

# Building Code Series 1 TAG

## Meeting Notes

**Date:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021

**Meeting Location:** WebEx Event

### Call to order:

Scott McKown called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

### Attendance:

TAG Members present: Scott McKown (DLI), Karen Gridley (DLI), Irene Kao (League of Minnesota Cities), Charlie Vander Aarde (Metro Cities), Mark Foster (Alternate -Housing First Minnesota), Brian Hoffman (City of St. Louis Park), Sarah Strong-Belisle (Alternate -MN AIA) Kurt Welker (Welker Custom Homes), Barry Greive (Target Corporation), Ken Hinz (CBS Construction Services, Inc), and John Smith (Michaud Cooley Erickson)

TAG members absent: Simone Fischer (MSR Design) and Nick Erickson (Housing First Minnesota)

Guests attending: Chad Payment (DLI), Amanda Spuckler (DLI), Steve Shold (DLI), Brittany Wysokinski (DLI), Jeff Lebowski (DLI) Roslyn Robertson (DLI), Kate Perushek (DLI), Mark Brunner, Rick Hermans, Matt Spellman, Nick Henly, David McDonald, Joseph Briscar, Daniel Lightfoot, Rebecca Olson, Nicole Westfall, John Davis, Sarah Anderson, Ben Rabe, Kristin Mroz, Bob Ruprecht, Chris Weaver, Nick McNeely, and Representative Steve Elkins

#### 1. Call to order

- WebEx instructions/procedures

#### 2. Discussion of TAG recommendations and comments for adult changing tables.

- The TAG members' consensus is the TAG recommendations and comment form for adult changing tables does not need further revision.

#### 3. Discussion of TAG recommendations and comments for annual report requirements.

- The Department is willing to continue to work with stakeholders to revise the form to collect additional information.
- TAG members supported increasing the reporting threshold but were uncertain as to how many municipalities would be affected by the increase. Furthermore, the municipalities would still need to calculate permit fees collected to determine if they are under the reporting threshold.

- The TAG members' consensus is the TAG recommendations and comment form does not need further revision.

#### 4. Discussion of TAG recommendations and comments for permit fee calculation.

- Some TAG members did not feel it was appropriate to state that there is a consensus regarding any item related to the calculation of permit fees and suggested revisions to the form to reflect that position.
- Some TAG members were uncertain if calculating permit fees based on square footage would improve housing affordability.
- TAG members discussed setting a uniform statewide valuation based on square foot construction cost through administrative rulemaking. This approach may result in more uniform permit fees across the state but there may also continue to be outliers with higher permit fees because the municipality would have the authority to adopt the fee schedule based on uniform statewide valuation.
- A TAG member stated that there is little variation in permit fees across municipalities, but development fees can vary.
- Many TAG members did not think changes to the permit fees calculation is necessary. However, if the Legislature feels strongly that it is an issue then an approach that requires DLI to establish a statewide valuation on a cost-per-square-foot basis is acceptable.

#### 5. Discussion of TAG recommendations and comments for Residential Energy Code return on investment and no new code adoption until 2026.

- A TAG member suggested revisions to the first item to clarify that "model codes" and "I-codes" refers to building codes and revisions to the second item to state that a minority of TAG members though statutory changes are necessary.
- The Department's current code adoption process is effective, efficient, and includes cost evaluations.
- A public chat comment suggested that the revisions to clarify that Minnesota adopted the 2012 edition of the model residential energy code in 2015

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:15 PM

**Prepared by:** Scott McKown