School Safety Subworkgroup

Code Change Subworkgroup Meeting Summary 9:30 A.M., July 11, 2019 Virginia Housing Center 4224 Cox Road Glen Allen, VA

No members of the Board of Housing and Community Development attended the workgroup meeting.

Meeting Overview

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss school safety related issues, in particular, door locking and barricade devices. The meeting was a continuation of discussions from the June 12, 2019 meeting.

Discussion

VFPA presented their position to not support Mr. Kenney Payne's proposal due to accessibility concerns.

Mr. Catlett arrived and summarized previous discussions. There was discussion amongst the workgroup clarifying certain positions.

At the end of the morning it was determined there was not consensus on any of the proposed paths forward.

The group discussed Mr. Payne's proposal but no consensus was reached.

Ms. Laura Frye of the Door and Hardware Institute provided a presentation of current locking mechanisms permitted in Code.

At the end of the meeting it was determined that there were four options for the group to pursue:

- 1. Do nothing leave 2018 IBC language as is.
- 2. Prohibit barricades increase lock/door requirements.
- 3. Allow barricades meeting requirements for deployment, heights, and first responder access from outside the classroom as an appendix.
- 4. Allow barricades meeting the same requirements as 3 above as part of the 2018 code language.

Future Discussion

Draft code change proposals will be provided for each option by Mr. Payne.

A detailed meeting summary can be found at the following link – https://va.cdpaccess.com (login required but registration is free)