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WEDNESDAY

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The Building Codes Advisory

Committee met in Hearing Room 220 South at  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., at  
10:00 a.m., Jerrily Kress, Chairman,  
presiding.

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:14 a.m.

3 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Good  
4 morning. I'm Marc Fetterman, the Vice Chair  
5 of the Building Code Advisory Committee. And I  
6 want you all to our meeting today on April  
7 18th. and that thought a quick thing to do  
8 that I'd like to do today is to have each of  
9 us pass the microphone around and introduce  
10 us. And each of you have in front of you the  
11 agenda, which as I suggested before the  
12 meeting started, I believe we can through in  
13 an efficient manner as we were able to do last  
14 month, including providing time for any to  
15 express any issues or concerns that they have.

16 So I'll pass the microphone to my  
17 right.

18 CHAIR KRESS: I'm Jerrily Kress and  
19 I am Chair of the Building Code Advisory  
20 Committee.

21 I will just remind everyone that we  
22 are now starting to have our court reporters.

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1 And when you speak, you need to identify every  
2 time you speak because they can't memorize  
3 everyone's name, who you are and what your  
4 association is for purposes of the full  
5 meeting. Thank you.

6 I'll pass it on to you, Sara.

7 MEMBER BARDIN: Sara Bardin, Office  
8 of Zoning.

9 MEMBER MESTEMACHER: I'm Rebecca  
10 Mestemacher, Office of Zoning as well.

11 MEMBER BERGEN: Good morning. My  
12 name is Charles Bergen. I'm with WDTR  
13 Architecture, and I'm Chair of the Sustainable  
14 Design Subcommittee.

15 MEMBER BUSHMAN: Esther Bushman  
16 with the Office of Zoning.

17 MEMBER IRIATE: Milton Iriate,  
18 Mechanical Subcommittee Chair.

19 MEMBER HABER: Miles Haber of  
20 Monument Construction representing NMCBIA and  
21 on the Residential Committee.

22 MEMBER STOVALL: John Stovall,

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1 Residential Subcommittee.

2 MEMBER LOURENCO: Armando Lourenco  
3 representing AFAA. The Chair of the  
4 Construction Subcommittee.

5 MEMBER NEGUSSIE: Mike Negussie,  
6 Energy Office, Energy Subcommittee Chair.

7 MR. CONOVER: Dave Conover,  
8 International Code Council Headquarters,  
9 Washington, D.C.

10 MEMBER CLEMONS: Lester Clemons,  
11 National Technical Association.

12 MEMBER LOWERY: I'm Jim Lowery.  
13 I'm with the Elevator Code Subcommittee.

14 MEMBER YEATMAN: I'm Sonny Yeatman.  
15 I'm the Chairman of the Elevator Code  
16 Subcommittee.

17 MEMBER HAGOS: Abraham Hagos. I'm  
18 with the Mechanical Subcommittee.

19 MEMBER RAVISHANKAR: Good morning.  
20 Bellur Ravishankar. Representing DCRA. I'm  
21 in the Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas and  
22 Energy Code Subcommittees.

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1                   MEMBER DAVIS:           Inspector Marc  
2                   Davis, D.C. Fire Department with the Fire Code  
3                   Committee.

4                   MEMBER HOLLINGER:        Good morning.  
5                   Dave Hollinger, DCFD. I'm with the Fire and  
6                   Life Safety Committee.

7                   MEMBER QUEIRLO:           Maria Queirlo,  
8                   DCRA. Fire and Life Safety Committee.

9                   MEMBER SMITH:             Norman Smith.  
10                  Norman Smith Architecture. Construction.

11                  MEMBER MONTPLAISIR:        Gail  
12                  Montplaisir, Torus Development Group. I'm  
13                  going to be on the Existing Structures and  
14                  Sustainability.

15                  MEMBER LEABMAN:         Good morning. Art  
16                  Leabman. D.C. Cooperative Housing Coalition on  
17                  the Existing Structures Subcommittee.

18                  MEMBER PHARR:         Shaun Pharr with the  
19                  Apartment and Office Building Association on  
20                  Existing Structures.

