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The Green Scene

On 17Jun09, the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its June Membership Meeting. The meeting, which will include members of the U.S. Green Building Council, will introduce LEED Version 3.

Presented by Deepika Padam, AIA, LEED AP, the program will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Historic 5th Street School. Padam, an architect with Tate Snyder Kimsey, is the current President of USGBC Nevada and President-Elect of AIA Las Vegas. The presentation will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 5:30 P.M.

The USGBC has issued a press release to address LEED v3 FAQs. These include:

What is LEED Version 3?

LEED v3 is the next version of the LEED green building certification system. Launched on April 27, 2009, LEED v3 builds on the fundamental structure and familiarity of the existing rating system, but provides a new structure for making sure the rating system incorporates new technology and addresses the most urgent priorities like energy use and CO2 emissions. LEED v3 consists of three components:

- LEED 2009: technical advancements to the LEED rating systems' credits and points.
- LEED Online: an upgrade to LEED Online that is faster and easier to use.
- New building certification model: an expanded certification infrastructure based on ISO standards, administered by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) for improved capacity, speed and performance.

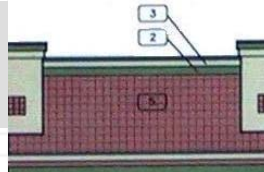
Which LEED rating systems changed under LEED v3?

The new version of the LEED Rating System—LEED 2009—incorporates the existing commercial and institutional building rating system: New Construction, Core and Shell, Commercial Interiors, Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance and Schools.

What notable new technical advancements are reflected in the new LEED 2009 rating systems?

Notable technical advancements include:

- LEED prerequisite/credit alignment and harmonization
- Transparent environmental/ human impact credit weighting
- Regionalization



SPOTLIGHT Corey Morley

The chance to develop a piece of property he owned brought GGWArchitects client, Corey Morley, out of retirement. This is a new venture for Corey. "It's the first development I've done other than building a house," he says. He's looking forward to lining up financing to bring Morley Shopping Center to the residents of the "unique area", at Lone Mountain Road, west of the 215.

Choosing GGWArchitects to assist Corey with the design didn't require a lot of thought. His ties to the firm go way back. Corey first met Architect Gary Guy Wilson through son, G. Cash Wilson, when Corey was 12. Corey played basketball for Ward 22, while Cash played for Ward 9. The 2 have been friends ever since. In fact, it's now golf that frequently re-unites the pair. Corey was part of the Cash's foursome at the May NAIOP Spring Golf Tournament.

After graduating from Western High School, Corey attended UNLV. However, a friend encouraged him to go to Antelope Valley Junior College in Lancaster, California, specifically to play football. While there, Corey met his wife, Sally, and he also gained an A.A. degree from the school before returning to Las Vegas for a few more classes at UNLV.

It was then Corey began a grading career at Pipe's Paving. He started as a field laborer. He built his way up to equipment operator and estimator before taking the reigns of VP and running the company for owner, Billy Pipes. Billy, still invested in the company, left for Texas to fulfill his dreams of becoming a cowboy and building a successful roping arena at Wildfire Ranch.

Corey was responsible for field operations, estimating, securing contracts, and collections. He enjoyed 25 years at Pipes Paving before an injury more-or-less convinced him to retire.

Grading wasn't the only area where Corey excelled. For 10 years, Corey was a spokesperson for Yonex, a manufacturer of golf clubs and racquets for badminton and tennis. Corey, who played golf in high school, was spotted at Angel Park Golf Course one day and invited to join a long drive competition. He wound up in the Guinness Book of World Records after making a drive of 412 yards in Albuquerque, New Mexico! Yonex sent Corey all over the country for exhibitions and built a \$4-million campaign around him!

Now Corey is focused on getting his project on board. The state of the economy makes financing a challenge. "I thought we lived in a bubble," as Las Vegas was still doing well, while other areas were faltering. "Casino stock and the housing inventory are pushing us back in the right direction." He expects foreclosures to continue for awhile. In fact, he's encouraging his 2 grown children, Corey, Jr. and Megan, to think seriously about purchasing a house. "The average median price makes now the time to do that."

"I'm proud to be a Las Vegas. People in trouble elsewhere might consider moving here. With City Center, many jobs will open up. I hope that things will be twice as crazy as they were a couple of years ago." That's the spirit, Corey, and let's get your project going!

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