



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

AUGUST 17, 2015
2300 NORTH JOG ROAD, CONFERENCE ROOM VC-2E-12 – 2ND FLOOR
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

A. CALL TO ORDER
9:05 AM

1. Introduction of Members, Staff and Interested Parties

Subcommittee Members: Terrence Bailey

Industry/public: Eddy Viera, Collene Walter, Drew Martin

County Staff: Maryann Kwok, Barbara Pinkston, Rodney Swonger, George Galle, Jon Powers, Dylan Battles, Carl Bengtson

2. Additions, Substitutions and Deletions to Agenda:

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

B. UPDATE ON 7-15-2015 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DISCUSSION

C. REVIEW DRAFT ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN (ALP), WAIVER AND VARIANCE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE - SUMMARY

The group discussed the differences between ALPs, Variances, and Waivers. It was recommended that each item is sufficiently defined to ensure that the appropriate procedure will be utilized. Also discussed were shortages of plant materials which may affect a developer's ability to find plan material that meets ULDC requirements. The shortage is a result of the economic downturn which lessened the demand for these materials. This in turn makes it difficult to meet "grades and standards" as required by the ULDC.

The group also examined an artificial grass sample and discussed whether or not it should be allowed in lieu of natural grass. The group discussed cons such as lifting and paint stains that would have a negative aesthetic impact. It was decided that the artificial material could be used in limited areas subject to Type 1 Waiver approval. These areas would be internal to the site and would include interior landscape islands.

In addition a table including the various sections of Article 7 and the manner in which relief from those standards could be granted. The options included: Type I Waiver; Type II Waiver; and Variances. A great deal of flexibility was included during the last round of amendments to Article 7. As a result the majority of the standards included options without requiring any additional relief. It was decided that the Type II Waiver should be excluded from the table. The revised table will be incorporated into the proposed amendments.

D. NEXT MEETING TOPIC

The next meeting will be held in September and the topic will be site clearing / vegetation removal

F. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.