21                  MEMBER BECKER:         Frank Becker. I'm  
22                  Chair of the Electric Subcommittee with GHT.

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1                   MEMBER SIDDIQUE:        I'm Moses  
2 Siddique representing D.C. Water and Sewer on  
3 the Plumbing and the Sustainable Construction  
4 Subcommittee.

5                   MEMBER HILL:        I'm Steve Hill. On  
6 the Fire Safety Subcommittee with Lourenco  
7 Consultants.

8                   MEMBER ZAHN:        I'm Greg Zahn from  
9 Design Architects. The Issues and Policy  
10 Subcommittee.

11                  CHAIR KRESS:        Why don't you just  
12 hang on to that because we'll be using it.

13                  VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN:    Thank you  
14 all.

15                  Going through our agenda, as many  
16 of you may know there continue to be changes  
17 at DCRA and Lisa Morgan, the head of DCRA, has  
18 left and a new person is starting.

19                  CHAIR KRESS:        Has started.

20                  VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN:    Has started.

21                  CHAIR KRESS:        Linda Argo.

22                  VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN:    And Jerrily

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1 Kress, our Chair, has a meeting with Linda  
2 Argo next Friday where we plan to introduce  
3 her to our Committee and what we are doing.

4 As I mentioned to several of you,  
5 prior this meeting we don't see this  
6 development effecting our work or our time  
7 tables at all.

8 In addition, Monica Lamboy who has  
9 been providing leadership in the Building BLRA  
10 offices is leaving that post. And I believe  
11 her last day is a week from Friday.

12 Regarding our administrative  
13 matters, Rebecca and Sara have received from  
14 all of us the documents needed to be  
15 reappointed. And they have been or given to  
16 the Boards and Commissions Office. And both  
17 Rebecca and Sara and Jerrily are going to be  
18 monitoring this regularly to do the best we  
19 can to get current people who are not members  
20 appointed to the BCAC. As we have any  
21 developments on this important matter, we will  
22 be keeping you informed by email.

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1           Any other administrative matters?  
2 Thank you.

3           Regarding amendments, because we  
4 have so few I'm recommending that the best  
5 thing to do might simply be to ask each  
6 Subcommittee to report. And when we get to the  
7 Subcommittee for which we have a couple of  
8 amendments, we will make that part of our work  
9 on the Subcommittee. And I think that will  
10 keep each of us from having to around twice.

11           Is anybody here representing  
12 Accessibility and able to report on that  
13 Subcommittee?

14           Seeing none, on Construction and  
15 Issues and Policies, I could take the  
16 prerogative if that's okay, or Armando, and  
17 report that the Subcommittee did meet in  
18 April. And is engaged in looking at what is  
19 the proposed changes to Chapter 1 that were  
20 suggested by the Office of the Attorney  
21 General. We would like to go further and go  
22 around and look at some other issues including

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1 subsurface projections. I know that was an  
2 issue that Gail Montplaisir helped us the last  
3 time with a very helpful amendment. And if  
4 anyone has any other specific issues with  
5 regard to that section or the other items that  
6 are covered by Construction, I know we would  
7 appreciate receiving.

8 We are setting also a rather large  
9 goal for ourselves that we're not sure we can  
10 meet yet having to do with whether we can take  
11 a draft new signage regulation that  
12 has been proposed by the Office of the  
13 Attorney General and which has been judged by  
14 some to need a little tweaking before it's  
15 ready to go on stage and see if we can offer  
16 that guidance for the signage amendments.

17 We are both in Construction and  
18 Issues and Policies, we see a big part of our  
19 role in accepting additional amendment  
20 recommendations from other Subcommittees.  
21 We've gotten some already from Existing  
22 Structures and are in regular communication

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1 with the Sustainable and Green Subcommittee on  
2 how we fold those requirements into these  
3 appropriate chapters.

4 That's our report.

5 Our next meeting of the  
6 Subcommittees of Construction and Issues and  
7 Polices will be May 3rd at Lourenco  
8 Consultants' offices, which are 5016  
9 Connecticut Avenue, NW, second floor.

