

Minutes – Regular Meeting
BUILDING CODES ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 18, 2022, 5:30PM

Roll Call and Call to Order

PRESENT: Chair Kelly, Commissioners Heitzman, Nussbaum, Floody, Michelotti, & Staff Liaison Cutaia

QUORUM: The meeting was called to order at 5:30am and a quorum was declared.

MINUTES

- Minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Commission welcomed Guest Speaker Marcella Bondie Keenan, VOP Sustainability Coordinator. She presented a power point presentation on Climate Ready-Oak Park. It is estimated that the plan is expecting to electrify 50% of Oak Park homes within 7 years.
- The Commission asked a round of questions, and Marcella responded. Some topics discussed are utility capabilities, affordability, creating a stretch codes, electric service upgrades, electrification of the firehouse, historic impact,

PUBLIC COMMENT

A slightly edited comment -

I'm writing to ask the Building Codes Advisory Commission to consider a few options when drafting a building code for Oak Park.

The recent Oak Park climate plan calls on the Village to "establish and implement an energy stretch code for new construction and major renovations that requires enhanced building system performance, electrification, and readiness for on-site solar energy and electric vehicle (EV) charging."

Many Oak Parkers are interested in electrifying existing buildings. Could a building code require buildings undergoing major renovations to convert to electric systems, as the plan suggests?

In addition, a building code should require new buildings to be solar-ready and EV-ready, as the plan suggests. Chicago's proposed energy code requires some buildings to be solar-ready.

Embodied emissions make up a large part of emissions from buildings. Vancouver, Canada recently set a goal to reduce embodied emissions by 40% by 2030. Could a building code address embodied emission in some way?

I urge the Building Codes Advisory Commission to investigate electrification for renovations, solar-readiness, EV-readiness, and embodied emissions. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

*On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 4:36 PM Alex McLees <amcleese@gmail.com> wrote:
> Alex McLeese, 725 S. East Ave.*

OLD BUSINESS

- The Commission discussed code enforcement to address the Climate Ready-Oak Park task.
- The Commission briefly discussed energy audits and funding.
- Liaison Cutaia requested a motion on the Commission's stance on starting on reviewing the 2021 International Codes. Commission East motioned, Commissioner Nussbaum second, motioned carried. Liaison Cutaia mentioned he'll order the code books.
- The Commission discussed briefly what minimum energy efficiency codes that can be altered.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.