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#### UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL MEETING

Room N208, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison Contact: Mindy Allen (608) 266-2112 September 7, 2018

#### 9:00 A.M.

The following agenda describes the issues that the Council plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Council.

### **AGENDA**

#### OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-2)
- B. Approval of Minutes for December 29, 2017 (3)
- C. Administrative Matters
  - 1. New Building Updates
  - 2. Staff Introductions
  - 3. Election of Officers

# D. Legislative and Administrative Rule Matters – Review and Discussion (4)

- 1. Update on Related Administrative Rule Projects
  - a. SPS 316 Electrical Code
  - b. SPS 327 Camping Units
  - c. SPS 361 to 366 Commercial Building Code Package
  - d. SPS 381 to 387, 391 POWTS Code Package
  - e. SPS 381 to 387 Plumbing Code

# 2. Legislative and Federal Changes

- a. 2017 Wisconsin Acts Act 59 (Biennial Budget Bill Sections 1319G, 1319R, 1324M, 1325G, 1325R), and Acts 240, 243, 330, and 331
- b. SPS 320 Relating to Appendix A, Model Ordinance for Adoption of Wis. Uniform Dwelling Code
- c. SPS 321.40 Relating to new slab design as revised per HUD audit
- d. Building inspector complaint process

# 3. Consideration of Items for Scope Statement

- a. SPS Table 320.24-1 ACI 332-2014 Standard
- b. SPS 320.10 Relating to request to add remote video inspection
- c. SPS 321.03 (1) (h) 3. Relating to request to move sub covering exceptions from subd. (h) 3. under new par. (i) and reference in section SPS 321.03 (1) (a)

- d. SPS 321.04 (3) (a) 2. Relating to stakeholder request to amend current guard requirements to match Minnesota and the International Residential Code (IRC)
- e. SPS 321.225 Relating to proposed changes in deck code
- f. SPS 322 Relating to request to update energy code to comply with federal requirements
- g. SPS 323 Relating to request to update HVAC code

# **E. Public Comments**

1. Presentation to Council members: *Helen's Wish* Project, Presented by Joshua Rich (5-9)

# F. Adjournment

# TELECONFERENCE/VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES UNIFORM DWELLING CODE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 27, 2017

**PRESENT:** Attending via GoToMeeting unless otherwise noted: Abe Degman, Mark Etrheim, Steven

Gryboski, Jesse Jerabek, Mike Martheler, W. Scott Satula, Daniel Wald, Brian Wert,

Timothy Wiberg (called in at 10:06)

**EXCUSED:** Michael Coello, Mary Schroeder

**STAFF:** Brittany Lewin, Division Administrator; Dale Kleven, Administrative Rules Coordinator;

Emily Handel, Bureau Assistant; and other Department staff

Brittany Lewin, Division Administrator, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A majority of nine (9) members was present.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Brian Wert moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to adopt the agenda as published.

Motion carried unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** Abe Degman moved, seconded by Steven Gryboski, to adopt the minutes of August 02,

2017 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Brian Wert moved, seconded by Mark Etrheim, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:			2) Date When Request Submitted:	
Mindy Allen, Administrative Rule Coordinator			August 23, 2018  Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Uniform Dwelling Code Council				
4) Meeting Date:	5) Attachments:	6) How	How should the item be titled on the agenda page?	
September 7, 2018		<ul> <li>D. Legislative and Administrative Rule Matters – Review and Discussion</li> <li>3. Items for Future Scope Statement Considerations</li> </ul>		
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7) Place Item in:  Open Session	8) Is an appearan scheduled?	ce before the Board being 9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:		
Closed Session				
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:				
issues, as well as additi	onal recommendati	_	Department con	provide feedback on proposed sideration.
Signature of person making this request			alon .	Date
Melinda R. Allen				08/23/2018
Supervisor (if required)				Date
Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date				
<ol> <li>Directions for including supporting documents:</li> <li>This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda.</li> <li>Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director.</li> <li>If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.</li> </ol>				

**To:** Mindy Allen (State of Wisconsin Administrative Rules Coordinator)

From: Joshua Rich

**Date:** 8/29/18

**Subject:** Helen's Wish "Concrete Step-Stoop Building Code Change"

My name is Josh Rich and I am honored to join you today and have this opportunity that acknowledges a safety concern for the elderly and those individuals with physical limitations. I will refer to my proposal for your review as "Helen's Wish'. (Please see Photo A)

My Grandmother, Helen Christnovich who passed away on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at 99 years young. As a brief background, my grandmother lived in Franklin, WI at 3031 W Forest Hill Ave. (Please see Photo B)

My grandmother was a very frequent visitor to our home and would never have problems getting into our house. But as the years went on and her physical abilities became more challenging. She made a comment one day as she was entered our home, she stopped on the top step as some may refer to this as a stoop in our attached garage (Please see Photo C). She said "I only wish with all the laws, building codes, and ordinances they have in our state and community, that there would be one that could make it so much safer for individuals like me to enter or leave the home." I don't like going out now as much to visit others at their homes because I dread the thought of using my walker, trying to maintain my balance, open the person's door, and then try to get up that last step without falling. It's not easy for me and is probably also a struggle for many other people.

After she said this, I understood her concern and asked my father to assist me in doing some research and talking to building inspectors, contractors, engineers, and medical equipment suppliers. We discovered there is no building codes requirements with ADA (American Disability Act) for residential homes. We learned that homes being built that have the same elevation where the home and garage floor is the same no step is required. However, there are also many homes being built today with attached garages that still require 1 or 2 steps to enter the home. (Please see Picture D) of a new home being built which is the concern for those entering a home with a walker.

I researched on line, and visited medical supply stores to see what type of equipment they offer to help people with walking issues and ask for dimensions of the equipment they typically offer/sell for such assistance. Please (Please see Photo E) which helped me understand this concern does not only apply to seniors but others who may have temporary physical challenges that may need walkers, crutches or other equipment.

As my grandmother told me if you don't think this is a challenge then try it some time: clutch onto your walker, lift your legs and then try to opening the door. I am not a gymnast but this routine may qualify.

I am asking today for your committee to consider my grandmother's wishes for a building code change that would require specification changes of the concrete step from the front to back of the step to be from 14"-16" to 30". This change will help individuals like my grandmother or others with physical challenges will no longer have to deal with such concerns and feel safe and welcome when entering a home.

It is my feeling as elected officials, state employees, members of our local communities, and I as a Boy Scout we have a common goal. We pledge and serve the needs of our community whenever the opportunity allows. I appreciate your kindness in listening and considering my proposal of "*Helen's Wish*" (Please see Photo or Slide F) as one terrific opportunity to do just that.

I appreciate your time today in allowing me to share this concern and look forward to your thoughts and input.

# **NOTES:**

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Normal Steps 7-8" rise in height of step 14"-16" depth from front to back 38"-40" width from left to right
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Proposed Steps 7-8" rise in height of step
30" depth from front to back
38-40" width from left to right
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At our home in the picture or slide C we have a 24" depth











