



**AGRICULTURAL USES  
A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)**

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2009 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**PREPARED BY BARBARA PINKSTON-NAU, PRINCIPAL SITE PLANNER**

On Tuesday April 28, 2009, the Agricultural Uses Subcommittee met at the Vista Center, Room VC-1E-58, at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

**Attendance**

**LDRAB Members:** Michael Zimmerman

**Interested Parties:** Howard Voren, Todd McLenden

**County Staff:** Barbara P. Nau, Wanda Sanders

Barbara P. Nau began the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and summarized the discussion from the last meeting. This meeting was a continuation of items related to aviculture and hobby breeders.

Ms. Sanders led a discussion entailing her research. The discussion included reference to the State Statutes and her research confirmed that aviculture is considered a bonafide ag use. She advised that some counties and municipalities treat aviaries and commercial breeding facilities as kennels and subject them to the same requirements. Mr. Voren expressed concerns with this practice and that commercial breeders should not be subject to those requirements.

The discussion moved to the area of nurseries. Mr. Zimmerman explained some of the challenges related to wholesale nurseries located in residential areas. These included: traffic; gas and diesel storage tanks; access; lawn maintenance businesses; and sales to the general public. He indicated that a number of wholesale nurseries sell to the general public resulting in increased traffic through residential neighborhoods and conflicts with neighbors.

Mr. Zimmerman suggested that the meetings be held on alternate weeks instead of on a weekly basis.

**Goals for Next Meeting**

Staff will discuss retail and wholesale nurseries and related issues.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**