

Draft Minutes
HUD Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee
Technical Systems Subcommittee
March 8, 2011
Sheraton Suites Alexandria
Alexandria, Virginia
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Meeting opening

Acting Chairman Santana opened the meeting. Chairman Luttich was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. King noted that he had declined serving as Acting Chair as he had no familiarity with the issues before the Subcommittee. Mr. Toner called the roll; guests introduced themselves. Mr. Santana noted that the Subcommittee was to review the open Logs assigned to it and make a recommendation of action to be taken.

Review of assigned proposals

Log 16

It was noted that HUD has already updated the reference standard to the 2005 edition. It was moved, seconded and passed that Log 16 be removed from the Tracking Log.

Log 17

It was noted that Log 17 is redundant with the prior changes made with Logs 4 and 5. It was unanimously recommended that Log 17 be removed from the Tracking Log.

Log 18

It was noted that the recommendation in Log 18 exceeds the requirements of the NEC 2005 edition which HUD has adopted. It was moved and seconded that Log 18 be rejected. Vote failed, 4 in favor, 4 opposed. Given the tie vote, it was recommended that the Log be kept open pending receipt of more information, including the background information considered by the NEC.

Log 19

It was noted that Log 19 is redundant with the prior changes made with Logs 4 and 5. It was unanimously recommended that Log 19 be removed from the Tracking Log.

Log 20

It was noted that Log 20 updates the referenced standards from 1985 or 1995 editions to 2001 or 2002 editions. It is likely there are even later editions. It was noted that none of the members were familiar with the later standards and there was a concern that the may be significant changes. It was also noted that it is unlikely that windows and doors certified to the older standards would be available. It was moved, seconded and carried, 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstaining that Log 20 be recommended for approval by the MHCC.

Log 25

Ms. Desfosses stated that the costs to implement this requirement would be substantial without any indication of a problem. Mr. Lubliner noted that in 1994 HUD required whole house exhaust fans. Mr. Freeborne noted that continuously operating fans are

unrealistic. Owners do not like them and will turn them off. Mr. Poggione recommended that Log 25 be accepted-in-principle with the requirement be made optional. Recommendation passed - 5 in favor, 2 opposed.

Log 28

It was noted that the MHCC had previously rejected requiring appliances to be Energy Star labeled. It was also noted that Energy Star requirements are beyond energy code requirements. Subcommittee recommends rejection, 6 in favor – 2 opposed.

Log 30

Log 30 was rejected as it is similar to Log 25 which was accepted-in-principle.

Log 33

Log 33 was rejected, 5 in favor, 2 opposed as it is similar to Log 25 which was accepted-in-principle.

Log 57

Mr. Lubliner, who was the submitter of the proposal, withdrew the proposal.

Log 58

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Log 59

Log 59 was rejected as it is similar to Log 25 which was accepted-in-principle.

Log 61

Log 61 was rejected as the new energy standards will make incandescent light bulbs illegal.

Log 63

It was recommended that Log 63 be kept open.

Log 64

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Log 65

Mr. Lubliner, who was the submitter of the proposal, withdrew the proposal as the issue is being addressed by DOE.

Adjournment

The subcommittee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members – Santana, Freeborne, Lubliner, King, Stamer, Poggione, Desfosses, Mazz, Nelson

AO –Toner

HUD –Cocke, Everett, Ferrante, Pethel