**Builder Round Table Meeting Notes**

**November 2017**

**\*Representatives from NNFD and GNFD also participated in this round table. Dale Fry (NNFD) and Shawn Hansen (GNFD)**

**Builder Questions/Responses:**

**FIRE DISTRICT QUESTIONS:**

Are the fire districts moving toward electronic filing: Yes but no specific date given as of yet.

There were questions on the permit/SDP process which was implemented this past year in terms of revision costs. Fire District representatives requested that we share any examples of costs associated with this change in process. No examples were readily available among participants. As a result of this discussion, please see follow-up response from NNFD and GNFD:

NNFD Response:

To the recollection of NNFD Plans Reviewers, there has not been any rejection solely on the basis of not having an approved SDP since the inception of this change at CCGM dated August 1, 2017. Prior to our November Builder Round Table meeting, this was not being tracked. However, as of 11/17/17, it is being tracked by NNFD. If any contractor has an example, please let Dale Fry know and he will look into this matter.

GNFD Response:

Shawn Hanson spoke about this with GNFD Senior Fire Plans Reviewer and he has stated there are no instances of the building permit being rejected based on the SDP not being completed.  However, there are a couple of instances where the building permit has passed and a permit hold placed on it pending the approval of the SDP.  In these cases, once the SDP has been approved the simultaneous review takes place and both permits are released assuming they match up (no additional fees have been issued in this scenario). If there is a specific instance where this was not the case, Shawn Hanson will look into it and address accordingly.

If you have an example please share permit number with Kathy so we can forward to fire district.

Is the fire alarm or fire sprinkler permit what governs code they are to be reviewed under: Fire plans review will apply the code that is adopted at the time the permit is applied for.

**County Questions:**

At what percentage is testing required for additions, alterations, renovations or repairs of thermal envelope of existing buildings in which the new construction is less than 85 percent of the building thermal envelope.

Response via Code: R402.4.1.2 Testing.

The building or dwelling unit shall be tested and verified as having an air leakage rate not exceeding seven air changes per hour in Climate Zones

1 and 2, and three air changes per hour in Climate Zones 3 through 8. Testing shall be conducted in accordance with ANSI/RESNET/ICC 380 and

reported at a pressure of 0.2 inch w.g. (50 pascals). Testing shall be conducted by either individuals as defined in Section 553.993(5) or (7),

Florida Statutes, or individuals licensed as set forth in Section 489.105(3)(f), (g) or (I) or an approved third party. A written report of the results of the test shall be signed by the party conducting the test and provided to the code official. Testing shall be performed at any time after creation of all penetrations of the building thermal envelope.

Exception:

Testing is not required for additions, alterations, renovations or repairs of the building thermal envelope of existing buildings in which the new construction is less than 85 percent of the building thermal envelope.

Shear Wall Inspections/Zip Wall inspections are under the same 105 code and becomes very confusing. Can the County clarify: County will look into separating these inspections if possible to help clarify for contractors.

**Fire Updates:**

Shawn Hanson shared that the new Fire Prevention Codes will become effective in January 2018. They will be providing training to contractors in January and will let us know the date/time/registration procedure as soon as the date is confirmed.

Currently fire districts are reviewing their fee structure and once qa final draft is available they will share with CBIA for industry input.

**County Updates:**

Hurricane Irma permits are holding up all permits as they entail a 40% increase in permit applications. As a result one day turnaround has become 5 day turnaround.

Subcontractor Affirmation is now available online at the County site. Contractors can begin using it immediately …please note it will be required as of January 1, 2018. 2018.

Jonathan Walsh is proposing changes to incorporate “policies and procedures” into the building code (see attached). The vast majority are standards CCGM already do and some additional changes and improvements based upon most recent issues or events. Jonathan Walsh shared that he hopes to amend the upcoming county adoption ordinance with these changes in February. The current ordinance 2015-36 which adopted the 5th edition of the FBC will be amended to adopt the 6th Edition of the FBC which will be presented to the BCC this month and in effect as of 12/31/17 or 1/1/18. Jonathan Walsh is planning to have the attached chapter one on the BCC agenda for January with adoption in February.

Jonathan would like input from members of CBIA and if there is enough interest we could schedule a meeting to discuss. Please contact Kathy (Kathy@cbia.net) if you have input and/or would like to meet with Jonathan concerning this issue. .