



LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)
LANDSCAPE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2015
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-1E-60 – 1ST FLOOR
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER
9:35 AM

1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties

Subcommittee Members: Mike Zimmerman

Industry/public: Michelle Duchene, Dan Siemsen, Nick Mihelich, Gladys DiGirolamo, Joanne Davis

County Staff: Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Dylan Battles, Rodney Swonger, George Galle, Jon Powers, Carl Bengtson, William Cross

2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda:

There were no additions, substitutions or deletions to the agenda.

B. REVIEW SUMMARY FROM 1-21-2015 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Carl Bengtson's name was misspelled.

C. UPDATE ON STATUS OF FPL RELATED ISSUES TREE PLANTING ISSUES

Rodney explained the challenges related to FPL's "new" standards related to planting near power lines. Staff advised that the diagram indicating recommended / required planting distances are online.

D. REVIEW OF EXISTING ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN (ALP) REQUIREMENTS

Staff explained the purpose for an ALP is to utilize existing plant materials while considering the special circumstances of a property in lieu of applying standard Code. Industry advised that property owners are reluctant to preserve or utilize existing materials due to the cost of preservation, and that they would typically prefer to remove all existing vegetation and start from scratch. Mike Zimmerman offered that the proper protocol is not followed to ensure the viability of the existing trees.

Industry expressed concern about ERMs role related to preservation. Maryann advised that Zoning staff is conducting meetings with ERM in an effort to ensure vegetation required to be preserved is identified in a timely and consistent manner. Maryann also explained that an ALP cannot be used to circumvent planting requirements and that in some cases a variance will be required.

E. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION

Staff will prepare a rough draft of ALP revisions for further discussion at the 5/20/15 meeting, and will provide an update on the meeting with FPL. Joanne Davis briefly discussed the Rural Parkway standards and the type of plant material required.

F. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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