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COASTAL SUBGROUP MEETING

September 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1:00 p.m.

This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.

Roll Call:

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| BBRS Richard Crowley, Group Chair | ✓ present 0 absent | PJM David Macartney | ✓ present 0 absent |
| CZM Lisa Berry Engler | ✓ present 0 absent | Steve Mague | 0 present ✓ absent |
| CZM Rebecca Haney | ✓ present 0 absent | AIA Andrew Kollar | 0 present ✓ absent |
| DCR Joy Duperault | ✓ present 0 absent | SEMBOA Mike Clancy | 0 present ✓ absent |
| DCR Eric Carlson | ✓ present 0 absent | NAIOP Katie T. Moniz** | ✓ present 0 absent |
| DEP Lealdon Langley | ✓ present 0 absent | NAIOP Jamie M. Fay | ✓ present 0 absent |
| HBRA John Bologna | 0 present ✓ absent | ISD Jim Kennedy* | ✓ present 0 absent |

Chairman Crowley opened the meeting @ approximately 1:02 p.m. by taking roll call.

* Jim Kennedy left the meeting about 2 pm.

** Katie Moniz arrived about 2 p.m.

General notes on format of these minutes

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Agenda topics as numbered may not be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as **EXHIBIT A**; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

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1. **Vote/Discuss Draft Meeting Minutes.** Chairman Crowley tabled the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes to allow the suggested amendments to be incorporated into an updated version (**EXHIBIT B**). The discussion included Eric Carlson expressing concern with the July 21 edited meeting minutes. He would like the last paragraph on Page 2, in the 2nd sentence to change to clarify that ASCE 24 Section 6.2 does not allow dry flood proofing for a structure located in the Coastal A Zone. On a **MOTION** by Jim Kennedy and Eric Carlson seconded, it was unanimous **VOTE** by **ROLL CALL** to change the July 24 meeting minutes to change the 2nd sentence in the 2nd to last paragraph on page 2 to read “Section 6.2 in ASCE 24 does not allow dry floodproofing”. Joy Duperault spoke about amending the August 17, 2021 minutes by striking under item number 2 in the second sentence, “and the exception would allow designers to utilize ASCE 24 for purposes of the exception” because she disagrees with the statement. ASCE 24 does not include provisions for dry floodproofing structures located in a Coastal A Zone. Not everyone agreed, and the discussion included waiting to get John Bologna’s perspective before moving forward with striking the language.



2. **Review** Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Final Draft 09_28_2021 (**EXHIBIT C**). The group started with David Macartney's exception under the Matters of Professional Opinion section in the recommendations portion. The discussion included inserting the term "new" before the term buildings in the first line. With this added exception, the section now contains two exceptions. The group consensus is to adjust the document so that the exceptions are numbered and remove the portion that lists the groups that offered the 1st exception. Andrew Kollar talked about pages 1 through 4 of the Final Draft appears to be in order, and the group discussed having staff format pages 5 through 7 of the document.
3. **Discuss/Vote** review of the 2021 International Building Code. The group reviewed the Chapter 1 Mass amendments against the comparable base code language. Mass amendment Section 104.10.1 drew a lengthy discussion around the BCAB's authority to grant variances. This section disallows a building official to modify building code requirements related to flood hazard areas and coastal dunes. Some expressed that Section 104.10.1 Flood hazard areas IBC language needs to be retained for communities to avail themselves of the NFIP. The consensus is to keep Section 104.10.1 IBC provision and the Mass amendment 104.10.1 (renumbering will be needed).

The group reviewed Mass amendment section 107.2.5.1 Design Flood Elevations, 110.3.3 Lowest Floor Elevation, and 110.3.10.1 Flood hazard documentation. The consensus is the IBC now includes these provisions and there is no need to carry these sections forward.

4. **Adjourn**. On a **MOTION** by, Andrew Kollar, seconded by Dave Mcartney, it was unanimously **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 2:54 p.m.

Exhibits

- A. Meeting agenda.
- B. Meeting minutes, September 28, 2021.
- C. Coastal A Zone BLENDED Findings_Final Draft 09_28_2021.