



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

**AUGUST 21, 2013 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

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On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, the Landscape Subcommittee held their sixth meeting at the Vista Center, Room VC-2E-12-Conference Room, at 2300 North Jog Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

**A. CALL TO ORDER  
9:34 am**

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

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

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

**County Staff:** Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Inna Stafeychuk, Bryan Davis, Dorine Kelley, George Galle, Jon Powers

**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 7-30-2013 Subcommittee Meeting**

Leo Urban stated minutes from bioswales should be permeable concrete not asphalt. Gladys Digirolamo and Chuck Mucciolo had comments about maximum wall heights in residential and buffers limited to 6ft. There was also discussion concerning D.O.T. walls along highways. Maryann and Barbara explained 8ft. wall along Lyons Rd. wouldn't be approved, was lowered to 6ft. Will determine standards and bring back for further discussion.

**C. Single Family Lot**

Barbara explained SFD interior trees requirements and how to calculate. The requirements will remain the same per tier, minus the building coverage. ZLL will be 50% of the lot for calculation. Fee simple townhouse lots will require 2 trees per lot minimum. Maximum trees required on a single family lot would be fifteen. They could install more if they wanted.

## **D. Landscape Buffers for Recreation Areas.**

### **1. Discussion**

- There was discussion if two buffers would be required, code is unclear. Do you need one around residential site and another around recreation site.
- What buffer type of buffer would be required for recreation site in a PUD.
- Would a buffer be required adjacent to lakes.
- Buffer for residential subdivision adjacent to commercial or different use type.
- Does a residential park or passive park require a buffer.
- Maryann explained and drew details on the board about landscape buffers around Recreation areas, Clubhouses, and Tot lots. She said an incompatible buffer is required for these areas.
- There was additional discussion on the perimeter buffers for a project. There was concern with the spacing and not taking into consideration the trees size at maturity. Projects with mature trees, everything was dying because it was be shaded out. Additional discussion on this will take place at a later date.

## **E. Interior Parking Islands**

### **1. Discussion**

- Mike Zimmerman. stated making islands larger to accommodate large trees; He said vision trees size in 40 years.
- Gladys suggested to relocate parking island trees to different areas.
- Michelle Duchene stated parking islands are for trees to shade and cool down the parking lot.
- Collene Walter said to use concrete instead of asphalt for cooling parking lot.
- A lot of the L.A.s stated the right tree for the right place.
- Chuck Mucciolo is going to do a study for requiring fewer islands vs. code.

## **F. Light Poles in Parking Islands**

### **1. Discussion**

- Light poles in islands create problems with mature trees. Trees block lights which owners will hate, so parking lots have lights. Trees would have to be replaced, and then we are back to the start.
- Some L.A.s said not to allow light poles in the islands which would avoid any tree problems.
- Show light poles on site plans.
- Have light poles installed in their own parking diamonds or on concrete bollards

## **G. Foundation Plantings**

### **1. Discussion**

- L.A.s stated foundation planting areas are too close to buildings and not big enough.
- Some L.A.s said it's up to the designer to put the right tree in the right place.

## **H. ALP**

**1. Discussion – When Can ALP Be Used**

- ALP for bull pen parking
- ALP for combining parking islands for large trees
- ALP for foundation plantings
- Windows into commercial sites with ALP
- ALP vs. Variance
- Maryann is checking on criteria for ALPs and general guidelines

**I. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 16, 2013 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.