

**UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2014**

PRESENT: Amy Bliss, David Dolan-Wallace, Steven Gryboski, Jesse Jerabek, Mary Schroeder, Brian Wert

PRESENT VIA GOTOMEETING: Philip Borchardt

EXCUSED: Peter Krabbe, Mike Marthaler, Michael Coello

ABSENT: Benjamin Lukens

STAFF: Jeff Weigand, Policy Director; Sam Rockweiler, Rules Coordinator; Kristin Degeneffe, Rules Coordinator; and Daniel Agne, Bureau Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Schroeder, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Brian Wert moved, seconded by Jesse Jerabek, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Amy Bliss moved, seconded by David Dolan-Wallace, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RULEMAKING ACTIVITIES FOR WALL BRACING AND FOR DECKS

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to create the code language in SPS 321 Subchapter XII as proposed, and to add an "Appendix B", including graphs and schematic drawings, in handout format and available online. Motion carried.

Philip Borchardt voted no in the above matter.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ACT 23 REPORT, AS UPDATED TO FEBRUARY 7TH

MOTION: Brian Wert moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to comprehensively update and clarify the wall-bracing requirements in SPS 321.25(8) and (9), first through an emergency rule and then through a corresponding permanent rule (CS-Cost Savings, TS-Time Savings, EU-Easier Use of Code). Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Steven Gryboski moved, seconded by David Dolan-Wallace, to allow Jesse Jerabek to work with Jay Crandell to create language for wall-bracing, regarding allowable hole sizes in brace panels and the location of holes. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Brian Wert, to consider SPS 322.20(6) with the full Council at a future Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to approve changes to the Wisconsin Dwelling Code Council Code Review and Recommendations Act 23 Report dated February 20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPARISON OF CHAPTER SPS 323 TO THE 2009 AND 2012 CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE® – RELATING TO HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Amy Bliss, to table this matter for the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS DEFERRED DURING THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING:

FLASHING AT DOORS ELEVATED ABOVE GRADE

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, that flashing at ledger boards be addressed as part of the future Deck Code. Motion carried.

Philip Borchardt voted no in the above matter.

ATTACHING DECK LEDGERS TO FLOOR TRUSSES

MOTION: Mary Schroeder moved, seconded by Jesse Jerabek, to request DSPS staff research possible language for deck ledgers attached to floor trusses, and report back to the Council. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

FROST PROTECTION FOR ACCESSIBILITY RAMPS

MOTION: Mary Schroeder moved, seconded by Amy Bliss, to not require frost protection for ramps, and to require that ramps be attached to a stoop or landing, frost protected per code. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Brian Wert moved, seconded by Philip Borchardt, to require that ramps with an elevation of less than 24-inches have side-kick rails within 4 inches of the top of the ramp surface, midrail(s), and handrail(s). Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PUBLIC INPUT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING

OMITTING SAFETY GLAZING FOR SOME WINDOWS NEAR DOORS

Abe Degnan appeared before the Council to discuss and request clarification on the requirements for safety glazing of windows near fixed (non-opening) glass patio doors.

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Amy Bliss, that the entire door assembly must be tempered, but the 2-foot rule pertains to the operable door in its original closed position, and to request that Department staff verify that this is consistent with CPSC. Motion carried unanimously.

SLIDING EXIT DOORS, WINDER STEPS, AND OMITTING EXTERIOR LANDINGS

MOTION: Amy Bliss moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to revise SPS 321.03 (7)(a)4. to change “30 inch clear opening” to “29 inch clear opening.” Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Brian Wert, to decline to change the 8% Light Code for habitability. Motion carried unanimously.

UNLISTED SOLID-FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

T.J. Morice of Marth Wood Shaving Supply, Inc., Chuck Ganger of Northwest Manufacturing, Inc., and John Taecker of Underwriters Laboratories appeared before the Council via telephone to discuss indoor use of wood-burning appliances.

TANKLESS WATER HEATERS

Tom Braun, Department Integrated Services Section Chief, appeared before the Council to discuss Tankless Water Heater sizing and flow rates.

MOTION: Mary Schroeder moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to adopt the 2010 Alternate Product File Number 20090426, regarding tankless water heaters, in the Uniform Dwelling Code report as an exception to the Plumbing Code in the UDC. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Abe Degnan appeared before the Council to request consideration of changes to the requirements for window placement and sizing in screen porches and three-season rooms.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jesse Jerabek moved, seconded by Amy Bliss, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 P.M.