



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

JULY 15, 2015
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-2E-12 – 2ND FLOOR
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER
9:05 AM

1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties

Subcommittee Members: Terrence Bailey

Industry/public: Joni Brinkman, Jay Bridge, Michelle Duchene, Susan Lerner, Mary Jo Agerston, Jeff Brophy, Angela Biagi, Dylan Roden, Ben Dolan, Gladys DiGirolamo, Dylan Roden, Joanne Davis, Kris Sawicki, Eddy Viera, Drew Martin

County Staff: Jon MacGillis, Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Rodney Swonger, George Galle, Jon Powers, Bob Kraus, Bonnie Finneran, John Reiser, Laurie Albrecht, Carl Bengtson

2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda:

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

B. REVIEW SUMMARY FROM 5-20-2015 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
POSTPONED

C. VEGETATION PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

ERM and Zoning staff gave overviews of their respective processes and responsibilities and explained the following:

- 25% relocation can be accomplished via DRO
- Trees that can't be preserved must be mitigated
- Pre-meetings should be scheduled to ensure preservation and mitigation initiatives are understood by staff and developers
- Tree surveys should be submitted
- Site Inspections should be conducted to determine whether or not trees are viable and can be relocated

The group discussed issues related to a “disconnect” between the landscape architects that prepare the plans and the construction personnel in the field. This “disconnect” results in trees slated for preservation being cut down. Industry explained that owners / developers are often hesitant to preserve / mitigate trees because of the expense. There is also no guarantee that the trees will remain viable. ERM staff advised that a penalty requiring the installation of double the amount of trees is assessed when trees are cut down in error.

The group expressed that additional steps via coordination with other agencies should be considered to ensure trees are preserved.

Staff will schedule meetings with agencies involved with clearing and vegetation preservation to coordinate efforts and processes to ensure trees are appropriately preserved, mitigated, or relocated (whichever is applicable). It was suggested that the tree survey be superimposed on the site plan at time of submittal. This would allow alternative site designs that incorporate existing trees at an early stage in the review process. The tree survey requirements will be included in the Technical Requirements Manual, and methods for tagging trees will be explored.

D. DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN (ALP) AMENDMENTS IN 2015-02 ROUND

A form soliciting input from attendees was distributed. The form is to be returned to staff prior to the next meeting in August for consideration in the proposed amendments.

F. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.