will we accept third party testing and what requirements would these testing agencies need to meet to be certified?

Jess Traver stated that he had been involved with REEEA and the stakeholder meetings almost from the beginning. We should take advantage of training opportunities for the adoption of the 2009 IECC. There is money to train and organize everyone affected by the REEEA mandated adoption of the 2009 IECC. The steering committee should make clear how to enforce and implement these requirements from REEEA. He feels that REEEA could be ready to adopt the 2009 IECC by October 1, 2011 or January 1, 2012.

Don Jeppson stated that he had two issues. The first was with the schedule to adopt the 2009 IECC. There is no indication of the time line. There seems to be a rush to adopt the 2009 IECC when we should be considering the 2012. The second issue is with the State's audit program. There are no clear guidelines. There are over 15 pages to fill out on the data collection forms and no indication of which building will be audited. There are also four or five options of testing.

Mr. Traver stated that there should be a unified effort statewide on how we approach these certifications. We need to weigh in to REEEA on how this should be done.

Mr. McCullogh stated that the steering committee should consider drafting a letter to REEEA signed by this committee on how we want the sampling done for the compliance audit program.

There was open discussion about adopting the 2012 instead of the 2009 IECC. Changes to the 2012 IECC will be substantial, as high as a 30% increase in energy savings. All the TARP money was dedicated to implementation and training for the 2009 IECC. State law says that regulations must provide for the adoption of the most recent version of the IECC and any amendments every third year. The state should provide an analysis on the 2012 IECC. Before we consider adopting the 2009 IECC we need to have third party testing agency (HERS) in place to do the testing of the code requirements.

Kevin Gattis stated that it's important to know our intent for adoption regionally. It's important for all the jurisdictions to be consistent by adopting the same codes.

Mr. Traver requested that the steering committee draft a letter to the state (REEEA) to have an analysis done on the 2012 IECC.

Mr. McCullogh requested that we vote on whether the steering committee wants to move forward with the 2009 IECC Northern Nevada Amendments to submit to the REEEA for approval.

Sheena Beaver made a motion to move forward with the 2009 IECC Northern Nevada Amendments to submit to the REEEA for approval. Don Jeppson seconds the motion. *Passed 9 for/1 against*

Mr. McCullogh will send out an email to the committee members to start the process of drafting the new amendment.

(3) Timetable and structure for future code adoptions.

Mr. McCullogh presented the timetable and structure for future code adoption.

Mark Meranda stated that he would like to follow last year's committee recommendation to skip the 2009 ICC codes along with the 2008 NEC and presented a time line for adoption of the 2012 ICC codes and 2011 NEC by July 1, 2013.

Mr. Jeppson suggested that we get a head start on developing the amendments for the 2012 codes and possibly adopt the codes sooner.

Clara Andriola stated that 2013 was a legislative year and would prefer that we wait and see what items the Legislators come up with and the July date would work better.

Ms. Beaver stated we should let the State drive the adoption date of the IECC. If the State has adopted the 2009 IECC in 2013 that should be the energy code we adopt.

Sheena Beaver made a motion to skip the adoption of the 2009 codes and move forward with the 2012 Northern Nevada Amendments and set a target date to adopt the 2012 ICC and 2011 NEC codes for July 1, 2013. Jess Traver seconds the motion. *Passed 9 for/ 1 abstain*

(4) Housekeeping items to the 2007 code amendment package.

Mr. McCullogh presented the last agenda item, housekeeping items to the 2007 code amendments package. Since there may be a long time between code adoptions it was suggested that we might want to make some changes.

Mr. Meranda stated that he would prefer not to change the existing amendments because of the process required to go in front of our councils to approve the changes. We could use the "Alternate Methods" section of the code for those housekeeping issues.

Mr. McCullogh said that he had a list of changes that he would send out for review and future discussion.

No motion was made on this item. Item was tabled till the next meeting.

(5) Next meeting date.

The next Steering Committee meeting was set for February 22, 2011, 1:30 at City of Sparks Community Services, 1675 East Prater Way, Suite 107.