

Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board Meeting

Labor & Industries

February 16, 2023

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

L&I Point Plaza East – Room PPE 111 & Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present: Joan Brown- Chair, Don Carlson, Michael Lubliner, Chris Tyler, James Farley, Calvin Dahl, Craig Hillis, Kevin McShane

Absent:

L&I Staff: Dale Partin, Barbara Skiles, Alicia Curry, Matt Charles, Matthew Erlich, Charles Parton, Alaina Williams, Michael Luke

Public: Lori Johnson, Lance Clark, Brady Peeks, Shane Daugherty, Amanda Taylor, David Buckner, Todd Blevins, Brian.

PROCEDURAL:

- Introductions
- Meeting called to order by Joan Brown at 10:13am
- Approval of Minutes- Craig Hillis and Michael Lubliner

PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Program update and staffing:
 - Plans Examiners
 - One open full time Plans Examiner position.
 - Two part-time Plans Examiners on staff and six full time.
 - Inspectors
 - One open non-perm position.
- Workloads and backlog:
 - FBS – 2-4 wks.
 - MH – 1-2 wks.
 - RPT – 1 wk.
 - CC – current
 - TWH - current
 - Vendors – 2-4 weeks for new and 6-8 weeks for resubmittals.
 - RV – about 60 in line.
- Out of State inspections
 - Out of state/Out of country builders
 - Quite a few in Canada, recently builders from India and Mexico have reached out.
 - Joan Brown – On the out of country inspections are you still able to use your own people?
 - Dale – Yes, currently using our own inspectors. With India and Mexico

we may need to consider third party.

RULES & LEGISLATION:

- Alicia – SB 5089 has passed out of the Senate. It's currently in the House Labor and Standards committee.
 - Joan – were there any objections?
 - There weren't any objections that we heard of.
- Alicia - HB 1514 allows RV and RPT manufacturers that have an agency approved quality control program to be able to request and purchase an insignia while they have plans in line for review. Not a lot of impact to the FAS program that we're seeing. It's currently in rules as of February 14th. Companion bill SB 5521.
- Rulemaking for adopting permanent rules for Licensed Professional Plan review– Hoping to file CR-102 (proposed rules) by February 28th, public hearing in early April, adopt rules in early April and have the rules take effect in April. The hope is to not have another emergency rule. There were 11 comments, the majority of the comments were positive. The emergency rules expire on April 12th.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Board Membership
 - We have one vacancy, Building Official.
 - Kevin McShane – one member representing RV/RPT and do we need a representative from both?
 - Joan – What group does FAS spend most of their resources on?
 - Dale – Food Truck industry and Commercial.
 - Craig Hillis – Community owners and Housing users may be considered representing the consumer.
 - Mike Lubliner – Looking for clarity from his employer to determine if he can continue with the Board.
 - Calvin Dahl – What products are growing?
 - Michael Luke – the Manufactured Home plans are a small part of our work. The largest growing sector are factory built structures, commercial/modular.
 - Joan Brown – With the pending changes in the building code and requirement for heat pumps will this change the inspection activity in manufactured housing?
 - Mike Lubliner – Local jurisdiction is responsible for modular on site and Factory Assembled Structures is responsible for the factory. I think there will be a significant ramp up in both local and FAS.
 - Michael Luke – I wouldn't anticipate and increase for Plan Review but possibly for the inspection side.
 - Jim Farley – Building code changes coming up in July. Distinction needs to be noted between stick built and manufactured structures.
 - Renewal
 - Barb to send application to expired board members for renewal.

- Lori Johnson –
 - There's been a lot of confusion recently among several county health departments regarding certain concession trailers that are unoccupied and if they need to go through plan review.
 - Matt Charles – By definition the unit has to be occupied, if at any time anyone goes in or on the unit it falls under us.
 - Can a Fire suppression system be certified by someone in another state or does it have to be someone from Washington? There's only one in the state and they're located in Spokane.
 - Matt Charles – I believe they can be from another state, will do some research.
 - We are being told a heat test needs to be performed.
 - Matt Charles – this is outside of our purview.
 - When someone files for an alteration and the inspection is being done, is there any language that allows for anything else the inspector finds that is out of code to be grandfathered in?
 - Matt Charles – If the observed alterations occurred after the plan approval they would be required to be permitted and inspected.
 - Lori – Can we somehow require renewals?

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am

Joan Brown, Chair

Dale Partin, Secretary to the Board