

SC LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT ADVISORY COUNCIL
1000 ASSEMBLY STREET, ROOM 205
COLUMBIA, SC 29201
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

Members Present:

Morgan D. Grimball
J. Parks McLeod
John A. Tarkany
Barret D. Anderson
Laura G. Dukes

Others:

Sherri F. Moorer

Chairman Grimball called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting as read was made by Parks McLeod. Morgan Grimball seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred.

Old Business

1. Ms. Moorer told council that Andrew Meeker applied to take the LARE in SC and his application will be reviewed at this meeting. Mr. McLeod said Mr. Meeker has removed the title from his signature.
2. Ms. Moorer told council that legislation to transition the SC Landscape Architect Registration Program from the SC Department of Natural Resources to the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation was introduced to the Senate on February 9, 2010. It is currently residing in the Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry. Council noted the following items in the proposed legislation:
 - The requirements for board members in Section 40-28-10 do not specify that they must be residents of the State of South Carolina. Council believes the law should require that members of council be residents of the State of South Carolina.
 - Section 40-28-30 (B)(2) states that an applicant for licensure can “be a graduate of a nonaccredited curriculum or a four-year college with a degree in an related field, as considered appropriate by the board and have had at least five years of varied landscape architectural experience under the supervision of a landscape architect licensed under this chapter, or other qualified person, or experience approved by the board, and satisfactorily pass the written examination administered by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards or an equivalent examination.” Council believes the law should specify ***“at least five years of varied landscape architectural experience under the direct supervision of a landscape architect licensed under this chapter, or other qualified person.”***

- Section 40-28-60 (A) requires that “a license issued under this chapter must be renewed every two years on or before a date set by the department upon the payment of a renewal fee and evidence of twenty hours of continuing education as established by the board in regulation.” Council believes the number of continuing education hours required for license renewals should be specified in the Code of Regulations, and the law should read ***“a license issued under this chapter must be renewed every two years on or before a date set by the department upon payment of a renewal fee and evidence of continuing education as established by the board in regulation.”***

Review of Complaint

1. A complaint was filed against Nathan J. Bradford, SC Landscape Architect #1093, by Charles H. Gooding, PhD, PE. Dr. Gooding hired Mr. Bradford to perform landscape architectural services for the home he constructed in Seneca, SC in 2009. Dr. Gooding claims the retaining wall Mr. Bradford designed for his home failed after excessive rainfall on January 24, 2010 due to improper design and construction. Mr. Bradford has declined to repair the wall and has retained an attorney and forensic engineering firm to verify that his firm, Eco-Art, LLC, was not negligent in the planning or construction of the stone wall at Dr. Gooding’s residence.

Per the SC Code of Laws, Section 40-28-180 (5) and the SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 74-9 (C), an administrative hearing will be held to formally investigate this matter. Ms. Moorer will send Dr. Gooding a letter requesting his complaint in affidavit form (verified by oath) so they can begin this process.

Review of Candidates

Council approved candidates as follows:

Candidates for Registration

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| 1. | Geoffrey Shane Brandwood: | BLA 2003 – Clemson University
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1134 |
| 2. | Christine Tietje Carlisle: | BLA 2006 – Louisiana State University
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1130 |
| 3. | John David Chudoba: | High School Diploma/8 Years Experience
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1125 |
| 4. | Frank Clark DeCiantis, Jr.: | BLA 2003 – Virginia Tech
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1131 |

5. David T. Hazzard: BS Environmental Planning 2004 – Rutgers
Passed LARE - SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1132
6. Matthew William Mandle: BSLA 2004 – The Ohio State University
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1127
7. George Paul Pennell: BLA 2003 – Clemson University
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1129
8. Katie Rose Thayer: BLA 2005 – Virginia Tech
Passed LARE – SC – December 2009
RLA – SC License #1133

Candidates for Reciprocity Registration

1. Jason Thomas Gilliland: BLA 2000 – Ball State University
Passed LARE – CLARB – December 2006
VA License #1475
NC License #1452
CLARB Council Record #14979
RLA – SC License #1126
2. Douglas Loftin Mann: BLA 1985 – Kansas State University
Passed LARE – TX – December 1995
TX License #1830
KS License #764
NC License #1597
OK License #LA0334
CLARB Council Record #34450
RLA – SC License #1128

Candidates for Certificate of Authorization

1. Bayside Engineering, Inc.: RLA – John Frederick Ackerman, III
SC License #1124
Business Headquarters - Tampa, FL
Certificate of Authorization #236C
2. Hill Studio PC: RLA – David P. Hill, SC License #1084
Business Headquarters – Roanoke, VA
Certificate of Authorization #237C
3. Innovative Landscape Design, Inc.: RLA – Vincent J. DePaoli, SC License #1094

Business Headquarters – Fort Mill, SC
Certificate of Authorization #238C

4. Pike Electric, Inc.:
RLA – Dwight Hollifield, SC License #229
Business Headquarters – Mount Airy, NC
Certificate of Authorization #239C
5. Site Design Studio, PLLC:
RLA – Jason Thomas Gilliland, SC License #1126
Business Headquarters – Weaverville, NC
Certificate of Authorization #240C
6. Turning Leaf Designs, LLC:
RLA – Christopher Martin Thomas
SC License #651
Business Headquarters – Charleston, SC
Certificate of Authorization #241C

Candidates for LARE

1. Thomas Henry Haapapuro, Jr.:
BLA 2001 – The Ohio State University
2. Jeffrey Ryan Lesslie:
MLA 2007 – NC State University
3. Andrew Gaines Meeker:
BLA 2002 – University of Florida
4. Averett McKnight Tinsley:
BLA 2009 – Clemson University
5. David James Van De Water, Jr.:
BLA 2006 – Clemson University

Other Business

1. Ms. Gaynor told council she is serving on the CLARB Exam Writing Committee.
2. Next Scheduled Meeting: April – May 2010.

There being no further business:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Laura Gaynor. Barret Anderson seconded the motion. Council unanimously concurred. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.