



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

MAY 20, 2015
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-2E-12 – 2ND FLOOR
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER
9:35 AM

1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties

County Commissioners: Paulette Burdick

Subcommittee Members: None

Industry/public: Gladys DiGirolamo, Leo Urban, Dylan Roden

County Staff: Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Rodney Swonger, George Galle, 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 3-18-2015 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

C. INCOMPATIBILITY BUFFERS

William explained proposed amendments to incompatibility buffers that reflect current practices being applied by staff. Clarifications would address differences between adjacent uses. Gladys questioned the requirement for landscape material between recreation and residential areas. Staff explained that the Type I Waiver process allows specific requests to be reviewed and if justified, the landscaping will not be required. Leo brought up an instance when plant material between those areas would have been helpful in providing privacy and noise reduction for adjacent residents. Staff also advised that a recent situation had been brought to their attention regarding the placement of an unpermitted basketball court, in a recreational area, and the impact on a neighboring homeowner. Bill went on to explain that this proposed amendment would be presented to LDRAB, sitting as the Land Development Regulation Commission (LDRC) on May 27, 2015.

D. CLASSIFICATION OF PALMS AS A TYPE OF GRASS

Commissioner Burdick explained that she had received questions from a constituent regarding the classification of Palms as a type of grass. Rodney handed out an article that considered but also presented articles to the contrary. He and George explained the way plant material is classified. Maryann concurred and provided additional information contrary to the idea that Palms should be considered grasses.

Commissioner Burdick also expressed concerns regarding the damage that trees were causing on sidewalks and the infrastructure within some communities. Barbara gave a brief

recap on some of the issues that had already been addressed by the Subcommittee, and explained the steps that had been taken to address those concerns. Those steps included: updating the Preferred Tree List (allowing for a greater variety of trees); and calculating the number of required trees based upon the unbuilt area of a lot. Carl and Leo explained possible remedies for avoiding infrastructure damage such as root barriers and permeable concrete.

Commissioner Burdick questioned the method for removing required trees. George explained that a tree removal permit is required and that a replacement would have to be installed.

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

Barbara advised that staff was still waiting on a response from FPL regarding establishing a review process to ensure landscaping is not installed too close to their power lines. She also indicated that staff will be unable to make amendments to address inconsistencies between the ULDC standards and FPL requirements without their information.

F. DISCUSSION ON PRELIMINARY ALP REVISIONS

Barbara explained that she and Maryann will be working on this item and that a draft will be presented at the next Subcommittee meeting on July 15th.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.