

1305 Rule – 2003 IBC Advisory Committee Meeting Summary *From (Sixth) February 5, 2004 Meeting*

- Our Sixth IBC Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 9:20 AM. There were nine committee members/alternates present, including two BCSD staff members. There was also one other guest present for the meeting.
- The first item of discussion was a code change submittal from Jerry Norman on IBC Section 705.2 – Fire Wall Structural Stability. The proposal contained a new exception to section 705.2. The proposed exception read as follows: Exception: The buildings defined by the fire wall are equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.3.1.1. The exception essentially allows fully sprinkled buildings that contain fire-walls to be exempt from the structural stability provisions of section 705.2 for the fire wall construction. The primary concern is the lack of specific prerequisites for meeting the intent of this code section. ICC, it seems, does not want to provide much information on this subject. BCSD staff has researched it, but there is not a lot of information out there. Based on questions received (from the Division), it seems that nobody really knows what is expected of this provision. The “philosophy” of fire-wall requirements was specifically debated as were the published concepts of other associations expectations of this conditions. Some organizations have implied that the only way this can be accomplished is to build three separate walls if constructed in a bearing condition. Some structural engineers however, question the implications of that design concept too. After 1.25 hours of debate, committee members determined that the submittal should be tabled to allow members to study the concept and get feedback from their respective organizational code committee’s. This item will be reintroduced at the scheduled March 8, 2004 advisory committee.
- A proposed code change to IBC section 707.14.1 - Elevator Lobbies - was resubmitted. The initial proposal was submitted by Mr. Mike O’Hara of The MountainStar Group. This provision was being resubmitted (second time) after he had modified the language per the previous advisory committee meeting. Mr. O’Hara was absent from the meeting however, so members decided to table his proposal until he could be present to represent the proposal. The item was tabled until the February 20, 2004 IBC AC meeting.
- The committee discussed coordination efforts between the other advisory committee’s. An issue regarding potential problems with standpipe requirements for R-2 occupancies was brought up. After some discussion, the committee deferred the issue to the State Fire Code Advisory Committee for further discussion and recommendation.
- There were no comments or code change submittals to Chapters 2 through 12 of the 2003 IBC by any of the committee members.

- **Next Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the BCSD offices. Members are to cover all remaining chapters of the 2003 IBC to review new changes to the code. Code change proposal should be submitted as soon as possible, as we will be complete with IBC Advisory Committee meetings by the end of March.
- **Committee Members Present/Absent:**

Present:

Mike Post, Minnesota Fire Marshals Association
Steve Fichtel, AIA MN
Paul Heimkes, BCSD
Jerry Norman, BCSD
Steve Thorp, AMBO
Kathi Osmonson, AMBO
Jon Nisja, State Fire Marshal
Roger Larson, AIA MN
Doug Whitney, AMBO (Alternate)

Absent:

Minnesota Insurance Federation
Minnesota Multi-Housing Association
Minnesota Retailers Association
Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association
Pat Higgins, AMBO
Ed Solvedt, BOMA
Frank Berg, AMBO