10 CHAIR KRESS: Any questions?

11 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Any  
12 questions with -- yes?

13 CHAIR KRESS: Microphone.  
14 Microphone.

15 MEMBER LOURENCO: You didn't  
16 mention the time.

17 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: I'm sorry.  
18 Thank you. 10:00.

19 I would at this time refer you to  
20 two amendments that were introduced at our  
21 last meeting. And you see those listed on the  
22 agenda towards the bottom of the first page.

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1           The one is a proposed amendment to  
2 the policies and the second is an amendment to  
3 our bylaws. And to start this, I'd like to  
4 introduce and move that the BCAC adopt these  
5 and like a second on this motion.

6           MEMBER MONTPLAISIR: Second.

7           VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you,  
8 Gail.

9           I would like to entertain any  
10 questions after I present the fact that, if I  
11 could borrow one for second. Sorry.

12           On the Policy you can see on the  
13 handouts that were in red our goal is to  
14 revise our polices to include the revision of  
15 the 2006 ICC codes. And as to amend our  
16 second policy to state that we are looking at  
17 the amendments that we passed the last time  
18 that were never adopted by the city. And each  
19 of those amendments will be brought before  
20 this Committee for introduction, presentation  
21 and an up or down vote. But we do consider the  
22 amendments that this body passed the last time

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1 as our baseline.

2 With regard to the bylaws, the  
3 change is towards the back of the document on  
4 page 4. And what we are proposing is to give  
5 an opportunity for existing structures and  
6 property maintenance the function as separate  
7 subcommittees if that is their respective  
8 chair's desire. And per the D.C. legislation  
9 on Green Building Act, to add a Subcommittee  
10 of Sustainable Green Construction.

11 I'd be happy to answer any  
12 questions or entertain any discussion on these  
13 issues if there is.

14 Seeing none, I'd like to call the  
15 question. And we have a quorum and what we're  
16 asking for are people who are currently BCAC  
17 members that have already been sworn in many  
18 years ago to participate in this voting. And  
19 all of those in favor, raise your hands,  
20 please. And all opposed?

21 Seeing none opposed, any  
22 abstentions? I see one abstention. Any

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1 others? I can't see behind the column. Thank  
2 you.

3 So to record the vote how many?  
4 Twelve ayes, zero nays and one abstention.

5 The motion passes. Thank you.

6 I'd like to turn this now over to  
7 the Electrical Subcommittee, and Frank needs  
8 to find the microphone. It's right in front of  
9 you, Frank.

10 MEMBER BECKER: Frank Becker with  
11 the Electrical Subcommittee.

12 Our job this time is relatively  
13 easy because we had leaped ahead to the code  
14 that's under review today the last time we  
15 reviewed. So our amendments from last time  
16 will be reissued to the Committee by the first  
17 of next month.

18 Mohammed Ali and I still have --  
19 we've had one meeting, but we need to have one  
20 more meeting to verify those changes with the  
21 rest of the Committee.

22 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

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1                   And you do you have a regular  
2 meeting or do you have a next meeting  
3 scheduled?

4                   MEMBER BECKER: Not at this time.  
5 I've got to get with Mohammed.

6                   VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: All right.  
7 Thank you.

8                   If you could let us know when that  
9 does occur, we would want to make sure that  
10 any interested people have the opportunity to  
11 attend.

12                   Any questions of the Electrical  
13 Subcommittee?

14                   Thank you, Frank.

15                   Seeing none, we'd go to Sonny and  
16 the Elevator Subcommittee

17                   MEMBER YEATMAN: Sonny Yeatman, the  
18 Elevator Subcommittee.

19                   At this time we're reviewing the  
20 2006 ICC codes, making sure that the  
21 amendments that we presented last time aren't  
22 being covered up by these new codes.

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1 Preliminary results are that we are  
2 just going to be presenting the same  
3 amendments that we presented last time. And we  
4 will have them ready for next month to be  
5 presented to the body.

