

CODE COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2008

1. Hold downs and anchor bolts and the code requirement and manufactures requirements for being tied in and placed prior to the pouring of concrete.

Conclusion: The group was divided on this subject. It was decided to leave it up to each jurisdiction to make that call.

2. Manual D and J; How many jurisdictions are, will start, or will not enforce equipment and ductwork to be properly sized?

Conclusion: Brent Ursenbach will draft a simple form that we, as jurisdictions can have the contractor fill out this information at the plan review phase. This item will be addressed when this form is evaluated.

3. Guards and handrails in R-2 occupancies? What are you doing for guards and handrails in individual unit interior stairs and unit exterior decks, exterior or common stairs for the building and common exit balconies or decks?

Conclusion: We were all calling the same way. Inside each individual unit was being treated as a single family unit, therefore, rise, run, handrail and guardrail for R-3 applied. Exterior or common areas were being enforced as R-2 IBC requirements.

4. Stairs in R-2 occupancies. What are you requiring the rise and run for exterior or all common stairs?

Conclusion: This was included in item 3.

5. Are you requiring ICC Evaluation Reports for cultured stone? Do we really care?

Conclusion: It wasn't much of a concern if the cultured stone was not over 4 feet high. It was felt that an ICC Report should be required so that the situations that occurred over 4 feet in height were done according to the report.

6. The state has adopted and has mandated that counties and cities enforce the 2006 Utah Wildland-Urban Interface Code. Read it? Problems? How do you enforce it?

Conclusion: Jurisdictions need to read this document, look for problem areas there may be and if it applies to you.

7. A Utah Amendment eliminates Exception 4 of the 2006 IBC section 707.14.1 Elevator Lobbies.

Conclusion: There was discussion presented by Jody Hilton and Don Davies that was very enlightening. Most of us will never see a building over 4 stories. The question came up as to how this amendment got in the state code without people knowing about it. The group recommended that Gilbert push for a rule that commentary should be presented to the Commission before passing amendments. (Like that is going to happen)

8. Fire sprinkler lines and protection against freezing. Does the fire code require individual pipe insulation in areas subject or suspect to freezing or can a sprinkler contractor simply leave it up to an insulation contractor to blow insulation over the top of the piping? What about un-insulated fire sprinkler piping and their location as to exterior walls or in exterior walls?

Conclusion: It should be the responsibility of the sprinkler installer to take care of his own pipes. Just food for thought.

9. As a paid member of the Utah Chapter of ICC if you have heart burn with proposed legislation, who do you call or contact to voice your opinion or to be heard? Can your opinions be heard? Do you have a say? Do you have your attorneys or mayor contact the League of Cities and Towns? Do you call Larry Wiley?

Conclusion: The League is always a good ally to have. The Chapter Government Affairs Board Liaison is Quinn Davis. The Committee Chairman is Paul Bauer and Scott Marsell is on the committee. Also, Justin Wiley is an excellent person to use. He is our area ICC Representative and has a very good inside track to this kind of thing.

10. Questions with state amendments or what's been adopted? Call Gilbert Gonzales with Murray City or Enzo Calfa with the State of Utah DFCM.

Good Advice- they are good men

11. Shell Building: What are you requiring for a shell only permit? What are you requiring for the tenant finish? When does the Architect/Engineer get involved?

Conclusion: An Architect/Engineer is required for construction of any commercial building being built. The tenant finish also requires them for the electrical, plumbing and mechanical.