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1. Opening Business

1:02 pm

- a. Call to Order (*Chair*)
 - i. Roll call (*Chair*) Present - Tom Bergey, Bryan Fisher, Liam Knecht, Colin Maynard, Nick Murray, Natalia Ruppert, Barrett Salisbury
 - ii. Guests - None
- b. Ethics Act (*Chair*) - Nothing new to report <http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html>
- c. Approval of the Agenda - Approved without objection.
- d. Review/Approval of February 15 2024, Meeting Minutes - Approved without objection.
- e. Budget Update - After expenditures on in person travel to Juneau, Commission will have some funds left. The Seismological Society workshop in Anchorage would be a good opportunity to use those funds, if someone is wanting to attend.
- f. Public Comment – Time provided no public comment.

2. New Business

- a. HB-150
 - i. Potential issues - T. Bergey had a half hour meeting with Speaker of the House Cathy Tilton, she had the following concerns with HB-150; The expansion of state Government, possibly restricting the potential for new developers/contractors to do business with Alaska, and that the rural inspections will take much longer for villages that are not on the road system and don't have access to a local building inspector. C. Maynard clarified that there are no new requirements for residential codes what they are changing is the language "building code" to "residential building code". All licensing is in place so this will not make it harder for new contractors to come in and do business in Alaska. Lastly allowing remote zoom and photograph inspections for those rural areas off the road system. T. Bergey suggested that there needs to be a standard of what photos should be provided for rural inspections.

- ii. ASHSC stance – Motion to approve House Bill with suggested changes. Approved without objections. C. Maynord will draft letter of approval supporting the SB-197 framework with requested changes as follows.
 - *The name of the council needs to be the Residential Building Council not the Building Code Council.*
 - *Inspectors are independent and not hired by the contractor.*
 - *One of the representatives on the council be from a rural area.*
 - *It is preferred to have someone with building code experience writing and adopting the codes.*Commission members proposed that when the legislation opens SB-197 for public testimony someone from the Commission should phone in and testify on behalf ASHSC.

b. HB-150 (substituted with) SB-197

- i. "An Act relating to residential building codes; relating to construction contractors and residential contractor endorsements; establishing the Alaska State Building Code Council; and providing for an effective date."
C. Maynord suggested ASHSC can place a letter, as to the Commissions position, into "Documents" under Bills and Laws in Alaska State Legislators home page.

3. Old Business

- a. Building Code Adoption & Enforcement & NEHRP ISEA grant
 - i. Subcommittee update *Fisher/Maynard* - No meetings yet, will convene the rest of the group probably by email rather than a meeting.
 - ii. Next step? Was draft RFP... is that still the goal? – B. Salisbury made DNR procurement department aware of ASHCS intentions. Draft RFP is still the goal. Proposed timeline in RFP B. Fisher should have a better idea of how that will look by next meeting.
- b. Annual Report last call for ASHSC related materials
- c. Standing invitation to collaborate with the Anchorage Municipality Geotechnical Advisory Committee (GAC) - C. Maynord and T. Bergey are willing to attend. B. Salisbury said he could possibly join them for a few meetings.
- d. FEMA P-366
 - i. Reactions to/discussions:
 - 1. P-366 – Commission wants to make suggestions to FEMA to update the new seismic hazard models, including tsunami damage hazards and aftereffects (such as liquification factor).
- e. Officiating Docs updated is still ongoing, volunteers listed below.
 - i. Charter (*Salisbury*)

- ii. Strategic Plan V3 (*Baczuk*)
- iii. Rules of Procedure (*Salisbury*)
- iv. ASHSC Role following sig. EQ (*Maynard*)

4. Briefings

- a. Alaska Earthquake Center (*Ruppert*)- *Nothing new to report.*
- b. AK Div. of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (*Salisbury*)- *DGGS new director is Melanie Werdon. There is a tsunami operations workshop in Seward funded by NOAA. Emergency exercises throughout Alaska and Maritime guidance workshop in Valdez. Western Susitna fieldwork and Dickinson highlands fieldwork.*
- c. AK Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (*Fisher/Picasso*)-*no update*
- d. AK Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities (*Murray*)- *Research proposal period just closed with quite a few requests.*

5. Closing Matters

- a. Next meeting – April 18, 2024 (*JBS conflict*) – *Meeting changed to Wednesday April 17th 12noon - 2pm*
- b. Current roster status – Dan Neuffer is moving and will be resigning from the Commission. Three seats are now open, Public Restricted seat, Local Government Rep. and Insurance Rep. seat. C. Maynard may know someone in the insurance industry to contact. B. Salisbury will send a message to Lori Wing-Heier about a possible Insurance Rep. Lastly Brenda Alburg, Emergency Manager of Kenia Borough expressed an interest in being a member and would be able to fill the Local Gov. Rep. seat.
- c. Commission Chair volunteer needed.
- d. Final comments ad hoc
 - *EEW System implementation plan, DGGS has concerns about cost but will most likely support the theory.*
 - *C. Maynard would like to discuss, in a future meeting, what happens post-earthquake, who takes charge of what aspect. ASHSC has policy recommendations and requested more information on the Relief from Liability Clause for trained volunteers who are assigned to tasks.*
 - *T. Bergey suggested advertising with the Alaska Municipal League to fill the empty Commission seats.*

-ADJOURN-

2:40 pm