

The City of Seattle

Construction Codes Advisory Board (CCAB)

Minutes of October 6, 2016

Board Members present:

Greg Gilda	Lachlan Foss
Judy Tucker	Charlie Beck
Len Whalen	Jim Safranek
Allan Wakeling	Lily Iftner

Board Members absent:

Eric Vander Mey	Steve Simpson
Rob Lane	Joseph Malaspino

City Staff:

Jenifer Gilliland	Jon Siu
Kathleen Petrie	Cheryl Burwell
Susan Chang	

Public:

Roger Valdez

Item 1: Review September 15, 2016 CCAB meeting minutes

Action: CCAB approved the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting.

1. Item 2: Steep Slope Director's Rule, Updating advisory map for steep slopes in Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs)

Susan Chang, SDCI presented the updated Director's Rule and maps for steep slope areas in Environmentally Critical Areas. Susan said that they used the 2001 LIDAR and 1993 topographic contour maps to create the new layers. They are advisory maps for people to use as they are planning their project.

Greg Gilda commented that SDCI needed refrain from referring to itself in documents as Seattle DCI so as to avoid any confusion between itself and the local engineering firm DCI.



Susan Chang agreed to spell out the name as Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections.

Action: CCAB reviewed the rule and maps showing layers and approved a motion to recommend the rule to the Director.

Item 3: Discussion of minimal habitability requirements of the Seattle Building Code

Make-up of Committee

The Board discussed the committee makeup assigned to review Seattle's minimum habitability requirements. The group agreed that the size of the committee should be:

- limited to 8-10 members if possible
- have 3-4 members from CCAB with the rest of CCAB members to participate as needed or as they desire
- The balance of the committee will be filled with representatives of other stake holders.

CCAB representatives will be:

- Judy Tucker, Committee Chair
- Jim Safranek
- Lachlan Foss
- Lilly Iftner

CCAB will extend invitations to:

- Dave Neiman
- Mike Perry
- Rick Lupton
- Scott Shapiro
- Cindi Barker
- Roger Valdez
- Low income housing representative

Action: Jenifer Gilliland will extend invitations to join the committee to the people on the list. Everyone else will be sent surveys. Lachlan Foss will contact people he knows to identify a low income housing representative. Judy Tucker will extend an invitation to Rick Lupton.

Development of Survey Questions

The board discussed the process of formulating questions for the survey. The board asked Jon Siu to clarify the mission of the committee. Jon said the purpose of the committee was to answer the question, "What are the minimum habitability standards that Seattle should



enforce?” The board discussed basic principles of the committee’s charter. They agreed that the committee should:

- Avoid drifting into discussions about land use issues. The committee will avoid discussing microhousing, while recognizing that land use impacts can be generated when unit dimensions change in the building code.
- Answer the question “what is livable?” When do units get so small that we cross a line into something that is unhealthy for occupants?
- Focus on size and dimensions of units.
- Make good design repeatable (if possible).

Action: Judy will develop 4 questions for the survey and present them to the committee. Lachlan will work with her on this. The questions will be reviewed during the next meeting.

Item 4: Agenda Items for next meeting

Discussion of the Healthy Homes Standard will be postponed until the new committee members join the group. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 20th, 2016 from 12 pm to 2 pm. The committee will welcome the new members and discuss the survey and questions.

Jon Siu will be at the National Code Hearings for the October 20th meeting but will join the meeting via conference call if the committee needs him to outline the mission of the committee to the new members.

Item 5: New business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

Item 6: Meeting adjourned

Action: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

