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

JUNE 20, 2017
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-2E-12 – 2ND FLOOR
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER
  9:06 AM

  1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties
    Subcommittee Members: None
    Industry/public: Brett Ashley, Brandon Balch, Angela Biagi, Helen Cohen, Gladys DiGirolamo, Chris Lockhart, Chuck Mucciolo, Dan Siemsen, Eddy Viera
    County Staff: Maryann Kwok, Melissa Matos, Rodney Swonger, George Galle, Jon Powers, Travis Goodson, Sheri Hack

  2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda:
    There were no additions, substitutions or deletions to the agenda.

B. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 7, CHAPTERS C & D
  Maryann explained that the reorganization of Chapters C and D are the two most important.

C. ORGANIZATION OF THE CHAPTERS
  Each chapter was reviewed page by page and included questions from the subcommittee members. Comments, questions, and suggestions included the following:
  o Chapter C
    ➢ LA Subcommittee (LA) indicated the landscape requirements under General to be revised to make it more clear that the Landscape Plans are not required at BCC or ZC. (pg., 1, line 14)
    ➢ Staff explained what Development Order means, and that most requests for a DO are required to identify the Landscape requirements on a Plan (Master/Site or Subdivision), and not show details on a Regulating Plan.
    ➢ R-O-W buffer – the Table is missing the 10-foot R-O-W buffer. The LA also expressed concerns related to the required quantity of shrubs. The concerns included but were not limited to the size and growth habits of certain shrub species resulting in overcrowding. Requested that Staff relooks at the quantity, and maybe eliminate the Medium Shrubs. Art. 7 may need to be more of a performance code rather than one code fits all. (pg. 3, line 11)
    ➢ Clustering, LA recommends that language related to measurement be clarified. Staff proposed an additional option, and will be supported by graphics, as follows: (pg. 4, line 17)

- ▪ Openings shall not be wider than 40 feet measuring from: the center of each cluster or the center of the trunk of the outermost trees where the opening will be created;
  - ➤ Question -LA questioned whether the Incompatibility buffer Canopy tree requirement could be reduced to accommodate future tree growth. LA will group to further discuss and will provide recommendation to Staff. Question regarding natural drainage and whether or not it will be better defined. (pg. 7, line 9)
  - ➤ LA suggested to relocate AGR PUD Landscape buffer to be under the Incompatibility buffer Section. Staff concurs. (pg. 8, line 22)
  - ➤ Landscape Islands in Parking area. LA suggested that Staff should look at allowing increased intervals if the islands are to be widened. Also recommended the increase of island width from 8 feet to 12 feet for healthier tree growth. Recommended to delete landscape diamonds. (pg. 13, line 38, pg. 14, line 4)
    - ▪ **c. Rural and Exurban Tiers**
      One Landscape island per six spaces (maximum 60 feet apart).
    - ▪ **d**. **Compact Car or LSEV Spacing**
      Landscape islands may be placed at intervals of a maximum of 15 compact parking spaces for all Tiers.
      - 1. **Increased Interval of Landscape Island**
        The distance between landscape islands may be increased to 15 standard parking spaces and 17 compact parking spaces, provided the width of the landscape island is increased by one foot for each additional space.
  - ➤ General comments from LA – too many Waivers. Staff explained that these waivers are not new, they are currently relocated in different section of Art. 7 or in other Articles of the ULDC. Some of those allowable adjustments of Code requirements are not clearly defined in current code. The Waiver Table consolidates all of the above, and establishes criteria for Staff to evaluate a Waiver request.

  - o Chapter D
    - ➤ Add latest edition to Florida Grades and Standards. Staff concurs. (pg. 1, line 9)
    - ➤ Question- LA questioned why 60% native, seems high. Some members said it is acceptable to have the 60% because native plants adapt to the environment better than non-native species, and more resistant to disease and provides wildlife habitat. (pg. 1, line 14)
    - ➤ Add examples of clumping palms, such as paurotis, etc. (pg. 2, line 2)
    - ➤ Question-LA questioned why a maximum spacing for Hedge, Staff concurs and will revise to state minimum spacing. This will allow some species which has a wider growing habit to be spaced out at 36 inches, and still will be able to achieve the continuous screening effect. (pg. 7, lines 17-18)

  ### 2. INPUT AND COMMENTS
  Maryann reminded the group of the meeting dates and advised that additional dates would be forwarded to the subcommittee.

G. ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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