MINUTES

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 23, 2006 @ 12:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Walter called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Collene Walter
Elizabeth Gillick
Philip Graham
Paul Davis
Elizabeth Marshall-Beasley

MEMBERS ABSENT
Robert Bowden – Excused

OTHERS PRESENT
Diane Guillemette, Board Counsel
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
James Towery
Hilton Meadows
Jeff Caster
David Nam

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCE
Mr. Towery was present and was not represented by counsel.
Ms. Walter advised the board that Mr. Towery was making one of his
appearances before the board for 2006. She stated that he fulfilled his
appearance requirements for 2005.
Mr. Towery advised the board that he had recently moved and he still had to take
his eight hours of continuing education that was required in his final order. He
stated that he would be fulfilling that requirement in the next few months.
Towery asked the board if they had scheduled any meetings in 2006 in the South Florida area.

Ms. Walter advised Mr. Towery that a meeting was scheduled in Orlando for October 27, 2006.

Mr. Towery advised the board that he would probably make his in person appearance at the October 27, 2006 meeting.

Ms. Walter asked Mr. Towery if he had updated his address with the Department.

Ms. Tinsley advised the board that he had updated his address.

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to accept Mr. Towery’s probation appearance.

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

**REVIEW OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND COURSES**

Ms. Marshall-Beasley reviewed the continuing education provider and course applications with the board.

**MOTION:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the following provider application.

**SECOND:** Mr. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Kompan Unique Playgrounds*

**Provider Application**

**MOTION:** Ms. Gillick made a motion to approve the following continuing education course applications.

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

*University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities*

*Low Impact Development Practices for Florida: Stormwater – 8 hours*

*Green Industries Institute for Professional Development*

*Tree Architecture in Urban Landscapes – 4 hours*
Kompan Unique Playgrounds

*Play to Grow: 2-5; Play for a Playful Age: 5-12 – 2 hours*

Allen M. Weiss

*Florida Energy Code – Commercial Building Compliance – Lighting – 1 hour*

American Society of Landscape Architects/Florida

*Landscape Architect’s Role in LEED Certification Process – 1 hour*

Looking Back to the Future – 2 hours

*Inspiration for a Landscape Architect – 1 hour*

Introduction to Stormwater Management – 1 hour

*Landscaping with Hurricanes in Mind – 1 hour*

Green Roofs and Water Quality – 1 hour

*Neighborhood Design – Planning Strategies for Wildlife Mitigation – 1 hour*

Place-Making and the future of the Panhandle, Florida’s Final Frontier – 2 hours

*Voluntary Codes of Conduct- Managing Your Business for Invasive Plants – 1 hour*

Building Back Florida’s Beaches and Coastal Communities – 2 hours

*Landscape Architect’s Practice Laws and Rules in Florida – 2 hours*

Electronic Signing and Sealing Plans Using PEDDS – 1 hour

Community Wildlife Mitigation Strategies – 1 hour

30 Native Plants for North Florida and the Coastal Plain – 1 hour

*New Plants for the Southeast US Plant Palette – 1 hour*

*Fire Concerns in Florida – 2 hours*

**DISCUSSION**

DEP Letter from Douglas Frye

Ms. Walter stated that a letter was received from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and a copy of the letter was included in the agenda. She stated that the Department of Environmental Protection is requesting confirmation and clarification in regards to the Florida Statute’s definition of the practice of Landscape Architecture as it relates to regulation of stormwater management.

Ms. Guillemette advised the board that one board cannot challenge the rules of another board. She stated that the Department of Environmental Protection is making rules, which basically says that a licensed engineer is needed to do certain things that a licensed landscape architect is allowed to do by statute. Ms. Guillemette stated that the job description of the board is to protect the citizens of...
Florida. She stated that there is a question as to whether a rule challenge would be appropriate for the board to do. Ms. Guillemette advised the board that it may be better for the board to send a letter. She stated that there is a declaratory statement that shows that Landscape Architects can do the kind of work that is encompassed by the Department of Environmental Protection rule. She stated that the board could bring that to their attention and that may help. She stated that legally there is not a lot the board can do.

Mr. Meadows advised the board that in 1986 he had submitted an application for a declaratory statement to the Board of Landscape Architecture. He stated that meetings were held around the state and the Florida Chapter of the ASLA was also involved. He stated that the Board of Landscape Architecture rendered their declaratory statement in July of 1986. He stated that in his opinion the declaratory statement essentially addressed the question that had been raised by the letter written by Mr. Fry which was whether landscape architects have the credentials and qualifications to practice in the area of environmental design which includes stormwater and wetlands issues. He stated that wetlands and stormwater management issues go together. He stated that if the board is going to answer the letter the board should point out that the board issued a declaratory statement which answers the questions raised in Mr. Fry’s letter.

Mr. Davis advised the board that the board should incorporate the latest survey of the practice done by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB) which indicates that this type of work is still a part of the scope of practice for Landscape Architecture.

Ms. Guillemette advised the board that she could write a letter but the letter was addressed to the Board Chair.

Ms. Walter stated that she did not mind signing the letter but she would like Ms. Guillemette’s input on the wording of the letter.

Ms. Guillemette advised the board that she would draft a letter for Ms. Walter to sign.

Ms. Walter stated that the definition of the scope of practice for Landscape Architecture is loosely defined by the State but implemented by individual landscape architects based on what their expertise is. She stated that she felt that was intentional and when you look at the overall scope of practice you have Landscape Architects who specialize in stormwater management and other aspects of the practice. She stated that the question asked in the letter do all landscape architects possess the full range of knowledge and expertise. She stated that not all of them do but some of them do and they are permitted to practice that scope of work.
Mr. Meadows advised the board that on June 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. a face-to-face meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss re-writing the rule 62.25, F.A.C. He stated that meeting should probably develop a threshold to discuss the manner in which they develop the rules for the Northwest Water Management District. He asked the board if a representative from the board could attend.

Ms. Walter stated that if Ms. Guillemette’s schedule allowed the board could request that she attend the meeting.

Ms. Guillemette stated that Ms. Chastain could attend as the Executive Director. She stated that one of them would attend.

The Board thanked Mr. Meadows for his efforts.

**RATIFICATION LIST**

Ms. Walter reviewed the ratification list with the board.

**MOTION:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the ratification list as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Gillick seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Authorization**


**Temporary Certificate of Authorization (Individual)**

*Craig Watson*

**Endorsement**

*Joanne Hiromura, Michael Kidd, Paul Lebovitz, Daniel Zarnstorff*

**Exam**

*Katy Gallegly, Alan Grosse, Troy Wanless*

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.
OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Walter advised the board that she still had to go through the previously approved continuing education courses and determine which providers should be contacted to request that they consider getting accredited for the advanced building code course.

Ms. Marshall-Beasley asked what had happened to CLARB’s appearance at the board meeting.

Ms. Tinsley advised the board that Mr. Turner would be at the July 6, 2006 meeting in Destin.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.