

Date: May 26, 2020

Location: Telephonic meeting

Council Members present: Maureen Guttman, Elizabeth Baldwin, Charles Coltharp, Daniel Corbet, Edward Fegley, John Kampmeyer, Joseph Lavallo, Kevin Maynard, Larry Mellott, Jerry Phelan, Walter Schneider, Matthew Wojaczyk, and William Yeagley.

Also present: Jennifer Berrier, Barb Bieganski, Nathan Clark, Jeffrey Criss, Ron Englar, Matt Kegg, Darryl Liguori, Chris Hine, Jeff Iseman, Douglas Meshaw, Basil Merenda, Sarah Miller, Jon O'Brien, Robert O'Brien, Kelly Smith, Shawn Strausbaugh, Jon Sukonik, and Brian Wolfgang.

Reporter: Lori Behe

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Guttman.

1. Suspension of previously adopted RAC rules to allow for a remote meeting and deferral of quorum, since people on the phone don't count toward quorum.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda.
4. Outstanding meeting minutes aren't available because of the pandemic situation and agency focus on more pressing priorities, but will be available eventually.
5. Chairwoman's Comments and Correspondence: Ms. Guttman stated that she has received no correspondence because of some technical glitch but is working with IDC to correct that.
6. Approval to continue membership in IDC.
7. Ms. Guttman said that there are different term expiration dates showing on the website than on members' appointment letters from the Governor's Office, so that needs to be resolved. Also, there are vacancies for the seats left by resignations from Bill Coulson and Martha Williams; plus Kevin Lott changed jobs. Messrs. Coulson and Lott's vacancies are Governor appointments; Ms. Williams's is a Senate minority appointment.
8. Report of RAC Counsel: Ms. Smith reminded council members that their statements of financial interest were to have been submitted to the Ethics Commission by May 1. The Ethics Commission's website has instructions for online submission.
9. Mr. Clark reminded Chairwoman Guttman that she was seeking legal guidance on several items, and that he should be notified when she receives those answers from the department.
10. Report of the Legislative Working Group: Two House bills appear to be active. Mr. Kampmeyer submitted reports in May 2019 on both.

- The RAC did not recommend House Bill 422 since it appears to duplicate what local code municipalities are already doing. Mr. Kampmeyer wants to make sure the RAC's comments from the previous year are sent to both the House and Senate, as this bill has been voted out of House and appears to be with the Senate.
  - House Bill 1037 exempts historical agricultural building use for private parties from the Uniform Construction Code. This, too, was not recommended because it would take buildings used for private parties out of the requirements for safety and other issues. Chairwoman Guttman agreed to make sure that all comments from the previous year are sent to the legislature for consideration. Mr. Kampmeyer isn't sure where this bill is.
11. Report of the Regulatory Working Group: Mr. Wojaczyk said he forwarded to the workgroup something from the American Temperature Council which is concerned with relevance of the PA Alternative Energy Code. They are going to discuss sunsetting it or any other type of change, but aren't yet at the point of making a recommendation.
  12. Report of the Procedures Committee: No updates.
  13. Old Business: No old business.
  14. New Business: Chairwoman Guttman requested each Technical Advisory Committee chair update where their committee stands with reviewing 2018 codes:
    - Wildland Urban Interface, Swimming Pools and Spas, and Administrative – Ms. Guttman assigned this to herself in March but said she hadn't yet convened the group. She plans to do so later this week.
    - IBC General and IBC Egress – Mr. Fegley said his group hasn't yet met either, but he has only 30 more sections to input into his spreadsheet to send to the members for their review.
    - IBC Fire Safety and IFC – Mr. Yeagley's group met multiple times and finished their review, which was sent to the chairwoman. She said she would be sharing that and discussing with the agency liaison how to get all reports publicly posted. Discussion revealed they previously decided to formally accept the TAC reports before posting to the website.
    - IECC Commercial – Mr. Maynard said his group completed everything, submitted it all to the chair ahead of schedule, and have everything laid out clearly.
    - IPC, IFGC, and IRC-P – Mr. Kampmeyer said his group also completed their report but doesn't plan to review it until the report has been received by the entire council.
    - IBC Structural and IEDC – Mr. Schneider said his IBC Structural report has been delivered to the chair, and the IEDC report will be forwarded within two weeks.
    - IRC Building and IECC Residential – Mr. Lavalley said they completed numerous teleconferences over the past 10 weeks in order to cover all 177 code changes. They are down to 15 remaining codes that will be addressed this coming Friday. What's left is any public comment not related to a specific code changed proposal
    - IBC Mechanical and IRC-M – Mr. Swann wasn't on the call, so Ms. Guttman said she would reach out to him to see where his committee is.
  15. No public comment was offered.

16. Discussion for the hearing dates ended with agreement to bring calendars to the next meeting to decide when to set the hearings. The next regular meeting was set for July 14.

17. Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 11:00 AM.