South Central Regional Construction Code Council Meeting Thursday, July 9, 2009 Time: 10:00AM

Location: St. John the Baptist

Percy Hebert Building St. John Council Chambers

1801 W. Airline Highway, Laplace La. 70068

Members in attendance were:

John Boudreaux (Assumption)
Deborah Moore (Lafourche)
Robert Jones (St. James)
Kristi Murray (St. John)
Pat Gordon (Terrebonne), proxy Mitch McDonald
Kevin Belanger (SCPDC), proxy Julie Boudreaux

Meeting Minutes

At approximately 10:00am the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call followed with all members being present.

Mr. John Boudreaux opened the floor to the Home Builders Association, no one present

It was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mr. Mitch McDonald to approve and adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting. Motion Carried.

Mr. John Boudreaux opened the floor to the public for comments. There were no comments at this time.

It was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mr. Mitch McDonald to nominate Mr. Pat Gordon as Vice-Chair. Motion Carried. Mr. McDonald accepted nomination for Mr. Gordon and will advise him of his new position with the board.

Ms. Dawn Allemand presented the council with a financial analysis. Discussion ensued. It was moved by Mr. Mitch McDonald, to adopt the financial report, seconded by Mr. Robert Jones. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tom Watkins presented the board with handouts on the Legislative Updates. Mr. Mike Wich reviewed and discussed House Bills 276, 351, 441, 637 and House Resolutions 105 and 121.

Mr. Wich explained he is waiting for a definite answer from the State in reference to soil mapping. He believes they are leaning towards doing the mapping State wide. Discussion ensued.

Software Update – SCPDC IT Dept. is working towards the ability for the Public to schedule inspections on line. They are also working to have all the data uploaded in the system automatically as the parish receives it. This will stop the parish from having to upload each permit, reducing work for both offices. Terrebonne Parish is being used as the test site for this application. SCPDC has offered the system to the State but they have not made a decision yet. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mitch McDonald wanted to address Engineered Foundation plans in all zones for elevated structures. He feels this does tie in with soil mapping. When the soil maps happened we were focusing on slabs instead of pilings and columns. He realizes Engineer foundation plans are needed. Terrebonne has a list of Engineers from different areas that they offer to the public. He would just like an update as to where it stands. Mr. Wich explained slabs have a code to go by and we can review foundations. When it comes to elevated structures on piles all the code says is if it sits on pilings it shall be designed and passed by a registered Architect or Engineer. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McDonald questions the meaning of after the fact permits. He would like "after the fact" to be defined more clearly. Mrs. Moore, Ms. Murray and Mr. Boudreaux will revisit the issue in committee. Discussion ensued.

The next SCRCCC meeting will be held, September 24, 2009 in Terrebonne Parish at the Government Tower Building, Second Floor, 8026 Main Street, Houma, La. 70390 @ 10:00AM.

There being no further information to be discussed, it was moved by Mrs. Deborah Moore, seconded by Mr. Mitch McDonald to adjourn. Motion Carried.