

Building Inspection Advisory Council  
11.27.12  
5:30 PM  
Building 10 – City View Conference Room  
Minutes

In attendance:

Mike Mitchell – building Inspector, City of San Francisco  
Marty Cooper, Chief Building Inspector, Foster City  
Mark Nolfi, Building Inspector, Foster City  
Brent Hipsher, Building Inspector, City of Palo Alto  
Dawn Anderson, Architect  
Rich Halloran, Building Inspector, City of San Francisco  
David Newton, HERS rater specialist and General Contractor

Welcome

Review of Curriculum – Current status discussion

1. New requirement for update every 24 months and how much change is ongoing in this discipline. This led to discussion of timeliness for restructuring the certificates and degrees to create a stackable pathway to employment.
2. Discussion of the need to redesign courses if new certificates and degrees were developed took place. A detailed discussion of a proposal to consolidate the content of the 700, 710 and 750 courses into a single 6 unit class took place. This was a very active back-and-forth dialog with many views expressed. The group concluded that this would simplify the requirements for the major and reduce the number of semesters required to graduate.
3. Another idea was brought forth for a new Certificate of Specialization. This also generated a very active dialog and the following was agreed upon:

BLDG 720	Electrical Inspection I	3 units
BLDG 760	Energy Regulations	3 units
BLDG 730	Plumbing Inspection	3 units
BLDG 740	Mechanical Code	3 units
BLDG 775	Intro to Residential	3 units
TBD	Additional Introductory Info	2 units
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17 units</b>

## Review of Industry Changes – impact on program

1. Discussion took place around the new California Building Code that incorporates green technology options and sustainable practices in the various parts of the code (specialty areas like electrical and plumbing).
2. The recommendation was made that all courses be reviewed and updated to incorporate these changes. However, the general standard would be the International Building Code.

## General Discussion

This was a general updating about the various departments and the uptick in the number of building permits being issued.