6 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

7 Any questions for the Elevator  
8 Subcommittee?

9 Seeing none, we can go on to  
10 Energy. Michael?

11 MEMBER NEGUSSIE: We met yesterday  
12 with Mr. Neufeld, Pastor Neufeld. He's the  
13 Subcommittee member with me. And we discussed  
14 about last cycle some amendments that were  
15 made. And it wasn't a lot, just only Chapter  
16 1. But we went through the whole -- it's about  
17 half size of what we have between 2006. And  
18 we're making sure that nothing is left out.  
19 So by next meeting we'll have something ready.

20 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you  
21 very much.

22 Any questions for Energy?

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1 MEMBER BERGEN: Just want you meet.

2 MEMBER NEGUSSIE: Since it's only  
3 two of us, we're doing it like need basis.  
4 But we'll be meeting in the next two weeks.  
5 And I will let you know.

6 MEMBER BERGEN: Yes. Thank you.

7 PARTICIPANT: Will you let me know  
8 as well?

9 MEMBER NEGUSSIE: Definitely.

10 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

11 We're trying to post all of our  
12 meeting regularly so that interested people  
13 can attend.

14 Armando?

15 MEMBER LOURENCO: I just wanted to  
16 call attention that meetings shouldn't be held  
17 unless all the membership knows about it.  
18 Because anyone can be a member of the  
19 subcommittee, so that they should be either  
20 communicated to the Secretary and get -- of  
21 the Committee and get the information out.

22 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

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1                   And I know each of the  
2 subcommittees are trying hard. And a couple of  
3 us have changed our meeting times and dates so  
4 that we do not meet simultaneously with other  
5 subcommittees. And I'd like us to continue to  
6 try to respect that goal as well.

7                   Thank you, Michael.

8                   Existing Structures, I know Joan is  
9 not here. Art, are you prepared to say a few  
10 words or I could if you -- thank you.

11                   I attended the last Subcommittee  
12 meeting of Joan's Subcommittee, which was very  
13 well attended. And as we saw the last time,  
14 the Committee is off to a very efficient and  
15 robust start.

16                   The chapters have been divided up  
17 and they're basically doing probably what most  
18 of our subcommittees are doing, which is  
19 starting at the beginning and going through  
20 the work.

21                   The introductory chapters up  
22 through level one are amendments that are

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1 being introduced today. There are, I believe,  
2 11 of them and they're in the box and have  
3 previously I believe been sent out by email.  
4 And these are being introduced today and will  
5 be presented and discussed at the next  
6 meeting.

7 The next meeting that the  
8 Subcommittee is having will be dealing with  
9 alterations on a level two and proceeding  
10 through the rest of the book.

11 A couple of questions have come up  
12 regarding specific nomenclature of main  
13 entrance to make sure that the intent is  
14 coordinated with accessibility. And also it  
15 was noted that some of the structural  
16 allowances that were in the previous existing  
17 building code have been removed. And Joan is  
18 getting in touch with ICC people to find out  
19 the reason for the removal of these structural  
20 items that allowed some flexibility in dealing  
21 with older buildings, much as the D.C.  
22 Building Code has historically. And at the

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1 moment we're just trying to understand why  
2 they were removed from the ICC code between  
3 '03 and '06.

4 That's what I remember from the  
5 meeting.

6 Art, do you have anything to add?  
7 Thank you.

8 So then each of you have the  
9 amendments that are being introduced today and  
10 we'll discuss them at our next meeting. Any  
11 questions on Existing Structures?

12 CHAIR KRESS: I think for the  
13 record you might want to read in the amendment  
14 numbers that are being formally introduced  
15 today. Because we really, when we introduce  
16 them --

17 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.  
18 That is good point for someone that has a lot  
19 more experience than I.

20 We are introducing:

21 Amendment EX1-1, which has to do  
22 with Section 101;

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1 Amendment EX2-1 references Section  
2 2.2;

3 Amendment EX2-2 references Section  
4 202.j;

5 Ex2-3, 202.j;

6 EX3-1 references Section 302;

7 EX3-2 references Section 308;

8 EX4-1 references Section 401;

9 EX4-2 references Section 410;

10 EX5-1 references Section 501;

11 EX6-1 references Section 604, and;

12 EX6-2 references Section 605.

13 Thank you, Chairlady.

14 Our next Subcommittee on the list  
15 is Property Maintenance, and we have not  
16 appointed a Chair, and as Joan mentioned at  
17 our last meeting, we are hoping that the  
18 Existing Structures Committee can examine the  
19 property maintenance issues once Existing  
20 Structures finishes their work. If that ends  
21 up not being possible, we will regroup and  
22 find another way to address the property

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1 maintenance issues.

