

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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August 22, 2003
9:00 a.m.

General Board and Business Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Mr. Davis, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Paul Davis, Chair
Collene Walter
Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley
Philip Graham

Board Member Absent:

Elizabeth Anne Gillick, Vice-Chair

Others Present:

Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Rosanna Catalano, Board Counsel
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel
Terri Estes, Government Analyst
David Nam

Review of Continuing Education Providers and Courses

The McGee Group, Provider Application

Construction Document Technology, Course application

Ms. Walter presented the provider and course applications. She commented that the instructor was previously approved for Fladd & Associates and he is now out on his own. She stated that the course was complete and the 12 hours requested were justified.

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to approve the provider and course applications.

SECOND: Ms. Walter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Graham commented that he did not feel the manual was necessary for the agenda. He commented that Ms. Walter does a review and he does not feel it

necessary to include all of the information. Ms. Walter commented that she would only include pertinent information for the board to review. She commented that she would include everything if she recommended denial or if the approval was questionable.

The question was called and it passed unanimously.

Ratification List – (e-mail)

Ms. Estes pulled Florida Design Consultants from the ratification list due to civil litigation. She commented that the application would be brought before the board at the next available meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Walter moved to approve HNTB Corporation.

SECOND: Mr. Graham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion

Florida Building Commission, August 13, 2003 – Collene Walter

Florida Building Commission, Modifications 702 and 703 – revised letter

Ms. Walter commented that this was the revised letter and the communications department has reviewed and made some modifications. Ms. Chastain commented that the letter quotes the statute and she was not going to make the modifications but wanted the board's direction. Ms. Walter and Mr. Graham commented that they would like to quote the statute where necessary and make grammar changes as needed.

The board members reviewed the letter and requested that it include at the end of the second paragraph tangible objects and other structures, such as, kiosks, gazebos, fences, retaining walls, trellis', walks, fountains, ramps, shelters, including pools and spas.

Ms. Walter asked if any of the board members had a copy of the prior Building Code that included landscape architects. Mr. Davis commented that Florida tracks the 1997 Southern Standard Building Code and it does not include landscape architects. He commented that the International Code originally did not include landscape architects but the language now reads design professional as defined by state statute.

Mr. Nam commented that architects and engineers are mentioned in the current code and they have multiple representation on the Commission. He commented that the language the board's proposed is specific to including landscape architecture. He commented that recommending removal of specific professions such as architects and engineers may not benefit the board.

Mr. Nam commented that the Technical Advisory Committee oppose the amendments based on they did not want the code littered with references to

various professions. He commented that the board should recommend recognition based on the statute but use caution because of the sensitivity of the Commission member's profession. He encouraged the board to focus on landscape architecture. He commented that the Committee voiced a concern that including landscape architecture would expand the scope of practice for landscape architects. He commented that it would be useful to include in Modifications 702 and 703 that the proposed amendment does not expand the practice of landscape architecture beyond what is provided for in Florida Statutes.

After discussion the board requested that a sentence be included to read, "As a matter of law it does not have the effect of expanding the practice of landscape architecture beyond that allowed by Chapter 481, Part II, Florida Statutes.

Ms. Walter commented that Dick Browdy voted positively for the amendment and agreed to pull from the consent agenda for reconsideration. She commented that Suzanne Marshall would also support the amendment. She commented that members with ASLA that are located in Orlando would lobby with the Committee members regarding the amendments.

Ms. Walter commented that the 45-day comment period for the amendments would expire midnight September 12, 2003. She commented that she would be attending the Building Commission meeting October 12-15, 2003 when the amendments would be considered.

CLARB resolutions

Ms. Marshall-Beasley referred the board to resolution 2, paragraph 3, landscape architecture insures that specialties in new areas of practice are acknowledged, embraced and practiced responsibly, she underlined practiced responsibly. She commented that under the strategic plan CLARB mentioned exploring testing new specialties and certifying those specialties. She commented she was not pleased with the idea because this was more for marketing purposes and they are expanding their scope.

Mr. Graham commented that it appears the vision for CLARB is to be a global organization.

New Business

The board scheduled a telephone conference call September 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Walter requested that the web site reflect that all continuing education applications must be submitted 60 days prior to offering the course.

Old Business

Ms. Marshall-Beasley commented that she allowed an attorney to review the FNGA letter and he recommended that there should be a date specified for response from them. Mr. Davis commented that they have made a good faith effort. After discussion the board determined to send the letter with no revisions.

Ms. Chastain informed the board how the department would be handling the 100% continuing education monitoring. She commented that 90 days after the renewal period the department will audit licensees, and the licensees not in compliance will be notified that they are not of such. She commented that in mid cycle of the next renewal period, the department would perform another audit and the department may take disciplinary action against the licensees still not in compliance. She commented that the licensees not in compliance would not be renewed. She commented that they would be put on notice so by the next renewal cycle they will not be renewed.

Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Graham moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Ms. Walter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.