



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

MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2009 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

PREPARED BY BARBARA PINKSTON-NAU, PRINCIPAL SITE PLANNER

On Tuesday May 12, 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: Mike Zimmerman

Interested Parties:

County Staff: Barbara P. Nau, Alan Seaman, Wanda Sanders, Lauren Benjamin, Arthur Kirstein (Coop Extension Service)

Barbara P. Nau began the meeting at 10:10 a.m., summarized the discussion from the last meeting related to aviculture and nurseries, and introduced Arthur Kirstein.

Mr. Kirstein explained that his department works closely with the nursery industry and that he is familiar with the local businesses.

Alan Seaman began the discussion by expressing concerns related to the way nurseries are defined in the ULDC. He explained that a conflict exists as retail and wholesale nurseries are listed as bonafide ag uses. This has led to some difficulties for staff as bonafide ag uses are exempt from many of the property development regulations and other requirements in the ULDC.

Barbara P. Nau added that the nurseries should remain under the bonafide ag heading, but the reference to retail and wholesale should be removed. The group concurred.

Discussion continued regarding wholesale nurseries that sell to the public. Alan Seaman explained that property development regulations are in place to address parking and buffering, however the requirements are less stringent for wholesale nurseries. Wholesale nurseries have less impact on the surrounding area as they are not allowed to be open to the public.

Mr. Seaman explained the requirements for issuance of a special permit for wholesale nurseries he indicated that the owner would have to provide proof the operation was viable within 6 months. Mr. Kirstein offered to coordinate with Zoning staff to provide information as needed on the status of existing nurseries.

Goals for Next Meeting

Review existing ULDC language for bonafide ag uses and nurseries

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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