

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER AIA

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm in Room 340 of the Medford City Hall. Members Jeffery Bender, Brian Hawkins, Todd Jagels, Mark McKechnie, Bruce Richey, associate member Jason Zook and guest Tom Marineau were present. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Mark McKechnie made a reminder announcement about the upcoming Oregon Design Conference.

Jason Zook will now be doing the reporting for Learning Units.

Randy Rollbilard will be the new Program Coordinator.

PROGRAM: SYNTHETIC LAWN, INTERLOCKING PAVERS & BLOCK RETAINING WALLS

Presented by Pete Cislo and Michelle Taylor

The speakers gave a history of the paver industry. They noted it is the second fastest growing industry in the USA.

Custom color and blends are available for pavers. Permeable pavers are being more widely utilized. Supersand has a polymer ingredient that inhibits weed growth in the joints. Pavers can be cleaned and sealed to preserve color and strength. They noted the difference in strength characteristics of pavers based on their origin of manufacture.

6-10 k psi California pavers
10-12 k psi Oregon pavers

The speakers also described a cobble stone product that can be used for driveways, walkways and patios.

The different types of landscape block retaining walls were discussed. When utilizing natural stone, it's recommended to specify climatized stone that's more acclimated to Oregon.

Synthetic lawn products were described. Many are fabricated from renewable or recycled materials.

Questions and answers followed the presentation.

AIA Learning Unit Credits for this meeting will be reported by the Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Richey, AIA, Chapter Secretary.