2 Fire and Life Safety is the next  
3 Subcommittee. And I know John is traveling.  
4 I've got a brief report from John, but I know  
5 there are several members of the Subcommittee  
6 in the room that may be more qualified than I  
7 to speak for the Subcommittee since I wasn't  
8 able to be at the last meeting. So who would  
9 like to -- last chance.

10 MEMBER THOMPSON: We've just--

11 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Here's a  
12 microphone.

13 CHAIR KRESS: And identify  
14 yourself, please.

15 MEMBER THOMPSON: Yes. Mike  
16 Thompson representing Chesapeake Chapter SFPE

17 We had our first meeting and it was  
18 more of an organizational meeting. And we're  
19 just prepared and we're starting. And I  
20 believe you should have three proposals, if  
21 I'm not mistaken. Did John get those to you  
22 yet?

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1 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: No.

2 MEMBER THOMPSON: Okay. We'll have  
3 a series of them next month.

4 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

5 And my understanding is the next  
6 meeting is on May 10th at 10:00 a.m. to noon  
7 at Aon Global Risk Consultants, which is 1120  
8 20th Street, NW, Suite 600 South. Aon is A-O-  
9 N?

10 MEMBER THOMPSON: Correct. And I  
11 believe that's a Thursday. Right. Some may  
12 have conflict of the meeting being on  
13 Wednesday or Thursday. But right now it is a  
14 Thursday, May 10th, unless you hear different  
15 from Don.

16 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

17 It is a Thursday.

18 Any questions for Fire and Life  
19 Safety? Because, of course, they have the  
20 additional challenge of dealing not only with  
21 the building code, but all of the amendments  
22 to the fire code.

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1 Thank you, Mike.

2 Issues and Polices we covered.

3 Mechanical is the next  
4 Subcommittee. Milton?

5 MEMBER IRIATE: Milton Iriate,  
6 Mechanical Subcommittee.

7 We're meeting every second Thursday  
8 of the month. And we have switched it to  
9 10:00 a.m. I think it's written as 2:00 p.m.,  
10 but we're at 10:00 a.m. now.

11 Last month we had our first meeting  
12 where most of the members attended and still  
13 have to track down a couple of more to make  
14 sure they're aware of it.

15 And we received some proposals from  
16 the Existing Structures Subcommittee. And we  
17 have delegated the proper persons in our  
18 Subcommittee to review that.

19 Our intent is electrical. We're  
20 taking the 2003 proposals or amendments and  
21 quick review of those to make sure they're  
22 applicable over 2006. And we're also going to

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1 review the changes from 2003 to 2006 and see  
2 if we have to come up with any proposals for  
3 that.

4 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

5 Any questions for Mechanical? The  
6 Chair has a couple of questions.

7 I've noticed you've changed your  
8 time, which now coincides with the Fire and  
9 Life Safety Subcommittee meetings. And I  
10 would hope that we could be not meeting at the  
11 same time because I know there are some issues  
12 that both committees have that cross  
13 participation may benefit each Subcommittee.

14 It may be too late to change your  
15 May meeting, but if it's not, I would ask you  
16 to consider that and look to coming up with a  
17 time that, if possible, doesn't conflict with  
18 other subcommittees. I realize that's a great  
19 imposition for all of us here as volunteers.

20 Secondly, Milton, I noted the last  
21 time the Mechanical Committee served and  
22 worked very hard to combine issues from

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1 several related groups, including Fuel-Gas and  
2 Plumbing. Is that the goal this time as well?

