



Ventura Chapter of the INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2006 @ 12:00 P.M.

Location: Ottavio's Restaurant, 1620 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo, CA

Attendance: Chapter members and guests present: 28

Representatives of the following cities, counties and other agencies were present

CITIES		COUNTIES	AGENCIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agoura Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxnard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ventura County B&S	<input type="checkbox"/> CA Code Check
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camarillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Port Hueneme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ventura County FD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC Plumbing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fillmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Buenaventura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Barbara B&S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simpson Strong-tie
<input type="checkbox"/> Malibu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Paula	<input type="checkbox"/> Other V.Co. Agencies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Moorpark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simi Valley		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ojai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thousand Oaks		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles		

1.0 Call To Order: President Andrew Stuffer called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

1.1 Introduction of Program Speaker: Andrew welcomed and introduced the Ventura County Fire Marshall, Diane Morgan, and her staff.

2.0 Program: Diane Morgan presented the new Fire Sprinkler Ordinance and a 2006 Adoption Schedule. She elaborated on how the Fire Sprinkler adoption will progress through the various stages. She added building industry and public review is an integral part of this process.

By July 2006 the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will adopt the ordinance. Finally, six cities need to ratify prior to its effective date of November 5. Currently, the City of Ventura and Oxnard have similar ordinances in place. This new ordinance will require that all new single-family houses will have sprinklers. The cost of the system is \$1.20/sq. ft. Diane asked for the support of the Building Officials to adopt this sprinkler ordinance. There was a lot of discussion about when to require sprinklers for an addition/remodel situation. Copies of the proposed ordinance were distributed. Christina Jamison, a Ventura County Fire Official, was introduced. She was recently appointed to the California Building Standard Commission. She was also a recipient of the CALBO Fire Official of the Year Award. Christina spoke in support of the Fire Sprinkler Ordinance and elaborated on various safety aspects of the ordinance.

The following Fire Department Staff participated in this presentation: Massoud Araghi, Larry Williams and Christina Jamison. If you have any questions or need to know further details regarding this new Fire Sprinkler Ordinance, please call Diane Morgan at 805-389-9729.

The presentation ended, after a lively question and answer session, at 1:20 p.m.

3.0 Chapter Business

3.1 Approval of the Minutes: A motion to approve meeting minutes of February 15, 2006 was approved without any change.

3.2 Old Business

Andrew reported that he made contact with the management of the Pierpont Inn and it was agreed that the restaurant owner will provide a free happy hour in the second week of April for all who attended the installation dinner in January 2006.

3.3 New Business:

3.3.1 Andrew stated that our Chapter goals will be discussed in the next meeting and it will be e-mailed to all members prior to the next meeting. Andrew summarized the following goals, which will be accomplished this year:

1. Invite all Ventura County Fire Departments to participate in our chapter activity and program
2. Improve coordination with the Ventura County Counter Tech Association. A joint meeting with the counter tech group will be held in April 2006.

Further enhancement of our training program through a regional certification program. The certification program under consideration would establish a base-line understanding of common processes that all chapter jurisdictions are involved in such as: Code Enforcement, Planning Approvals, and Disaster Preparedness & Response. Please participate in our Training Committee. Our current Training Committee Chairman, Tom Harris, may be reached at cacodecheck@aol.com Members interested in participating in the CALBO/OES Safety Assessment Program should contact Jim McDonald, Chairman of this region's CALBO SAP Committee, at 805-582-8037.

3.4 Announcements by Jim McDonald

There are job announcements on the CALBO web site.

3.5 Treasurer's Report

3.5.1 Installation dinner cost was under the budgeted amount.

3.5.2 Members approved a motion to open a \$10,000 CD using funds that are not budgeted for this year's expense.

3.6 Code Discussion

3.6.1 Window replacement permit requirements were discussed. There are a lot of different practices in various jurisdictions. However, because of the energy requirement all windows now need to be checked for complying "u" value.

3.6.2 Jim McDonald proposed to form a Code Committee later to work on Code development and to participate in the State code adoption process.

3.6.3 Christina Jamison discussed code adoption at State level and activity of Fire and Building Officials' shops.

3.6.4 Also, a discussion regarding energy requirement was well participated in by the members.

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Education Committee: Tony Falcone reported that in the April meeting the committee will announce training programs. Many training courses are considered, particularly "Fire-stopping at Rated Penetrations" is to be presented in the next few months.

5.0 Other Reports

5.1 The membership was reminded of observing Building Safety Week on May 7-13, 2006.

5.2 Scholarship Committee report: Brian Meadows will give a scholarship award report at the next meeting.

5.3 Membership Committee report: Reminder to be sent to all members to renew their membership. Treasurer Dave Powers will send an invoice to members requesting payment of their calendar year 2006 membership dues promptly.

6.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.