

**Minutes
Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings
August 2, 2005 Conference Call
12:00 P.M. CDT**

Committee Members Present:

Derek Horn (Vice-Chair)
H. John Baumgartel
Edmund Goodfield
Gary C. Lewis (joined conference call after June 14 minutes were approved)
Lanny McMahill
Dan Smits

Committee Members Absent:

William Connolly (Chair)
Ray Moore
Ken Rice
Jim Schifiliti

ICC Staff:

John Battles, Staff Liaison
Tom Frost, Senior VP
Mike Pfeiffer, VP / Codes and Standards
Lauren Crane

1. Call to Order:

Vice Chair Horn called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m. CDT.

2. Approval of June 14, 2005 conference call minutes.

Motion (Lanny McMahill) and second (Jim Schifiliti) carried to approve the minutes as written.

3. Discussion of Scope and Work Plan.

The discussion of the work plan centered on the following issues:

The committee should do the following:

Look at the construction of WTC #7 which is currently underway.

Identify all resources and get a copy of them.

Decide if the committee is going to establish risk parameters?

Identify problems to be solved; i.e. risk analysis (qualitatively not quantitatively)

Determine how representative the WTC Report is relative to the broader scope of buildings?

Determine where is the need greatest for the buildings that will be evaluated by the committee?

Determine if there issues that are recommendable but are not possible as code changes such as best practices, guidelines, and standards.

Recommendations must have the force of the code behind them.

Develop a white paper regarding recommendations that may not end up being code change proposals. Use the white paper to gather support of the ideas before the code change proposals are developed. The white paper could be used as a statement of position in addition to the code change proposals.

Since operational issues may not gain the support from the membership, these types of provisions may be better suited for an appendix of the IFC.

The committee should not overreact regarding code change proposals for all buildings.

The terrorism resistant features should not be exposed; otherwise the terrorists will know what they need to overcome.

Evaluate the need for the development of standards. The need for standards development could be stated in the "white paper".

As the committee progresses, the work plan may need to be adjusted.

Motion (H. John Baumgartel) and second (Lanny McMahill) carried to approve the work plan as modified with the modification being the addition of "and white paper" to item 4. (See Attachment #1).

4. Discussion of the "NIST Response to the World Trade Center Disaster" dated June 23, 2005.

Since the material sent to the committee contained only the abridged recommendations, this item was tabled until the next meeting. The committee will be provided with the executive summary, complete recommendations, and full report. These documents can be found at <http://wtc.nist.gov>

The committee needs to evaluate the report as it applies to the broader built environment.

The Discovery Channel presented a program on the reconstruction of WTC #7.

ACTION: Staff will check on the availability of recording of the program.

5. Status of Mr. Baumgartel's nondisclosure agreement with ICC in order for the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings to review the "Architectural Surety Code".

There has been no action. Mr. Baumgartel stated that he has sent a proposed agreement to Tom Frost.

Before we can proceed with this issue, ICC needs to see a nondisclosure agreement and a representative portion of the document.

6. Other Business - Correlation between the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings and the Code Technology Committee.

Mike Pfeiffer explained the operation of the Code Technology Committee. They are currently studying 5 or 6 items. Three of the items are carbon monoxide detectors, balanced fire protection, and the use of elevators as a means of egress.

Since ASME is also studying the use of elevators as a means of egress, the Code Technology Committee is holding off any action on this item.

In order for prevent the two committees from studying the same issues and possible going in different direction, the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism Resistant Buildings and the Code Technology Committee need to communicate.

7. Next Step.

The committee will review the NIST report on the World Trade Center executive summary, complete recommendations, and full report. These documents can be found at <http://wtc.nist.gov>

The next meeting will be August 23, 2005, 12:00 P.M. CDT.

8. Adjournment.

The conference call was adjourned at approximately 12:50 P.M. CDT.

ATTACHMENT #1

Ad Hoc Committee for Terrorist Resistant Building

Scope:

Develop recommendations for a regulatory response to potential terrorism activities against the built environment.

Work Plan:

1. Identify needs
2. Perform cost/benefit consideration, i.e. is it practical?
3. Identify resources (reports, standards, guides, etc.)
4. Develop proposed code changes and white paper.
5. Submit proposed changes
6. Review changes submitted by others
7. Participate in code development process
8. Repeat as needed