3 MEMBER IRIATE: We do have Fuel-Gas  
4 in our umbrella. And that who is meeting with  
5 us.

6 I believe Plumbing does have a  
7 Chair, and he has a group of people who he has  
8 in his Subcommittee and he's meeting with  
9 them. But we are hoping to have at least the  
10 Chair of the Plumbing attend our meetings or a  
11 representative because of the overlaps that we  
12 have and so that each arm knows what the other  
13 arm is doing.

14 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

15 Who is the person representing  
16 Fuel-Gas? Can you help me out. Gerald Davis.  
17 Thank you.

18 MEMBER RAVISHANKAR: Gerald Davis  
19 from Washington Gas.

20 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you,  
21 Bellur. For some reason we had dropped it off  
22 of our list of people, and I want to make sure

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1 that he gets back on the list.

2 Thank you, Milton.

3 MEMBER IRIATE: You're welcome.

4 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: John Puchala  
5 is the Chair of our Plumbing Subcommittee. And  
6 is John here? I don't see him. So we'll get  
7 in touch with him and try to get his meeting  
8 time published so any interested people can  
9 attend.

10 Residential.

11 MEMBER STOVALL: We normally meet  
12 the second Tuesday of each month. Although  
13 this month we had to reschedule the meeting  
14 for this coming Monday, which is the 23rd at  
15 8:30 in the morning at the Maryland National  
16 Capital Building Industry Association Offices  
17 on Elton Road.

18 And at that meeting and at the  
19 subsequent meeting on the second Tuesday of  
20 May we hope to have all of our amendments or  
21 the majority, maybe we may have to come up  
22 with one or two later, but we hope to have all

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1 of our amendments ready for submission at the  
2 next meeting regular BCAC meeting.

3 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you  
4 very much, John.

5 Any questions for residential?

6 PARTICIPANT: (Off microphone).

7 MEMBER STOVALL: Yes. It's right  
8 off New Hampshire Avenue above the beltway.  
9 It's the first right when you're going north  
10 getting off the beltway on New Hampshire. And  
11 then it's a right there.

12 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: And, John, I  
13 know you're aware of this but through the  
14 great invitation of the Office of Zoning there  
15 are plenty of places to meet here that are  
16 very easy to use. Because I know if there are  
17 other people that would like to attend, that  
18 we have tried to get our meetings as centrally  
19 located as possible to help interested people.  
20 But I also realize the imposition to drag you  
21 guys into town for that event.

22 Thank you.

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1 I don't see Howard, but I'll ask if  
2 we have a report from the Structural  
3 Subcommittee.

4 How and the Structural are one of  
5 the -- that and Plumbing are the two  
6 Subcommittees that we have yet to hear active  
7 reports from. And so your Executive Committee  
8 will be addressing that during this next month  
9 and find a solution.

10 It sounds like we have a solution  
11 to Plumbing and we will need to verify that  
12 Howard is still able and interested to help  
13 us. I did speak with Howard a month and a  
14 half ago, and he was committed to this effort.  
15 But I have not spoken with him since then.

16 Sustainable Green, Charles. Here's  
17 the microphone.

18 MEMBER BERGEN: We had a good first  
19 meeting at the beginning of the month. And  
20 we're meeting here on Wednesday mornings at  
21 9:00 in the conference room across the hall.

22 And I actually have a sort of a

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1 summary of what we're working on. I have  
2 another four or five copies if anyone's  
3 interested. But what we've done is we've  
4 taken -- the ordinance has a very specific  
5 timetable and standards that are to be  
6 followed and triggers and size mechanisms,  
7 things of that nature, and that's one portion  
8 of the work that we're doing. And that's going  
9 to be put by amendments into the DCMR 12. And  
10 then in Section 13 of the ordinance there's a  
11 requirement that the Building Codes Advisory  
12 Committee submit all sustainable practices  
13 that are practicable. And so that's a whole  
14 another sort of group of work that we're  
15 looking at. And we may be working back and  
16 forth with the Green Building Advisory Council  
17 on some of these issues because some of them  
18 could be done short term, some of them more  
19 long term and some of them we sort of need to  
20 figure out how Green Building strategies are  
21 going to be evaluated by the Building  
22 Department before we start to choose ones to

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1 be pulled out and made requirements.

