



DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 11, 2022
TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Remote Access

Remote Access to Information and Participation

Meeting held by teleconference pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.

Note: Public comment is welcome and will be heard during each agenda item. Reference documents relating to agenda are available for review at the 49 South Van Ness Ave, 2nd Floor, TSD Counter. For information, please email ken.hu@sfgov.org.

Present

Stephen Harris, S.E., Chair
Zachary Nathan, AIA, CASp
Brian Salyers
Gina Centoni
Nancy Goldenberg, AIA, LEED AP
Brian Caruso
Jonathan Rodriguez
Rene’ Vignos, S.E.
Marc Cunningham
Arnie Lerner, FAIA, CASp
Don Libbey, P.E.
Jim Reed

Excused

Ira Dorter
Robert Wong, M.E.
Henry Karnilowicz
A.R Sanchez-Corea, III
Ned Fennie, A.I.A, Vice-Chair

Absent

Others Present

Angie Sommer, BIC	Thomas Fessler, DBI	Jeff Buckley, DBI
Matthew Armour, DBI	Neville Pereira, DBI	Michelle Yu, DBI
Roger Sayre , Public	Alan Lee, DBI	Ken Hu, DBI

1.0 The meeting was called to order. Roll call found a quorum of committee members were present.

2.0 Approval of the minutes of the Code Advisory Committee regular meeting of April 13, 2022.

- There was a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections.
- Seconded and approved

3.0 Discussion and possible action regarding California code adoption cycle changes as it amends the 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code.

The possible action would be to make a recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) for their further action.

Discussion:

- The Mechanical Electrical Plumbing & Fire Subcommittee had a meeting and approved these changes.
- There are no substantial changes to the 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code and just renumbering sections to be consistent with the model code and the State code.
- Item 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 were discussed together.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Action: Motion to approve the changes and make a recommendation to BIC to approve the draft 2022 San Francisco Plumbing Code. Seconded and approved.

4.0 Discussion and possible action regarding California code adoption cycle changes as it amends the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code.

The possible action would be to make a recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

Discussion:

- Only the date will be updated to the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code.
- The MEP& Fire Subcommittee approved the changes.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Action: Motion to approve the changes and make a recommendation to BIC to approve these changes to the 2022 San Francisco Mechanical Code. Seconded and approved.

5.0 Discussion and possible action regarding California code adoption cycle changes as it amends the 2022 San Francisco Electrical Code.

The possible action would be to make a recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

Discussion:

- No substantial changes to the 2022 San Francisco Electrical Code.
- A few exceptions will be carried forward.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Action: Motion to approve the changes and make a recommendation to BIC to approve these changes to 2022 San Francisco Electrical Code. Seconded and approved.

6.0 Discussion and possible action regarding California code adoption cycle changes as it amends the 2022 San Francisco Existing Building Code.

The possible action would be to make a recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

Discussion:

- No substantial changes to the 2022 San Francisco Existing Building Code except Section 506.4.3.
- Section 506.4.3 is about increase occupancy load and the trigger for seismic upgrade.
- Section 506.4.3 was inadvertently changed in the last code cycle.
- The Structural Subcommittee and the full CAC had a discussion and approved a new code change to Section 506.4.3 in 2020.
- The Building Inspection Commission approved the new code change but it didn't go through the legislative process.
- The Structural Subcommittee proposed to fix this section in this code adoption cycle.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Action: Motion to approve the changes and make a recommendation to BIC to approve these changes to the 2022 San Francisco Existing Building Code. Seconded and approved.

7.0 Discussion regarding possible communication regarding the Shared Spaces Program.

Discussion:

- CAC has already sent a letter to the Public Work and the Shared Spaces Program regarding some concerns.
- DBI has no jurisdiction over this Program and is not involved the permitting and inspection of this Program.
- This item was tabled.

Public Comment: No public comment

8.0 Updates on agenda items or programs discussed or approved by Code Advisory Committee in 2020 & 2021.

Discussion:

- CAC Secretary Thomas Fessler highlighted some major items such as all electric ordinance, AB-111 regarding geotechnical report guidelines, and Information Sheet P-05 regarding existing utility lines protection.

Public Comment: No public comment

9.0 Review of communication items. The Committee may discuss or acknowledge communication items received for discussion.

- No communication items.

10.0 Public Comments on items not on this agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Code Advisory Committee. Comment time is limited to 3 minutes or as determined by of the Chairperson.

- No public comment.

11.0 Committee comments on items not on this agenda.

- Accessible Business Program website mistakenly stated that only CASp inspector can do the inspection and the wrong information had been already cleared out.
- There is no grace period for complying the ABE program.
- Potential ABE code enforcement was mentioned.

12.0 Subcommittee Reports:

a. Housing Code Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Henry Karnilowicz
Subcommittee Members: Ira Dorter
Jim Reed

No meeting. No report.

b. Mechanical Electrical Plumbing & Fire Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Jim Reed
Subcommittee Members: Robert Wong, M.E.
Henry Karnilowicz
Brian Salyers, F.P.E.

Mechanical Electrical Plumbing & Fire Subcommittee had a meeting on May 9, 2022. Changes to 2022 San Francisco Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Code was discussed in the meeting and approved.

c. Administrative & General Design and Disability Access Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Tony Sanchez-Corea
Subcommittee Members: Arnie Lerner, FAIA, CASp
Zachary Nathan, AIA, CASp
Henry Karnilowicz
Jonathan Rodriguez
Nancy Goldenberg, AIA

No meeting. No report.

d. Structural Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Stephen Harris, S.E.
Subcommittee Members: Rene' Vignos, S.E., LEED A.P.
Marc Cunningham
Ned Fennie, AIA
Don Libbey, P.E.

Structural Subcommittee had a meeting on May 10. The Subcommittee had a discussion regarding the changes to 2022 San Francisco Existing Building Code and approved the changes.

e. Green Building Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chair: Zachary Nathan, AIA, CASp
Subcommittee Members: Ilene Dick
Gina Centoni
Henry Karnilowicz
Robert Wong, M.E.

Green Building Subcommittee had a meeting on May 6, 2022 and had a discussion regarding potential changes to the 2022 San Francisco Green Building Code.

13.0 Committee Member's and Staff's identification agenda items for the next meeting, as well as current agenda items to be continued to another CAC regular meeting or special meeting, or a subcommittee meeting.

- The next two meetings will address the code changes for the 2022 code adoption cycle.

14.0 Adjournment.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.