



**LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE  
LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD (LDRAB)**

**JUNE, 19, 2013 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

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On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, the Landscape Subcommittee held their third meeting at the Vista Center, Room VC-2E-12-Conference Room, at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

**A. CALL TO ORDER  
9:35 am**

**1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties**

**Subcommittee Members:** Michael Zimmerman, David Carpenter

**Industry/public:** Gladys Digirolamo, Collene Walter, Leo Urban, Drew Martin, Michelle Duchene, Nick Miheliott

**County Staff:** Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Rodney Swonger, Carl Bengston, Joanne Keller, Laura Sanagorski, Inna Stafeychuk, Juanita James

**2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda**

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

**3. Motion to Adopt Agenda**

Agenda adopted

**B. Review Summary From 4-17-2013 Subcommittee Meeting**

No comments made from subcommittee

**C. RECAP FROM 4-17-13 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Street Tree recap – Staff has identified there is not need to change the existing ULDC, and has determined what is currently in the Code is acceptable. Subcommittee agreed. Barbara had meeting with Commissioner Vana’s office to discuss existing trees and how to handle issues with them. This will be handled based on a case by case, and the Landscape Inspectors will handle any problems and address solutions with Homeowners Associations in the field.

**D. TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SINGLE FAMILY LOTS**

A power point presentation showing existing code language and requirements was presented. Barbara further explained current code requirements for different tiers. Based on three examples of different types of housing, Barbara showed how purposed formula will affect requirements for individual lots, (single family, zero lot line and townhouses). The presentation included the existing number of trees required based on gross lot area and removing the building coverage from the lot. The number excluding the building coverage was less and more

realistic and the people in attendance agreed. There was discussion on having a minimum or maximum requirement. The committee was in agreement for a maximum required and if people or developers wanted to plant more they could. There was discussion from David concerning drainage which was answered by Joanne.

The committee discussed how to calculate trees on fee simple townhouse lots. Collene suggestion to just require a minimum of two trees on each lot and not worry about the calculation.

#### **E. Overall Calculations for PUD**

The Committee discussed calculation for over all tree requirements within PUD's, and the proper way to calculate them. They agreed that the tree requirement chart should be discontinued and use the requirements for each element: buffers, individual lots, internal street, recreation areas, foundations, and parking areas to satisfy the planting requirements. No total to be shown or required.

#### **F. Minor Changes on Code Language and items that were cleaned up by staff**

Maryann *showed* two examples for multifamily housing projects. Agents discussed whether the current code language needs to be amended to add language for open space tree requirements. The agents agreed that the current code has sufficient requirements that include buffers, interior trees, walkways, and etc. No additional language for open space tree requirements is required.

Barbara quickly when over Exhibit A. Article 7 – Landscaping Summary of Amendments. She pointed out items that had been cleaned up and landscape items that are purposed to be changed or added. There was a lot of discussion on the use of pines in the buffers. Should they be counted as a single tree, what was the intent of using them, could you use two smaller pines in replace of one large pine. The use of dense verses other pines. Should we consider the use of other conifers. The pine availability is something that Collene and other subcommittee members was going to further research. No final decision was made on use of pines.

#### **G. Interior Islands Islands – Input from Subcommittee on outdoor light poles**

Will discuss at next meeting.

#### **H. Bioswales**

Leo Urban will be presenting at next meeting

#### **I. Comments**

Review of updated table Proposed 2012-2013 Admendments on Article 7, Landscaping.

The next meeting will be scheduled for July 24, 2013, Staff will finalize residential lot requirements. The following items will be discussed at the next meeting, Lights Poles in parking islands, grade changes, bioswales, ( Leo Urban will be doing a presentation on bioswales), and landscape located in easements.

#### **J. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am