

Minutes

AdHoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings

Feb. 8, 2005

1:30pm PST (3:30pm CST)

1. Introductions: Mr. Paul Armstrong called role. The following is a list of those present and those absent:
 - a. William Connelly
 - b. Derek Horn
 - c. Gary C. Lewis
 - d. Lanny McMahill
 - e. Ken Rice
 - f. Jim Schifiliti
 - g. Dan Smits
 - h. Paul Armstrong, Secretariat
 - i. Tom Frost, ICC Staff
 - j. Dave Bowman, ICC Staff
 - k. Ed Wirtschoreck, ICC StaffThose absent:
Howard John Baumgartel
Edmund Goodfield
Ray Moore
2. Discussion of AdHoc Committee startup: Mr. Tom Frost briefed the committee on the genesis of this Ad Hoc Committee. He indicated that a letter from Mr. William Connelly to Mr. James Lee Witt was presented to the ICC Board of Directors with the recommendation that a committee be set up to discuss such issues.
3. Election of Chair and Vice-chair: Mr. Jim Schifiliti nominated Mr. Connelly for Chair. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lanny McMahill nominated Mr. Derek Horn for Vice-chair. That motion also passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of Scope and Workplan: Mr. Connelly begun the discussion by addressing the first step of this committee. He indicated that the organization should reach out to other organizations that are involved or interested in the protection of buildings from acts of terrorism. Organizations such as the Infrastructure Protection Directorate, NIST, and FEMA all have similar interest and activities in this area. He went on to state that the State of New Jersey publishes a set of best practice documents. ACTION: Mr. Connelly will send the documents or a link to the documents to the secretariat for committee dissemination. Mr. Horn also asked that the secretariat distribute the previous code development cycle's proposal that were directly linked to providing terrorism resistant buildings.

There was further discussion on contacting other interested groups, such as IAFC, ACI, AISC, AF&PA, ANSI, NFPA and NIBS. The idea is to make them aware of this committee and its direction. The tracking of the NIST activities was felt to be vital. ACTION: Mr. Armstrong will determine and report on the status of NIST activities. Also, it was decided that the secretariat will send the link to FEMA 426 to the committee members for their review. Also, it was requested that the City of New York amendments and the U. S. GSA regulations relating to terrorism resistant buildings be sent to the committee by the secretariat.

Mr. Tom Frost addressed the need to develop a draft scope and work plan for the committee to follow. The scope was to address related operational issues, construction/alteration of structures and exterior protection issues. ACTION: It was decided that ICC staff would develop a working scope and work plan and submit it to the committee for discussion at their next meeting.

The development of code criteria was also discussed. There were concerns that due to the lack of success of the previous code proposals that addressed such issues that much of the work of this committee might not make it into the body of the ICC codes. The committee then discussed the development of appendices to the related codes as a means to provide the information to those jurisdictions that want to use and not force those that are not interested to have to amend it out of the codes. This was felt to be a prudent approach.

5. Discussion of committee activities: The discussion of these items are discussed in item 4 above.
6. Adjournment: The next meeting of the committee will be called by the chair based on the availability of the requested information. The conference call was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm PST.