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Now, I personally want to object to SECTION 10. "As protection against mosquitoes, flies and other insects, every door opening directly from a dwelling unit to outdoor space shall be equipped with screens and every window or other device with openings to outdoor space used or intended to be used for ventilation shall likewise be equipped with screens. (as amended).

This provision would declare my house sub-standard. I do not have a screen on my front door. It is a solid wooden door not intended for ventilation and remains closed (the door jam is not connected either - too much of a nuisance); there is no screen door and I do not want one - in the interest of aesthetics. Every person sitting at the table agreed this makes their home substandard. I thought you might enjoy a good laugh at this!

Mr. Albert found something very interesting in the files. It seems that back in 1954 Orlando was able to get through the legislature some enabling legislation authorizing Orlando to pass a minimum housing code. I do not recall the ~~xxxxxxx~~ number of the act, but I read the pertinent portion and I certainly believe a code is specifically authorized. Of course, Mr. Albert in his thoroughness is asking the City Solicitor to ascertain whether or not this grants the necessary authorization.

It will be interesting to find out what the Board of Realtors do to the proposed ordinance. Of course, they will have to pass it before the City Council will consider the proposal.

The above changes are as far as we got in yesterday's session. We will meet on it again later. In the meantime I believe Ralph and Albert will get together to review it before I meet with them again.