2 So, anyway, I have these lists. If  
3 anyone wants them, come find me after the  
4 meeting. Thanks.

5 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Can you let  
6 us know your next meeting?

7 MEMBER BERGEN: Next May the 2nd  
8 9:00 here in this building across the hall.

9 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Thank you.

10 I believe that covers each of our  
11 subcommittees.

12 And before I turn it open to the  
13 floor, I wanted to add two items that I've  
14 been in touch with subcommittee chairs about,  
15 but I want to make sure the entire Committee  
16 is aware also.

17 Many of you worked very hard with  
18 us during the last review cycle. And those  
19 proposed amendments, as you know, left our  
20 office, went to DCRA and within the last 60  
21 days three-fourths of them have popped out of  
22 DCRA. We are still awaiting 78 pages which

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1 we've been told will happen today.

2 I mention this to remind us of the  
3 history and also to remind each subcommittee  
4 chair that as you are looking at amendments to  
5 pass, please use these recent amendments that  
6 have come back to us from DCRA and please  
7 review their proposed changes that have been  
8 included in their documents. The changes  
9 appear to be mostly nontechnical and have to  
10 do whether it's this code or how you refer to  
11 individual documents.

12 And there are some items in there,  
13 as John knows from the Residential, where they  
14 started running spell check on a building code  
15 which, as we know, is a very dangerous thing  
16 to do. But absent that the DCRA has offered  
17 these back to us for our review and I want to  
18 make sure that each of these subcommittees has  
19 these documents is reviewing that version of  
20 them and not the version that we completed  
21 passing back in August of '05. Because since  
22 then, first of all, Sara and her group and

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1 several dedicated subcommittee chairs worked  
2 to try to meld some of these amendments  
3 together where there were slight  
4 discrepancies. And then, of course, DCRA has  
5 put their fingerprints on it. So let's look  
6 at the most recent versions as we're looking  
7 for amendments to introduce.

8 And if you need either hard copies  
9 or, preferably, electronic copies, I know that  
10 Sara can support each of us by sending an  
11 additional copy of these to.

12 My next point is, as I've also  
13 mentioned to each subcommittee chair, we are  
14 trying to finish our work as quickly as  
15 possible and I've heard a couple of groups  
16 today talk about major submissions of  
17 amendments next month. That's absolutely  
18 terrific and we all need to be doing that.  
19 Because as I mentioned to you several about an  
20 hour ago, none of us want to be in the  
21 position of sitting here while 250 amendments  
22 are introduced in September.

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1           We are an Executive Committee are  
2 trying to set a goal of finishing prior to our  
3 November deadline that we have proposed to  
4 DCRA for a number of reasons, including the  
5 fact of dealing with issues that are unknown  
6 at the moment. That we are absolutely serious  
7 about getting of holding up our part of the  
8 bargain. And I know many of you are equally  
9 dedicated to that, and I'm extremely grateful  
10 for your participation and commitment during  
11 this code cycle.

12           With that, does the Chair have any  
13 comments?

14           CHAIR KRESS: Yes, sir.

15           VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Sara has a  
16 comment, and then I'd like to open it to the  
17 floor for any comments before we adjourn.

18           Thank you.

19           MEMBER BARDIN: Sara Bardin.

20           We still have code books and CDs  
21 available if anybody needs them.

22           VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: And one last

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1 Vice Chair's prerogative. David Conover, who  
2 is sitting in the room as an ICC  
3 representative was supportive of us during the  
4 last code cycle. But David has been  
5 unbelievable during this code cycle. And many  
6 of us are extremely appreciative for what ICC  
7 has been able to do for us. And we're very  
8 grateful, David, for all of your work. Thank  
9 you.

10 Any comments from anyone on the  
11 floor? Here's a microphone here. No?

12 Then, John?

13 CHAIR KRESS: After holding the  
14 microphone the whole time.

15 MEMBER STOVALL: Since it's been so  
16 long since we actually accepted any  
17 amendments, I think it would be helpful if we  
18 talk about the process of doing that. I assume  
19 if we bring our amendments to the next  
20 meeting, that everyone will have a month to  
21 consider it and they would actually be voted  
22 on at the next meeting.

