

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

Location: Terrebonne Parish Council Chambers
8026 Main Street
Second Floor
Houma, La. 70360

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance were:

Pat Gordon (Terrebonne)
Robert Jones (St. James)
Kevin Belanger (SCPDC)
Deborah K. Moore (Lafourche)
Lou Vaughn (St. John)
John Boudreaux (Assumption)

At approximately 10:00am the meeting began with Mrs. Deborah Moore leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call followed with Mr. John Boudreaux being absent. Mr. Pat Gordon recognized Mr. Dale Hymel, Parish President of St. James Parrish.

Mr. Pat Gordon opened the floor to the Home Builders Association, no one present.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mr. Robert Jones, to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 26, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Dawn Allemand presented the board with a financial analysis. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore, to adopt the financial report. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Belanger provided a draft for proposed procedure modification of the fee schedule. Mr. Mike Wich reviewed with the board. Mr. John Boudreaux entered at approximately 10:10am. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lou Vaughn, to table the matter in order to have more time to review. Motion Carried.

Mr. Mike Wich reviewed the proposed fee changes. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Kevin Belanger, seconded by Mrs. Deborah Moore, to table the matter until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Wich informed the board he is looking at all the ordinances and trying to make them as uniform as possible. Discussion ensued. Mr. Boudreaux stated his parish is waiting for a decision so they can submit one document to the Parish council.

Mr. Belanger request to wait one more month and each Parish come back at the next meeting with suggestions and changes so we can move forward. This would help to have everyone under one set of guidelines and one set of fee changes to present to the Council. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Belanger suggests setting up a sub committee for the ordinances as well as the fee schedule, keeping each item separate. Mrs. Lou Vaughn, Mr. John Boudreaux, Mrs. Deborah Moore and Mr. Mike Wich will make up that committee.

The next SCRCCC meeting will be held, August 28, 2008 in Assumption Parish at the Emergency Operations Center, located at 105 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Napoleonville, La. 70390 at 10:00am.

Mr. Gordon turned the floor over to the public for comments. Mr. Mark Eymard from Cut Off, La. addressed the board in reference to Billboard Structures being erected in the South Lafourche area. The issue is what type of enforcement exists to ensure wind load requirements are met? Basically on the one hand we have a safety issue, wooden pole structures are not designed with the normal safety features you see on steel pole structures. People have recently died in the area trying to service wood pole structures. There is also a competitive issue apparently Lafourche Parish has different types of information packets. \$50,000 for his steel pole structure compared to \$5,000 for a wooden pole structure. He asked the board for some guidance as the law is already set. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Belanger informed Mr. Eymard any building structure including radio towers must be built to wind loads. Mr. Eymard does have an option to file a complaint with the State Code Council.

Mr. Jeremy Landry of Pierre Part also addressed the board to Thank SCPDC and their inspectors for a smooth transition on all of the codes being put into place. His company has been able to branch out into other parishes because of this.

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