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Interview of Shelley Reynolds

Assessment 7 - Interview

Name of Professional: Shelley Reynolds

Title: Owner of Reynolds Custom Home Builder

Company: Reynolds Custom Home Builder

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Works Cited:

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Assessment:

Through this interview, I was trying to find out challenging and extra responsibilities that an architect has. Mrs. Reynolds informed me of how within domestic architecture, there are many tasks that are required to be done by an architect that most people do not necessarily know about. Safety regulations, as an example, is something that, as an architect, is a major factor that must be considered when designing a home or a building. Additionally, climate of the region and the location itself are also factors that impact a building or home. Personally, as a potential architect, I will need to make sure that these things are the main focus in every stage of a project because if changes will need to be made, then a lot of money and time could potentially be lost.

One of the big highlights of this interview was when we began to discuss the things within this industry that were surprisingly challenging. Mrs. Reynolds mentioned that working with clients and making sure that they are constantly happy with the design, budget, etc. is something that can take a lot of effort. In the future, as an architect, I will need to remember that “the customer is always right”, which would mean that not only would designs have to be approved by state regulations, but also they would need to be approved by the client as they are the ones funding the project.

As well as this, we talked about what exactly is different about working in domestic architecture rather than civil architecture. Mrs. Reynolds informed me that although both are very similar in that both follow safety regulations, have clients, and have a budget, they are quite different in terms of how these things impact the design itself. As an architect, if I was to design within domestic architecture then my budget would most likely be smaller, my clients would be looking for something for a different purpose, and the safety regulations would be completely different than if I was to design within civil architecture.

As well as this, we also discussed what inspired Mrs. Reynolds to be an architect and she mentioned that she never really thought about being an architect until she bought her first custom home. Before this, Mrs. Reynolds had her Bachelor’s degree while her and her husband flipped homes and then sold them for a profit all over the country. This allowed her to become interested in the architecture industry and shows me that architecture has a massive amount of different aspects that I would never get bored of.

Overall, through this interview I have decided that within the architecture industry, personally, I would prefer to continue my studies in architecture, but look more specifically into

domestic architecture. Additionally, I was able to increase the amount of connections I have made within this career. Hopefully, these connections will not only help me to find a mentor, but also allow me to use the contacts receives in order to grow my understanding of this industry and career path as a whole.