MINUTES BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL October 8, 2009 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Call to Order

Ms. Shore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum established.

Board Members Present:

John Ehrig
Rossana Dolan
Eric Kuritzky
Lourdes Solera
Garrick Gustafson
Wanda Gozdz
Joyce Shore
Aida Bao-Garciga

Board Members Absent: E. Wendell Hall, excused Mary Jane Grigsby, unexcused

Others Present:
Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Anthony Spivey, Executive Director
Terri Estes, Government Analyst
Vicki Long, AIA Florida
Rick Logan, AIA Florida
Jon Glogau, Attorney General's Office
Janice Young
Other Interested Parties

Application Review

David Poorman Architects LLC Mr. Poorman submitted a letter withdrawing his application from board review.

For Information

Eva Locke, Pat Levenson, Barbara Vanderkolk Gardner, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) vs. the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design

Defendants' Response to Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories

Mr. Glogau commented that the lawsuit was proceeding and Mr. Minacci was deposed. He advised the board that he received an expert witness report from the Plaintiffs and he would distribute to the board. He advised that the board's expert witness was Dr. Waxman. He reported that the case was scheduled for trial the first two weeks of February 2010.

New Business

The board briefly discussed the plural usage of "architects" in the title of the business name. The board determined that it was misleading to the public to use the plural term "architects" when only one licensed architect was on staff.

Old Business

Mr. Logan reviewed the changes to the Florida Building Code and confirmed that the language references the statute regarding permitting. There were no specific professions listed.

The board discussed the need for a definition of residential interior designer to provide Ms. Clark direction on drafting rule language for the upcoming October meeting. The board discussed the need to add residential interior designer to the definition rule to assist the public to make the difference between commercial and residential. The board discussed the statutory definition of decorator as a helpful tool with crafting the definition of residential interior designer.

Mr. Glogau commented that the board discussed in July the statute that does not allow the use of the term interior designer or words to the effect unless an individual was licensed. He commented that the thought process was defining residential interior designer and would not be a violation of that statute and would clarify what services were being performed.

Ms. Clark commented that she would draft rule language and have it available to the board at the October 2009 meeting.

Ms. Young commented that residential interior applications were the same for commercial interior applications. She commented limiting residential interior designers to the decoration definition could be problematic.

Mr. Glogau commented that any title could be used to describe an individual and if they specifically use residential it would clarify for the public.

Ms. Dolan asked Mr. Spivey if he received an answer regarding fee waivers. Mr. Spivey replied that the economic situation would not allow for fee waivers.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.