

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

June 21, 2000
Maricopa Association of Governments Office
Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Leon Manuel, El Mirage, Chairman	Tom Mattingly, Mesa
* Ken Sowers, Avondale	* Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley
Bob Lee, Cave Creek	Jerry Loruss, Peoria
* Alex Banachowski, Chandler	Bob Goodhue, Phoenix
Patrick Davis, Fountain Hills	Tim Wegner, Queen Creek
* Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	* Dave Potter, Scottsdale
Gary Bibb for JoRene DeVeau, Gila River Indian Community	* John Guenther, Surprise
Ben Cox for Ray Patten, Gilbert	Michael Williams, Tempe
Pam Wertz for Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale	Mario Rochin, Tolleson
Steve Burger, Goodyear	* Skip Blunt, Wickenburg
Chuck Ransom, Litchfield Park	Red Miller, Youngtown
Tom Ewers, Maricopa County	Rus Brock, Home Builders Association

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Wolfe, MAG
Phil Pettice, Registrar of Contractors

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chairman Leon Manuel.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2000

It was moved by Tom Ewers, seconded by Mario Rochin and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2000.

3. Call to the Audience

Leon Manuel reported that an ICBO Board member, Becky Baker, spoke to the building permit technicians and was very well received.

Bob Lee said that he attended the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board Meeting on accessibility of housing. He explained that they have a program to do inspections and of more than 6,000 units only one

is in compliance. Mr. Lee said that there was extensive criticism of building code officials at the meeting. He tried to set the record straight and overturn misconceptions that were held by testifying. He said that the best time to provide input on compliance with fair housing standards was during the plan review process. Mr. Lee also noted that the Arizona Attorney General's Office has a poor opinion of the Building Codes Committee as a group with respect to compliance with Civil Rights.

Leon Manuel indicated that several years ago MAG had decided to voluntarily enforce the fair housing standards as soon as the law was passed. He said that accessibility requirements was applicable to four or more dwelling units.

Steve Burger reviewed the AZBO July 13, 14, and 15th agenda in Pinetop.

Steve Burger reported that on August 11, 2000 AZBO would be putting on a permit technician class. For more information, please contact Steve Burger.

4. Status Report on Other Items

Leon Manuel deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

5. Update on the Adoption of the 2000 Codes

Leon Manuel said that the Committee has delayed forwarding the request for adoption of the 2000 codes to the Management Committee and Regional Council. He indicated that they delay was necessary to provide adequate time for Building Codes Committee members to brief management.

Steve Burger asked what the deadline was for putting something on the agenda.

Leon Manuel said that he had revised the time line for approval to January 2002 to provide time to brief city management on the new codes. He said that when the time is appropriate and AZBO creates committees, we would then get more involved in the details.

6. Status Report on National Electrical Code Resolution

Because request for approval from Management Committee and Regional Council on adoption of new codes was deferred, this agenda item was no longer applicable.

7. O'Hagen Vents

Regarding O'Hagen vents it was noted that data is being resubmitted to ICBO by the manufacturer to increase the net free area of ventilation. It was recommended that the Building Inspectors/Plans Examiners forum review the issue.

Bob Goodhue asked if the report was revoked or ICBO was obtaining further data.

Jerry Loruss said that although O'Hagen pulled their data, the report has not been revoked.

Bob Goodhue said that many other reports are still valid until ICBO comes up with a determination and that we should do the same.

It was suggested that we refer this to the Permit Technician Committee.

8. Air Gap Devices on Dishwashers

At the last Plans Examiners Forum, a poll was taken on what municipalities were requiring air gap devices for dishwashers. It was noted that we are accepting the loop. We need to refer this to the Plans Examiners forum to ensure that we are enforcing the code.

Tom Mattingly said that having the loop meets the intent of the Code.

Pat Davis said that the IPC allows the loop.

Jerry Loruss said that the loop was not authorized in the UPC.

Tom Mattingly said he could not see the benefit of an air gap above the outflow of the sink. He suggested continuing to allow the loop and recommended against forwarding the issue to the Plans Examiners Group.

Leon Manuel stated that this topic has been brought up a few times in the past several years at MAG and each time it was the consensus of the Committee to enforce the UPC and require the air gap device.

Pat Davis said that Larry Richards and he discussed the issue of whether an air gap was necessary, consulted with an expert, and concluded it was not necessary.

Jerry Loruss said that if this was an amendment to the Code he wanted a copy.

It was the Committee's wish to accept use of the loop in lieu of the air gap device and not defer this item to the Building Inspectors Plans Examiners Group.

9. Adoption and Enforcement of Building Inspectors and Plans Examiners Memos

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

10. Review of Mission of MAG Building Codes Committee

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

11. MAG Building Codes Committee Work Program for the Coming Year

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

12. Legislative Issues

Leon Manuel reported that a conference was held last Friday for City Council and Planning &

Zoning Department staff to talk about the new Growing Smarter law.

It was noted that unless zoning states that you will build to current standards, jurisdictions would be allowed to develop without making public improvements to Growing Smarter Plans.

Pat Davis said that he met with Southern Arizona building officials and that IAPO is presenting an Arizona Plumbing Code.

13. Plumbing Code Commission

Steve Burger reported that the review of the Appendices to the Plumbing Code will be deferred to the end of the year.

It was noted that there appears to be a push for a legislation to adopt a statewide Mechanical and Electrical Code.

14. Topics for Future Agendas

For the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee it was recommended that we address the continued items.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

