

HOME FOR LIFE TASK FORCE
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229
Tuesday, July 27, 2010

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Coral Andrews (Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Jackie Boland (AARP), Bill Brizee (State Building Code Council), Karen Iwamoto (Building Industry Association), Lei Learmont, Lucy Lessard (American Physical Therapy Association), Jack Levin (Architect, Cleve and Levin), Amy Monk, Bonnie Osaki (Certified AIP Specialist), Joan Riggs (ASID Professor of Interior Design), Holly Boling Ruiz (American Society of Interior Design), Eudie Schick (PABEA Chair), Dexter Suzuki (EOM Hawaii), Valorie Taylor (CFS), Francine Wai (Executive Director, State Disability and Communications Access Board), Hannah Wong (Architect, Pacific Atelier), Joy Yadao (St. Francis Hawaii)

Members Excused: Tony Lenzer, Toby Morris (Contractor), Marni Murdock (Architect, AHL Design), Richard Olmsted (AIA), and Richard Port

Others in Attendance: Debbie Morikawa,(Director, City Dept of Community Services) Sen. Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Ruth H. Kam (Realtor), Angie Hoffman, John Pedemonte (MetLife Inc.), Melissa Vomvoris (Sen. Ihara's office)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Francine Wai at approximately 4:40pm. Introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Co-chair Wai announce that she receive a letter of resignation from member Barbara Iuli, because she was not able to devote the necessary time to the Task Force.

It was moved by Bill Brizee to accept Barbara Iuli's resignation, and seconded by Lei Learmont. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Review and approve the minutes of June 30, 2010:

Jackie Boland requested to correct her name. No other changes.

It was moved by Holly Boling Ruiz and seconded by Bill Brizee to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Morikawa reminded the Task Force members that the permitted interaction groups, when reporting to the full board with recommendations, the recommendations cannot be acted on until the next meeting of the Board, according to the Sunshine Law.

III. Survey Summary:

Co-chair Wai asked the members to review the Survey Monkey Response Aggregation noting that each sub-committee should utilize their relevant sections of the survey to help them proceed. Comments to the survey were:

- Any construction done over \$1000.00 is required by law to be done by a licensed contractor. We should also identify trained contractors in the areas that are needed.
- Each committee should look at cost and implementation. Maybe look at creating a “How to Booklet”.
- A Guide for Industry Professionals and a Guide for the Public should be produced separately.
- List of what the barriers are in Hawaii, what do contractors need, contractors v. handyman? Education and planning for life.
- AARP has a national Home Modification Guide that could be useful in creating a guide specific to Hawaii.
- Providing the consumers the regulations for home modifications is important.

IV. Announcement of National Conference on Universal Design and Housing:

Conference October 9 – 12 in St. Louis, focused on Universal Design and Housing with workshops primarily on best practices and multigenerational and accessible housing. The cost is \$400.00 to attend besides the airfare. Unfortunately, the task force does not have any money. If there is anyone that is willing to attend on their own or know or any source of funding please let the task force know.

V. Reports from Working Groups:

Group 1 – Codes & Laws: The investigative committee met on July 26th. In gist, the group broke down the scope in sub-divisions and decided to seek help from the counties. Debbie Morikawa volunteered to be the go between and suggested giving her specific questions and she will get the input from the counties. Written report submitted and will be distributed with the minutes at the next meeting.

Group 2 – Home Modification for Accessible Living: The committee met on July 20th. They will be developing a survey for consumers, trades people and senior networks. They discussed products that could be brought to Hawaii for local contractors. Need to educate people on preparing for their future needs such as, caregivers and home modifications. Considered cost savings for keeping people at home longer. Written report submitted and to be attached to the minutes.

Group 3 – Assessing At-Risk Persons and Home Environments: have not met

Group 4 - Universal Design: have not met

Groups 5 - Guide for Industry Professionals and the Public: met but could not come up with anything because the other committees need to do the work first. They discussed the format for a booklet and website but a website might be difficult because someone will have to update and maintain it on a regular basis. Discussed a guide for public education geared for the homeowner. No written report submitted.

Group 6 – Best Industry Practices: did not meet.

VI. Task Force Organization:

Co-chair asked the members if committee groups 5 & 6 could be put on hold until the end and the current members of these committees could disperse amongst the other committees. There were no objections.

VII. Timeframe for Task Force Work:

Co-chair Wai & Riggs met with Sen. Ihara to ask for the expectations and overall scope that the Legislature will be looking for in this report. Per the discussion a proposed schedule of meetings was created. Hand-out of the schedule was provided to all members. It was agreed that all meetings will be on a Tuesday at 4:30pm. Meetings are scheduled at 5 week intervals to give the permitted interaction groups time to meet, research and compile. Each group shall determine the scope of their work accomplishable in Phase I by November 16, 2010. The Interim/Preliminary report is due to the Legislature on December 31, 2010.

a. Next Meeting date:

Tuesday August 31, 2010 at 4:30pm, Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229

VIII. Adjournment:

Co-chair Wai adjourned the meeting with no objections at 6:01pm.