

Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Labor & Industries
February 15, 2018
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Attendees:

Board Members Present: Joan Brown, Chair, Craig Hillis, Don Carlson, Mike Lubliner, Alan Duer, Steve Hart,

Absent: Mike Szramek, Gary Stoskopf, and Wade Elliott

L&I Staff: Ken Knutson, Craig Sedlacek, and Matt Erlich

• **PROCEDURAL:**

- Meeting called to order by Joan Brown.
- Approval of Minutes – approved and seconded the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting.

• **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- FAS is now in a dedicated fund; we also put in a supplementary budget request to increase FAS staffing. There is a general feeling that the request will be approved. Governor's budget included 8 more people, 4 field inspectors, another field supervisor and 3 more plan staff. Dedicated fund is in good shape - working on getting a \$ cushion in the fund.
- Information John McMillan wanted to share about the installer program. These are from the HUD report. About 100 new manufactured homes a month - 1200 new homes this year; factories have a 4-6 month backlog. Ninety percent of HUD homes are going on private property. We issue 1500 installer tags each year.
- Plan review is running about 3 weeks from date of submittal to start of review.
- Continue to have huge influx of food truck plans.
- HB 2821 -- agency request from FAS to change state law so we can contract with 3rd party inspection agencies at our discretion; our concern with the amount of overseas work we face. This is something of a worry, as we do not have the staff to do inspections for a large number of overseas projects. Our preference would be a city or county to do the inspection who would have to have a contract with us. With third parties, we would not only have a contract with them, but we would monitor the construction; there is an economic incentive to stay with the FAS. It has other ramifications and implications. Is in the senate and moving forward. We will be talking more if it passes.
- HB 2639 –Food truck business – some cities and counties require owners to be operating out of a commissary or service area. This bill will eliminate these

- requirements for food trucks that are set up to provide full prep and cleaning. Did not make bill cutoff, do does not look like it is moving forward. Once the commissary regulation is removed, more operators will elect to run food trucks. We would get 40/50 more food truck plans during the year.
- HB 1085 tiny home bill – eliminate square footage and allow cities and counties adopt ordinances that would override the requirements of the state building code.
 - HB 2939, which would allow park models to be used as tiny homes – died in committee but could show up again next year. We inspect Park Models RVs to the standard however, the regulations are minimal.
 - HB 1085 - Installer penalties are in effect as of January 1, 2018. Gives us the ability to levy appropriate fines based on type of infraction.
 - Overseas inspections - we are currently in Poland for next 6 weeks and beyond. It is a challenge, with a lot of work to do in the factory; they have issues. The scheduled completion date is mid-May and will load everything on a container ship and ship it to Seattle. Not sure, if they are going to meet their deadline. City of Seattle is in charge of onsite construction and inspection.
 - Early stages of discussing 4% fee across the board increase October 1st – the first fee increase in 6 or 7 years.
 - Kudos to Ken for a customer with a failing roof. Ken inspected the damaged roof and determined the contractor was at fault for the ceiling falling in. He was successful in forcing the contractor to fix it. The homeowners sent a letter of thanks that they were back in their home in time for Thanksgiving.
 - Jack Craemer requested the FAS board review requirements for water heater permits. Jack is an insurance adjuster. He thinks we should not require a permit to reinstall a water heater that has been disconnected and temporarily moved to perform work on the surrounding area. A legally installed water heater should not require a permit to hook back up. Historically the program has required permits for this. The board could recommend we do not require a permit. Ken provided background to this specific case and reported on safety issues that need to be addressed through permitting and inspection. Board members discussed the pros and cons, including the primary concern of assuring the water heater PRV is reinstalled correctly and tested to be sure it is operational. Motion made to require permits for reinstalling a temporarily disconnected water heater. Motion seconded. Board voted unanimously to require a permit.
- **ADVISORY BOARD BY-LAWS – TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**
 - **ROUND TABLE; NEW ITEMS**

- HUD – Mike talked about the building science part of it; even though MFG’s do not have to put a lot of insulation in the ceiling – it costs hundreds of dollars to add later; in this non-regulatory environment, the manufacturers have the ability to make a difference by marketing energy efficiency.
- NW Energy Efficiency Alliance – asked us to develop a video script on how to set up a manufactured home. They have finished a storyboard, and are hoping to get this set up as interviews and impart significant information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Joan Brown, Chair

Craig Sedlacek, Secretary to the Board