



STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD HELD DECEMBER 19, 2003

The workshop was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 19, 2003, at the offices of the State Contractors Board, 9670 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521. Exhibit 1 is the Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation and copies of the proposed regulations. Exhibit 2 is the sign-in log.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Cavin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Margi Grein, Executive Officer

Ms. Nancy Mathias, Licensing Administrator

Mr. George Lyford, Director of Investigations

COUNSEL PRESENT:

Ms. Carolyn Broussard, Esq

Ms. Grein called the workshop to order and explained the purpose of the workshop is to receive public comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 624 of the Nevada Administrative Code to add an additional section to Classification C-10, Subsection 1 concerning the installation of non-loadbearing walkways, patio areas and landscape retaining walls using brick or stone. The proposed regulation has been identified by the Legislative Counsel Bureau as LCB File No. R209-03.

Ms. Grein indicated that the notice of the workshop had been posted in compliance with NRS 233B at the Las Vegas City Hall, the Sawyer State Building, Clark County Library, Washoe County Courthouse, Washoe County Library, Reno City Hall and the offices of the State Contractors Board in Reno and Henderson.

Several landscape contractors were present at the workshop to offer comments.

Mr. Rick Clark, Signature Landscapes expressed his appreciation to the Board for considering additions to the C-10 classification. However, he indicated that the proposed size limitations for walkways and patios and the two-foot height limitation for retaining walls is too restrictive. He also expressed the desire of the Nevada Landscape Association to have the Board consider additional changes concerning exterior lighting; water features and exterior carpentry.

Ms. Cavin noted that the C-10 classification currently does not allow for the installation of pavers. She also indicated the Board's willingness to expedite license applications received from landscape contractors who possess certification from the National Pavers Institute.

Ms. Kim Schopper, Truckee River Rock and Landscape indicated that it was her opinion that the current C-10 license classification included the installation of pavers since the examination requirements and reference material for the C-10 examination include information on the various aspects of excavation, retaining walls and driveway installation. She also noted that pre-formed concrete pavers are not defined the same as bricks.

Mr. Robert Mason, Artistic Gardens indicated that it is his opinion that the landscape contractors want to comply with the Board's regulations but would like to have time to file an application and receive the modified C-18 license, if required. He also expressed concern with the height limitation on retaining walls and indicated there are no current national standards concerning the height of retaining walls at this time. He also requested clarification concerning the ICPI certification and whether it would be required of all installers of pavers or just the principles of the license.

Mr. Tim Potter, Envirotech Landscape noted that Ms. Schopper and Ms. Mason had covered most of his concerns, but he indicated that it is his opinion that installation procedures are more important to the integrity of the installation than the size of the installation.

Mr. Jim Moberly, Landscapes Plus, indicated he feels the size limitation for walkways and patios is too restrictive and the wall height limitation should be determined by the local jurisdictions. He supports ICPI certification and would like to know the criteria the board uses to differentiate between loadbearing and non-loadbearing.

Mr. Rob Diaz, Yards R Us Landscaping stated his opinion that the retaining wall height should be governed by local jurisdictions; he feels the paver limits for patios and walkways is too restrictive; he stated his support for ICPI certification but does not think a new license classification should be required; that the installation of pavers should be under the C10 classification.

Pat Conners indicated he is in favor of certification and feels that the retaining wall height issue should be local government jurisdiction.

Ms. Grein indicated that a summary of the comments will be provided to the Board members and that the hearing would be scheduled at a later date. Ms. Grein expressed her thanks to the attendees and indicated they will be notified of any future proceedings.

The workshop was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Reynolds
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Margi A. Grein, Executive Officer