

South Central Regional Construction Code Council Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2008
Time: 10:00AM

Location: St. James Parish Courthouse Annex
2631 La. 20 West
Vacherie, La. 70090

Members in attendance were:

Kevin Belanger (SCPDC)
Pat Gordon (Terrebonne)
Jody Chenier (St. James)
Kim Torres (Assumption)
Lou Vaughn (St. John)
Deborah K. Moore (Lafourche)

Meeting Minutes

At approximately 10:00am the meeting began starting with the pledge of Allegiance, then with roll call. All members were present.

Mr. Rob Hamilton with the Home Builders Association stated builders have called him confused about Plan Reviewers and Inspectors. Can this be the same person? Mrs. Deborah Moore with Lafourche Parish explained the process to him. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Lou Vaughn to approve and adopt the minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Ryan Hutchinson with SCPDC gave an update on the computer program, mypermit now. He informed the board we are now live and hopefully all the bugs will be out in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Hutchinson also informed the board he was getting ready to purchase additional printers that has already been allotted for in the budget, for each location. Each parish will be responsible for their consumables. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Dawn Allemand presented the council with a financial analysis in two separate reports. First being the original report for each month and the second being a more detailed breakdown as requested by the board. The board discussed keeping the same fees just re-allotting them. This would have to be approved with the council. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Lou Vaughn, to table until the next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wich explains to the board his concerns in reference to the breakdown of fees. The problem seems to center more around complex commercial projects. Upon doing some

research he feels that charging by the value of the project could resolve this problem. His research shows other places charging \$3 - \$5 per \$1000 of value. The same is true for Commercial Renovations. This would also help the contractor to pay up front instead of having to continue purchasing trade permits. Discussion ensued.

Kevin offered the suggestion of forming a sub-committee to go before the council with the information. Mr. Kevin Belanger, Mr. Pat Gordon, Mrs. Deborah Moore and Mr. Michael Wich would form that committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Chenier requested the committee also look into residential metal buildings. Each Parish requires different square footage. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Deborah Moore was of the impression inspections could be waived. Mr. Wich and Mr. Curt McCarty stated you cannot waive inspections. It is required by law. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Wich informed the board of a schedule deficiency. It seems the meetings for November and December both falls on Holidays.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, to change the meeting from November 27, 2008 to November 20, 2008 and the meeting scheduled for December 25, 2008 to December 18, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Lou Vaughn. Motion carried.

Mr. Curt McCarty spoke in reference to the soil mapping updates. It seems the individual areas would prefer to do the soil mapping state wide. It looks like the state will fund the project state wide to relieve the burden from this council. Mr. McCarty is having a meeting in his office on May 5, 2008 at 10:00am if anyone of the board member would like to attend. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McCarty request that the soil mapping money that was provided be returned back to the state. The board requested from Mr. McCarty that should this project be phased in, our area would be considered first. The board feels this is critical for South Louisiana area. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, to return the money back to the state, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore. Motion carried.

It was discussed how any unresolved violations should be handled from this point forward. If a complaint or violation cannot be resolved it needs to be presented to this council. If the council is unable to resolve the matter it should then be turned over to the state. All board members were in agreement.

Mr. Dale Hymel, Parish President of St. James Parish was recognized.

The next meeting will be held May 22, 2008 at St. John the Baptist, Percy Hebert Building, 1801 West Airline Highway, Laplace, La. 70068, 10:00AM.

Mrs. Deborah Moore asked if they could now implement the new rules and procedures. Mr. Kevin Belanger informed her that the cooperative endeavor did not have to be changed as it was only rules and procedures. Mr. Belanger also informed her SCPDC would be making signs to post in each of the parishes lobby areas so that everyone could know what was going on. Mrs. Moore requested to see the sign first.

There being no further information to be discussed, it was moved by Mrs. Lou Vaughn, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore to adjourn. Motion carried.