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1                   How many copies should we be  
2 bringing, hard copies or should we be bringing  
3 them earlier to have them reproduced? Or what  
4 would be the process for that?

5                   MEMBER BARDIN: If you would email  
6 them both to Rebecca and I, and bring at least  
7 15 copies; that would be wonderful.

8                   VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: And we're  
9 hoping that most of us would receive this  
10 information electronically prior to the  
11 meeting and bring our own copies with us. But  
12 realizing that that's not always possible,  
13 Zoning has been just wonderful in providing  
14 copies for anybody that needs it.

15                   But to amplify, John, your point.  
16 What we have been doing in the past that  
17 seemed to work is to introduce amendments at  
18 one meeting and by that meeting both  
19 electronic and hard copies of each amendment  
20 are fully out there for anyone that's  
21 interested. At that time they are also pushed  
22 over to DCRA to go on their website.

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1           And at our subsequent meeting,  
2           which could be a month or it could be a  
3           shorter period of time, we would then look to  
4           the Chair of the Subcommittee and any experts  
5           that they would bring in to go over each  
6           amendment and to entertain comments and  
7           questions. And then to call for a vote.

8           And as those of you who  
9           participated the last time know, not every  
10          amendment that is introduced is approved, but  
11          many of them are. And I encourage each of the  
12          chairs to deal before you present an amendment  
13          with other subcommittees whose amendment you  
14          may be directly effecting. Because what will  
15          happen is that it may require us to table an  
16          amendment while another subcommittee looks at  
17          it.

18          And lastly, as I've reminded some  
19          of you before, we're trying to produce a  
20          polished document and realized that that's not  
21          always possible the first time around. And by  
22          that I mean we have historically accepted

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1 amendments and either voted them up or down if  
2 we thought they were in the city's best  
3 interest and met our policies, I should say.  
4 But later on in our review process we have  
5 gone back and changed our mind on amendments  
6 or added to them to make them more coordinated  
7 with what's happening.

8 So what we're doing is a work in  
9 progress. And what we're looking for is the  
10 best result that we can. And we leave it to  
11 each subcommittee to work with their members  
12 and the other subcommittee chairs to help us  
13 find out how to get there.

14 I don't know if that's of any help.

15 But -- yes, Gail?

16 MEMBER MONTPLAISIR: Just a  
17 clarification on the Existing Structures'  
18 amendment EX1. It says that the amendment is  
19 attached. All of the other say "below." And I  
20 didn't see an attachment. So I went through  
21 the electronic copy, and it looks to me like  
22 it was Chapter 1.j Administration, the four

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1 page document is supposed to be attached to  
2 that. Just so it's clear when we're looking at  
3 this what we're actually going to be  
4 considering. Because there is something  
5 written below, but it says attached  
6 specifically.

7 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Which  
8 amendment are you --

9 MEMBER MONTPLAISIR: EX1

10 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: You should  
11 delete the word "attached." It's below.

12 MEMBER MONTPLAISIR: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: Because what  
14 we're trying to do in this amendment, Gail, is  
15 to delete the Chapter 1 of the existing  
16 building code and refer all to the Chapter 1  
17 of the building code wherein we will have a  
18 large Chapter 1 to deal with these issues.

19 MEMBER MONTPLAISIR: Okay. Thank  
20 you.

21 VICE CHAIR FETTERMAN: And  
22 interestingly, for those of you that have,

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1 like I, delved into the existing building code  
2 this time, they offer alternatives for how you  
3 can use the code. There's prescriptor process  
4 this time as well. And that opportunity is  
5 one that Joan has brought to our attention  
6 that we will need to bring into Chapter 1 of  
7 the building code so that one has the  
8 alternatives over how one meets the existing  
9 building code.

10 Any other questions or comments?

11 Seeing none, thank you all for  
12 coming.

13 Our next meeting is printed at the  
14 bottom of our agenda. It will be May 16th at  
15 10:00 in this room.

16 Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, the Advisory Committee  
18 Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.)

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