

Minutes – Regular Meeting
BUILDING CODES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 21, 2022, 5:30PM

Roll Call and Call to Order

PRESENT: Chair Kelly, Commissioners Heitzman, Nussbaum, Floody, Lenz, Michelotti, & Staff Liaison Dexter

QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 5:32am and a quorum was declared.

MINUTES

- Minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Commission welcomed Craig Schneider from Sustained Ability Construction. He provided 5 slides. He explained heat transfers, blower door tests (air leaking test) conductive transfer, insulation, air changes per hour. He considered the #3 air changes as code compliant. The #3 is based upon a home of approximately 2500sf. He explained that along with blower door tests infrared cameras are also used. He stated that this is the cheapest way to reduce heating cost by 20% for \$2,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Alex McLees with the Climate Action Network was in attendance. He stated that he hoped that Oak Park would be a leader in net zero and electrification. He stated net zero construction costs can be less conventional construction costs. He hopes that Oak Park reduce greenhouse gasses emissions, and carbon emissions. He concluded by stating that electrification has many health benefits for the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- The commission discussed the presentation from Craig Schneider. The commission talked about audits at the point of residential sales as a courtesy to the new buyers. The chair suggested liaison provide language for an audit at the point of sale.
- Liaison Cutaia requested a motion on the Commission's stance on adopting the codes and ratings they had discussed over the year. Commissioners discussed LEED costs, or less costly opportunities such as Energy Star. Commissioners mentioned simply increasing the climate zone category, but was not sure if there were much difference/impactful.
- Commissioner Easty motioned that the commission support adoption of no specific codes like just LEED or rating, base lines should be adequate. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lenz, with additional comments to rather accept one opportunity from a variety of codes and/or ratings, "cafeteria of choices", to allow flexibility, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.
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